



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

Last week, Miss Wright and the Mini Vinnies organised a cake sale in support of the Young Minds charity. Thanks to your generous cake donations and support, we raised an amazing £321.89! A huge thank you to everyone who baked, bought and contributed - your kindness will help support young people's mental health and wellbeing.

On Tuesday, our whole school gathered for our weekly Celebration of the Word focusing on the story of Jesus healing Ten Men and the theme of thankfulness. The children reflected on the many blessings in their lives and shared some wonderful examples of what they are thankful for. We invite you to continue this conversation at home by asking your child what they are thankful for and how they can show gratitude in their words and actions each day.

Today, Fr Ian visited our school to talk to the Year 6 children about his vocation to the priesthood. The children learned about how Fr Ian was called to serve God and others through his ministry. He shared stories about his journey and the importance of listening to God's call in our own lives. The children asked thoughtful questions and showed great interest in his inspiring message.



Have a lovely weekend!

Jillian Holmes

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: The Parable of the Widow and the Judge.
- ❖ Letters home this week: New Dinner Menu Choices Reminder; All Hallows Supplementary Form and Deadline to Apply Online for High School.
- ❖ Secondary and Primary online admissions are now open.

The deadline for applying for a school place for Secondary admissions is **31/10/2025** and Primary admissions is **15/1/2026**. Please note that you still need to complete the school supplementary form in addition to the online application. St Teresa's supplementary forms are available from our school office or can be found on our website and need to be returned along with a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate. All Hallows yellow supplementary forms are available from their school office. www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools
- ❖ As the admission authority for St. Teresa's Catholic Primary school, the **Governing Body** wish to consult with you on our admission arrangements for Year 2027-28. This is because you may have an interest in the proposed admissions. Consultation must last for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October and 31 January in the determination year. The consultation period for this policy is from Monday 6th October to Sunday 16th November. We invite you to consider the policy which can be found on the school website at: [Consultation on Admission Arrangements for 2027-28 | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School](#). Any comments you may have can be sent to the following e mail bursar@st-teresas-penwortham.lancs.sch.uk or directly to the school in an envelope marked Admissions Policy Consultation. If you would prefer a printed copy or require any further information please contact us at school.

Parking at drop off and pick up

We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of all children and families by adhering to the following guidelines when dropping off or picking up your child:

- ❖ Please do not park on the double yellow lines on Stanley Grove. These restrictions are in place to maintain clear visibility and safe passage for pedestrians, cyclists, and other vehicles. Parking on these lines can create hazards, particularly for our young children.
- ❖ Please do not park on the corners of the road around the school as local residents have complained they cannot get passed, especially when they have strollers.
- ❖ Drive carefully and be mindful of your speed when navigating the area around the school, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times. There are many children and families crossing the roads, and extra caution is vital to avoid accidents.

Stars of the week

These pupils will receive their awards at the Award Assembly on Friday 24th October at 9.00am.

RM : P Morley

3J : R Lillis

R/1C : I Shorrocks

3/4E : S Johnston

1/2V : G Fazackerley

4A : I Mawdsley

2B : I Clayden

5A : T Wearden & J Holden

6I : E Holden & L Cianni

FS/KS1 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
J Lemon

KS 2 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
M McIntosh

Online safety

[Please click here to view the latest Online Safety Newsletter](#)

Join us on Tuesday, 11th November at 5:00 PM Online Safety Briefing for Parents, led by our Digital Leaders.

Sports news

5/6 Girls Football Team

Goals galore!!

Our girls' football team were in sensational form this week for their fixtures at Priory, putting on a dominant display throughout. The team showed great teamwork, determination, and skill — scoring an incredible 23 goals without conceding a single one! 🙌

Every player played their part, from solid defending and confident goalkeeping to some outstanding attacking play that saw goals coming from all areas of the pitch. The final group game proved to be the toughest test yet — a tightly contested match against a very strong New Longton team. The girls dug deep, showing real character and resilience to secure a 1-0 win, ensuring their place at the top of the group.

They now progress through to the South Ribble Finals next Thursday, where they'll face the best teams from across the district. We're so proud of everything they've achieved so far and would love to see as many supporters as possible cheering them on from 3:30pm. Come along and show your support!

Let's go St T's, let's go! ❤️⚽🙌

Mini Vinnies

Dear Lord,

Please help us to make good decisions in difficult situations.

Help those who are in poverty and need help by donating to charities and food banks, be grateful for tiny things like St. Teresa did in her little way.

Lord, help us throughout our harvest season.

Amen

Written by Savannah, Gus and Gabriel

International Men's Day

International Men's Day Conference

This year, we are taking part in Lancashire County Council's International Men's Day conference.

The aim of the conference is to celebrate International Men's Day and raise the aspirations for the young people of Lancashire.

As a school taking part, we have been linked up with Hamish Clough, who has volunteered his time to help encourage pupils to think outside the box when it comes to their future careers.

On Friday, Hamish visited our school and spent time answering the group's questions about his career, life and family whilst offering insights, stories and inspirational advice on his career path.

The children will now undertake a small research project about Hamish before presenting their work at Preston County Hall on the 19th November.



This week, we announced our new school councillors!



We had our first meeting this week and we are very excited to start planning for the year ahead!

School Council



Dates for
the diary

Week 2 lunches w/c 20th October 2025

Wednesday October	22 nd	All Day	Y6 Deadline to Hand in All Hallows Supplementary Form to the School Office
		9:30am	St Teresa's Open Day - Morning Slot
		2:00pm	St Teresa's Open Day - Afternoon Slot
Thursday October	23 rd	7:50am	Young Voices Choir Rehearsal
		8:30am	Y5 Swimming
		3:30pm	PTFA Film Night - Dog Man (Tickets Available on ScoPay)
Friday October	24 th	9:00am	Award Assembly
		3:20pm	School Closes for Half Term

Schools calendar can be found here:

<https://www.st-teresas-penwortham.lancs.sch.uk/special/google-calendar/>

Community &
Parish
Information

Weekend Mass Times:

St. Teresa's: 6:00pm (Saturday night) 9:30am (Sunday morning).

St. Mary Magdalen's: 11:00am (Sunday morning).

St. Oswald's: 5:00pm (Saturday night) 8:30am (Sunday morning).

St Teresa's Open Day



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September 2026 New Starters OPEN DAY

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

9:30am or 2:00 pm

**Just turn up to our Headteacher talk
at 9:30am or 2:00pm**

Please visit our school website to view our virtual tour
<https://www.st-teresas-penwortham.lancs.sch.uk/virtual-school-tour/>

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About FACE

Face Family Advice was set up to help parents like you. With the stresses and strains of modern life, our children and young adults have never been under more pressure. We aim to offer advice, tips and support to parents who want to get the best out of their family relationships and need new tools to do that.

[Face Family Advice | online parenting classes](#)



November Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm