



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 18th July 2025

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the highlights of this final week.

On Monday, we were honoured to welcome Bishop Habila and Fr Ian into school to speak with our junior pupils. Bishop Habila shared inspiring stories about his work and ministry in Nigeria, offering the children a fascinating insight into life and faith in a different part of the world. Our pupils asked thoughtful and engaging questions and Bishop Habila was full of praise for their curiosity, respect and enthusiasm. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved.



Tuesday marked an exciting step forward for our pupils as they took part in their transition mornings. Children spent time in their new classrooms, getting to know their teachers and classmates for the year ahead. The atmosphere was full of excitement and anticipation. We were also delighted to welcome our new Reception parents to join us for lunch – it was lovely to see so many of you.

On Tuesday afternoon, the School Council hosted our annual Talent Show and what a fantastic event it was! It was truly inspiring to see such a wide range of talents on display—from singing and dancing to magic tricks and comedy. A huge well done to all the pupils who participated and shared their incredible skills with us.

Wednesday was a day of celebration with two special assemblies. In the morning, we enjoyed a Music Assembly, where our talented musicians performed a variety of pieces. A big thank you to Mrs. Calman and Mr. Webster for organising this wonderful showcase of musical talent.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Dawson led our Sports Assembly, highlighting the many sporting achievements across the school throughout the year. From team victories to individual accomplishments, it was a proud moment to reflect on the dedication and hard work of our pupils.

The latter part of the week has been dedicated to celebrating and saying goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 pupils. On Thursday, they enjoyed a special treat day organised by their parents – a big thank you to everyone who helped make it such a fun and memorable occasion. This morning, we gathered for a beautiful Leavers' Assembly, where we reflected on their journey through school and wished them well as they move on to new adventures.



As we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, we also bid farewell to some valued members of staff: Mrs Moffatt is heading off to teach in Dubai – we wish her all the best in this exciting new chapter.

Miss Sledge will be moving to a new school, where we know she will continue to make a difference in the lives of her pupils.

Mrs Helm is embarking on a brand-new career path – we thank her for all her contributions and wish her every success.

Mrs Blair begins her maternity leave – we send her our love and best wishes for the months ahead.

Each of these staff members has made a lasting impact on our school community and they will be greatly missed.

As we wrap up this academic year, I want to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who makes our school such a special place. To our incredible staff, thank you for your hard work, dedication and care. To our governing body, thank you for your guidance and commitment behind the scenes. To our wonderful pupils, your enthusiasm, kindness and resilience continue to inspire us every day. And to our supportive parents and carers, thank you for your partnership, trust and encouragement throughout the year.

Wishing you all a restful, joyful and safe summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 3rd September!

Jillian Holmes

General News

- ❖ Letters home this week: Y6 Residential June 2026; St Teresa's Sports Kit; Guitar, Ukulele & Drum Lessons - Simon Webster.

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.

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

Online safety

Sports news

What a fantastic year it's been once again for PE and sport at St Teresa's!

We ended the academic year with a brilliant celebration assembly, recognising the many achievements of our pupils. This year, we saw a record number of children taking part in extracurricular and lunchtime clubs, helping us maintain the government's aim of 60 active minutes per day. A huge well done to everyone involved!



We were incredibly proud to have been named Top Primary School for Sport in South Ribble, and honoured to be a finalist in the Active Lancashire Awards earlier in the year. Adding to this success, we were also recently awarded the 'Gold' School Games Mark for the fourth year in a row. With one more year of Gold, we'll be aiming for the prestigious Platinum Award next year!

A heartfelt thank you goes to our amazing teachers and TAs who have supported clubs and events throughout the year. To our dedicated young leaders and volunteers—your time and energy have been invaluable. A big thank you as well to our fantastic sports coaches for your expertise and guidance, and to all the parents and guardians who have helped with transport and cheered us on along the way!



And last but by no means least—thank you to our incredible children. It has been an absolute joy to teach, coach, and watch you grow during physical activity. Taking you to represent St Teresa's at events and competitions is a joy.

To our Year 6 leavers—you will be missed, and we wish you all the best as you move on to secondary school. We can't wait to hear about your future sporting successes!



Here's to another brilliant year ahead—'Let's go St T's, let's go!'

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Football Penwortham League 1st place winners!	Lancashire County Girls football finals (Quarter finalists)	Y5/6 Tag rugby Penwortham cluster 1st place winners!
Mixed Football SR Finals 3th place	Indoor Athletics Penwortham Cluster 1st place winners!	Y 5/6 Tag rugby South Ribble Finals 1st place winners!
Girls Football Penwortham League 1st place winners!	Y4 SR Tennis 1st place winners!	Netball Penwortham cluster 1st place winners!
Girls SR Football Finals 1st place winners!	SR Cross Country overall 2nd place 1st place individual Emily!	Netball South Ribble Finals 1st place winners!
Y4 Dodgeball event 3rd place	SR Indoor Athletics Finals 1st place winners!	Netball Lancashire Finals 6th place!
Y2 Multi sports top boy & top girl 2nd place overall	Lancashire Indoor athletics finalists 7th place!	SR Cricket group runners up!
Y5/6 Volleyball Competition 1st place Winners	SR Dance competition 2nd place!	
	Swimming Gala CANCELLED	
	Y4 Movement event	
	Y4 Mindfulness event	
	Y2 Football competition 1st place winners!	
	Crown Green bowling 4th place	
	This Girl Can Event	

Mini
Vinnies

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:
For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school,
both in and out of the classroom, For the talents and gifts that have
been shared and the challenges that have been faced;
For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed; For
the respect and care that has been given.
We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have
grown.

Amen

Chosen by the Mini Vinnies

PTFA News

Please see below the link to the PTFA newsletter.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/5cJY0469vGsa6aum>

Any parents that would like to support the PTFA, please express your
interest by emailing bursar@st-teresas-penwortham.lancs.sch.uk

Dates for the diary

Week 1 Lunches w/c 1st September

Monday 1st All Day School Closed- Staff INSET Day
September

Tuesday 2nd All Day School Closed- Staff INSET Day
September

Wednesday 3rd 8:40am School Re-opens After Summer
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).

ESDC will be joining us w/c 28th July! Please see their timetable below for more information and how to get in touch.

ESDC TIMETABLE



MONDAY
6:00-7:00pm ISTD Ballet/Tap/Modern
7:00-8:00pm Junior Lyrical
Competition Team

TUESDAY
5:30pm – 6:30pm: 5 & 6 Years Cheer
Dance
5:30pm – 7:00pm: 9 and Under Cheer
Dance
6:30pm – 8:00pm: 11 and Under Cheer
Dance
7:30pm – 9:00pm: 13 and Under Cheer
Dance & 14 and Over Cheer Dance

WEDNESDAY
6:00-7:00pm All Ages Latin & Ballroom
7:00-8:00pm All Ages Street

THURSDAY
6:00-7:00pm Parents Cheerdance
6:00-7:00pm Junior
Stretch/Jazz/Tricks
7:00-8:00pm Senior Lyrical Class

SATURDAY
9:00-9:30am ISTD Primary Ballet
9:30-10:30am 7 & Under Latin & Street
Combo Class

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