



# St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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*'Christ be in our heads, in our hearts and in our hands'*

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

### Head Teacher Letter

*Dear Parents/ Carers*

*We've had a very special week in school celebrating the life and legacy of St Thérèse of Lisieux, affectionately known as "The Little Flower." Throughout the week, the children have been learning about her inspiring journey of faith, humility and love in their classes. They explored her childhood, her deep devotion to God, and how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference.*

*Our Mini Vinnies led a thoughtful assembly as part of the Mission Together initiative, sharing the story of how St Thérèse sent money as a child to support missionary work. Their presentation helped everyone reflect on how we, too, can contribute to the mission of the Church in simple but meaningful ways.*

*On Wednesday, we celebrated her feast day. The children created beautiful paper flowers in her honour, which they proudly wore as a symbol of her love and simplicity.*

*The whole school gathered for a special Mass on Thursday with Fr Ian and members of our parish community. It was a special tribute to St Thérèse, filled with prayer, song, and reflection, reminding us all of the power of faith and the beauty of doing small things with great love.*



*Jillian Holmes*

## General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: Faith
- ❖ Letters home this week: Autumn/Winter 25/26 Menu; PTFA AGM Meeting; World Mental Health Day; Y6 All Hallows Taster Day Reminder.
- ❖ A gentle reminder that we are a nut-free school. Please ensure that nuts of any kind are not included in your child's break-time snack or packed lunch. This also applies to items containing nuts, such as chocolate with nuts, Nutella, and similar products.
- ❖ 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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

### 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:*

- ❖ When dropping children off for school early morning clubs, please do not walk over the car park, please use the KS2 pedestrian path up to the main reception.
- ❖ 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.

### World Dyslexia Awareness Day

On Tuesday 8th October, we will be marking World Dyslexia Awareness Day in school with a special focus on learning more about dyslexia—what it is, how it affects individuals, and how we can all show understanding and support.

As part of our commitment to nurturing a compassionate and inclusive school community, children will take part in age-appropriate activities designed to foster empathy and celebrate the diverse ways we all learn and experience the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen their awareness and appreciation of differences.

At the heart of our Catholic ethos is the call to sow understanding, care, and compassion for all people, recognising and valuing the unique gifts we all have.

## Stars of the week

These pupils will receive their awards at the Award Assembly on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am.

RM : R Gaylor  
R/1C : I Austin  
1/2V : D Walsh  
2B : F Randell

3J : C Gaylor  
3/4E : E Durkin  
4A : Z Milton

5A : E Jeffreys & G Austin  
6I : J Blackburn & I Rowen

FS/KS1 St. Teresa's Role Model  
A Carter

KS 2 St. Teresa's Role Model  
T Walker

## 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

### Y5/6 Mixed Football

A huge well done to all our players, they were all brilliant the whole tournament. We had four strong wins against some of the toughest primary school teams in the competition; with plenty of goals from Tommy, Gabriel, Jack and Eddie. It was a whole team effort to get the results we needed, with Gus and our two defenders- Eddie



and Seb not conceding a single goal. A massive well done to Savannah, Jenson and Noah, the masterminds of midfield creating plenty of chances and getting the assists. They were a credit to themselves and the school, both during the game and after. Well done to all of you!

Penwortham Cluster Champions again... now we look to the South Ribble Finals in November. 'Let's go St T's, let's go!' 🏆👏🎉

## Mini Vinnies

Dear God,

We are thankful for your loving and caring personality. We would love to share our ideas with you and take care of your creations. We will always be faithful and we will be loyal to you and Jesus Christ.

Amen

From Henry and Charlie

## PTFA News

The PTFA invite you to their PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 8th October at 6pm, held in school. This is a great opportunity to hear more about what the PTFA does and how you can get involved. Many of their current members will be stepping down next year as their children move on to high school, so they're really keen to welcome new volunteers. Whether you can offer a little time or a lot, your support makes a big difference—please come along if you can!



## Dates for the diary

## Week 3 lunches w/c 6<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm PTFA AGM  
October

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> All Day Y6 All Hallows Taster Day  
October 7:50am Young Voices Choir Rehearsal  
8:30am Y5 Swimming  
3:20pm Mini Vinnies Cake Sale for Young Minds Charity (Cash Only & Held in the School Entrance)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> All Day World Mental Health Day (Wear Something Yellow)  
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).



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**NEW WINTER OPENING TIMES**

**RUNNING FOUR NIGHTS A WEEK!**

**@PENWORTHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Our youth club at Kingsfold will be running four nights a week this winter! Young people can enjoy a safe, fun space, make friends, and take part in exciting activities.

**WINTER CLUB TIMETABLE:**  
Monday's 6-8pm: Primary Age Session  
Thursday's 6-9pm: Secondary Age Session  
Friday's 6-8pm: Primary Age Session  
Saturday's 6-8pm: Secondary Age Session

**STARTING 29TH SEPTEMBER**  
Kingsfold Dr, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9EQ

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- Qualified coaches
- A supportive, active environment
- Community initiatives
- Activities that build teamwork
- Confidence-building exercises
- Opportunities for skill development
- Fun, engaging games for all abilities

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