



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 19th September 2025

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a wonderful week in school, filled with learning, reflection and community. We began the week by reflecting on Sunday's Gospel, focusing on the theme of self-giving. The children thought carefully about what this means in their daily lives and were encouraged to set themselves a personal mission: to carry out an act of self-giving for others, whether at home or in school. We are very much looking forward to hearing about the kind and thoughtful ways they choose to put this into practice.

It was also lovely to welcome our Reception parents to the Phonics Workshop on Tuesday. Thank you to all who attended – your support in helping the children develop their early reading skills makes a real difference.

On Tuesday evening, we were delighted to host Mrs. Cooper, Headteacher, and Mrs. Washington, Assistant Headteacher, from All Hallows Catholic High School. They came to speak with our Year 5 and 6 parents about the opportunities available at their school. This was a valuable chance for parents to ask questions and find out more about the transition to secondary education.

On Wednesday, Ruth Millward-Hopkins visited school to talk to the children about Fairtrade. She explained the importance of dignity in work and showed how buying Fairtrade products, like bananas, chocolate and tea, helps farmers and workers receive a fair wage. Ruth also took the children on the journey of tea, from the pickers in the fields to our homes, showing how Fairtrade makes a real difference to people's lives.



Tonight is the PTFA New Starters Disco for our Reception families. It's a great chance for the children to have fun together while parents meet and connect. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a lovely weekend!
Jillian Holmes

General News

- ❖ **Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week:** The Shrewd Manager
- ❖ **Letters home this week:** Reception Health Questionnaire Reminder; Reception iTrack - End of Year Reports; ABC Portraits Reschedule for Reception; Young Voices Ticket and T-Shirt Ordering; Y3/4 Girls Football Confirmation of Places; Y5/6 Girls Football Confirmation of Places.
- ❖ **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

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 past, 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.
- We have recently been made aware of an incident on Chesmere Drive where a parked car was damaged by another vehicle travelling at speed. While Chesmere Drive is often used as a quieter parking option, this highlights the importance of driving slowly and responsibly on *all* surrounding roads, not just those immediately next to school.

We really appreciate your efforts to make drop off and pick up as safe and smooth as possible. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children, staff, and community safe.

Stars of the week

These pupils will receive their awards at the Award Assembly on Friday 26th September at 9.00am.

RM : Z Falodun

3J : C Lyon

R/1C : Z Fuller

3/4E : F Morley

1/2V : H Davies

4A : C Walsh

2B : P Maddison

5A : G Aspinwall & D Ianson

6I : C Whitaker & J Ashcroft

FS/KS1 St. Teresa's Role Model

KS 2 St. Teresa's Role Model

T Wright

F Walker-Green

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.

Monday Y5/6 Girls Football Training Trial

Friday Y3/4 Girls SR Football

Sports news

Y5/6 Mixed Football Team

Well done to our football team who took part in the first set of league fixtures, yesterday at Priory Academy. The children made a great start- conceding only one goal in five fixtures and securing several wins and draws. The children grew in confidence during the evening and will go again next week! 'Let's go St T's, let's go!' 🇬🇧⚽



PTFA News

The PTFA Annual Reception Disco

The PTFA are delighted to invite you to the Annual Reception Disco at St Teresa's Parish Hall on Friday 19th September, 5.15-6.45pm.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for children to strengthen friendships within their class and for parents to connect with one another. A small tuck shop and hot dogs will be available to purchase on the night.

✎ Tickets cost £3 per child and can be purchased via the school office. Siblings are more than welcome to join by purchasing a ticket too. Please note, there will be no physical tickets — your child's name (and any siblings attending) will be added to the event register.

👤👤👤👤 Parents/carers must remain on site with their child throughout the event.

✓ There is no charge for adults.

We look forward to seeing you there!

— The PTFA

Dates for the diary

Week 1 lunches w/c Monday 22nd September

Thursday 25th 7:50am Young Voices Choir Rehearsal
September 8:30am Y5 Swimming

Friday 26th 9:00am Award Assembly
September

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).

Active Sports Holiday Club

activesport MULTI SPORT HOLIDAY CLUB October Half Term!



BOOK NOW!

www.active-sport.co.uk

COME JOIN THE FUN : AGE 4-12

Our team of qualified coaches run Active Sport multi activity camps for boys and girls of any ability between the ages of 4 and 11.

- Key features of Active Sport Holiday Camp:
- Multi Sport Games and tournaments
 - Sports such as: Rounders, Football, Cricket, Netball, Tennis, and Dodgeball
 - Arts and crafts
 - Certificates, medals and prizes

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Dates - 27th October - 31st October
Times - 8.30am - 4pm

Venue: Penwortham Primary School, 25 Crookings Ln, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0HU

Halloween party day, Friday 31st
Optional dressing up



Sessions by ex professional footballer
Jonathan Smith



£25
per day

St Teresa's Open Day - Wednesday 22nd October 2025



Children's lessons at South Ribble Leisure

Looking for fun, affordable activities to keep your children active, confident and learning new skills? We've got you covered!

Swimming Lessons

● Leyland, Bamber Bridge & Penwortham Leisure Centres

Following the Swim England Learn to Swim programme (Stages 1-7 and beyond). Perfect for beginners through to advanced swimmers.

Gymnastics Lessons

● South Ribble Tennis & Fitness Centre

From age 3+ up to advanced level, following the National Gymnastics Awards programme. Children can build balance, flexibility and strength and even take part in competitions!

Tennis Lessons

● South Ribble Tennis & Fitness Centre

Following the LTA Junior Programme. Kids can learn skills, boost confidence and enter competitions.

Football Lessons

● Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre

For ages 7-11, our football coaching develops technical skills in a fun and friendly environment.

Sign up now from £27.70 per month and give your child the chance to shine with South Ribble Leisure!

Find out more: <https://southribbleleisure.com/>

All Hallows Open Evening



All Hallows
Catholic High School
"Growing Together in the Spirit of Christ's Love"



OPENING EVENING
Thursday 25th September 2025
5.00pm - 7.30pm

We invite you to experience the school's
Catholic ethos and facilities.
Come and speak to staff, pupils and see
our departments.

The Headteacher's address will be in the
Arts Theatre at 5:00pm & 6.30pm



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