



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have had another very busy week in school. On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Mad Science into school for an exciting assembly based on the theme of Inventions and Discoveries. The session was packed with fascinating demonstrations and hands-on experiments that sparked the children's curiosity and enthusiasm for science.

Also on Tuesday, we were visited by Margaret Wright from the Lancaster Diocese. Margaret led a series of reflective Watch and Pray sessions with the children, focusing on scripture from their RE Covenant and Creation topics. The children were captivated by Margaret's storytelling, especially when she used her beautiful golden boxes filled with symbolic objects to help bring the scripture to life. These thoughtful sessions encouraged the pupils to reflect deeply on faith, creation, and God's covenant with His people.



On Wednesday, the PTFA held their Annual General Meeting in school. It was fantastic to see such a great turnout, including many new parents who came along to learn more about how the PTFA supports our school community. We were especially delighted that several of them have offered to shadow the current committee members over the coming year, gaining valuable experience before stepping into future roles. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and for your continued enthusiasm and commitment to making a difference for our pupils.

On Thursday, St Bernadette's Class attended their class Mass with Fr Ian and members of the parish community. The children participated beautifully, reading the bidding prayers and singing their hymn with confidence. Thank you to the parents who came along and helped walk the pupils to church.

On Thursday, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic taster day at All Hallows. They took part in a variety of lessons and activities, giving them a real feel for what life at secondary school will be like. Everyone represented our school brilliantly and came back full of enthusiasm!

Today, we are celebrating World Mental Health Day. Pupils and staff across the school are wearing yellow to show their support and raise awareness about looking after our mental wellbeing. In assembly, Miss Wright spoke about the Young Minds charity and the importance of supporting one another when we're finding things difficult.



A huge thank you to the Mini-Vinnies and Miss Wright for organising last night's cake sale and for all your kind donations, which raised an impressive £180 for the Young Minds charity. We still have plenty of delicious cakes left, so we'll be continuing the sale this evening — make sure to come along and treat yourself while supporting a great cause.

Have a lovely weekend!

Jillian Holmes

Stars of the week

These pupils will receive their awards at the Award Assembly on
Friday 17th October at 9.00am.

RM : L Hoyle-Grimshaw
R/1C : E McGuigan
1/2V : R Francis-Walmsley
2B : R Nash

3J : R McGuigan
3/4E : V O'Keeffe
4A : E Woodburne
5A : H Smalldon & M Bolton
6I : S Nash & S Dedrie

FS/KS1 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
F Holden

KS 2 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
A Woods

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: Jesus Heals Ten Men
- ❖ Letters home this week: Mad Science Club; Reception and Y6 Height and Weight Checks; Y6 Electronic School Health Needs Assessment; All Hallows Supplementary Form Reminder - Y6; PTFA Movie Night.
- ❖ 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.

Online safety

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

Sport Clubs

After school clubs finish at 4.20pm. To ensure the safeguarding of all children, parents must wait at the bottom of the steps outside the main school entrance for their child.

Friday Y3/4 Girls SR Football

Sports news

Y4 Sports Skills Festival

On Tuesday, a group of our Year 4 children went along to a Sports Skills Festival, organised by South Ribble at Priory Academy. The children took part in a range of activities including boccia, volleyball, dodgeball, axe-throwing, boxing, golf and penalty shoot-out. At times, the children had to compete against children from other local primary schools. Jacob absolutely loved the dodgeball and we saw a real competitive side to him - all with a big smile on his face! Medan was phenomenal at axe throwing. Elijah tried so hard and was



incredible at boccia. Olivia was so enthusiastic and I think we may have a professional boxer in the making! Well done to all our children for being excellent ambassadors for our school and thank you to Mrs. Cowan for taking them! ❤️



PTFA News

PTFA Movie Night - Dog Man



MOVIE NIGHT
Thursday the 23rd October
3:30 until 5:00pm
"Movie: Dog Man PG"
£3.50 per child
including popcorn and drink
Tickets are ONLY available to purchase on Scopay

**Dates for
the diary**

Week 1 lunches w/c 13th October

Thursday 16th 7:50am Young Voices Rehearsal
October 8:30am Y5 Swimming

Friday 17th All Day Deadline To Choose Lunches For Autumn/Winter 25/26
October 9:00am Award Assembly

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 Catholic
Primary School**

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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