



# 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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Head Teacher Letter

*Dear Parents*

*We have had another very busy week in school. On Monday, our Year 6 Mini Vinnies led a meaningful Spirituality Afternoon at school. They thoughtfully set up prayer stations throughout the school, with each station designed to foster reflection and prayer. The children had carefully planned each worship session, and the children moved between the different stations in their respective key stages. It was a wonderfully prayerful afternoon, filled with moments of quiet reflection and spiritual connection.*



*On Tuesday, a group of our Year 5 and 6 pupils participated in a local school dance competition. They were absolutely outstanding and their hard work paid off as they achieved second place out of nine competing schools. Their weeks of dedication and rehearsal were evident in their impressive performance.*

*Fr. Ian visited the school, on Thursday, to deliver a wonderful assembly about a recent pilgrimage he had undertaken. The children were enthralled by his stories and insights, and it was a great opportunity for them to learn about the spiritual significance of pilgrimage.*

*Our Mother's Day event was a huge success! The children thoroughly enjoyed picking out and buying special gifts for their mums, and we hope it will bring much joy on Sunday morning. We would like to extend our thanks to the wonderful ladies from St. Teresa's Parish who generously volunteered their time to help wrap all the gifts.*

*Today, our Year 4 children are participating in a retreat day at the St. Teresa's Church with Fr. Ian and the catechists. As part of the retreat, they will experience a meaningful service and make their First Reconciliation (Confession) at the end of the day. Please keep these children in your prayers as they embark on the next stage of their faith journey.*

**Jillian Holmes**

## General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: Forgiveness
- ❖ Letters home this week: New Menu Choices after Easter; Y5/6 NSPCC Letter; Summer Toast Reminder; Lego Club Donations; Y3 Swimming Permission Reminder; Message from Tempest Photography; Fairtrade Easter Egg Hunt; Y4 First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am.**

RM : M Halaka  
R/1C : M Milton  
1/2V : E Davis  
2B : H Gore

3J : E Dew  
3/4E : E Hills  
4A : J Britton  
5A : J Walker  
5/6G : A Parker  
6I : E Mann

FS/KS1 **St. Teresa's Role Model**  
I Clayden

KS 2 **St. Teresa's Role Model**  
E Fleming

## 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** Reception Multi-Sports With Prime Sports

**Thursday** Y5/6 Tag Rugby Practice

## Sports news

## Dance Competition

On Tuesday our year 5/6 dance troop went to Lostock Hall Academy for the annual dance competition organised by South Ribble. The children have been rehearsing since October and have worked tremendously hard each week. The choreography was phenomenal and Sarah Wearden worked very closely with the children, ensuring they were prepared on the night. Here was our synopsis:



'Our research into invention and inventors took us to Mr Thomas Edison, the inventor of the lightbulb and the first motion picture camera. When Edison was working on inventing the light bulb, he made 1,000 unsuccessful attempts. He was quoted as saying, "I will not say I failed 1,000 times, I will say that I found 1,000 ways that won't work." This formed the inspiration for our dance. And of course without dance, music and LIGHT... would we have disco?'



Overall, we were pipped to the post and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place! We are delighted with our children for their commitment and dedication. In our eyes, you were definitely winners! Thank you to the parents for all their support.

## Mini Vinnies

We pray for world leaders: that the Holy Spirit may move them to work for peace and reconciliation for all peoples, for we are one family, made in the image of God. We pray for all people who face prejudice, discrimination and oppression in our world. May God grant us the grace not to judge one another, but to love one another as Christ taught us.

Amen.

Chosen by the Mini Vinnies

Saint of the week.

Saint Francesco di Paola Feast Day: April 2<sup>nd</sup>

He was a 15th-century Italian mendicant (begging) friar. He modelled the life of Saint Francis in his poverty, love for the poor, and building of churches. He is widely acclaimed for his miracles and sanctity.

The children have been working hard to complete a mile every day as part of our CAFOD Big Lent Walk. It's been wonderful to see them staying active while supporting such a meaningful cause. The donation page is now live! If you would like to contribute to this charitable effort and support those in need, please follow the link to make a donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

[Click here to donate.](#)



### Dates for the diary

### Week 3 lunches W/C Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March  | All Day<br>1:45pm | Deadline to Sign Permission for Y3 Swimming via ScoPay<br>Y4 Swimming |
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April  | All Day           | Deadline To Pay For Summer Toast                                      |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April | 8:30am            | Y4 Swimming                                                           |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April   | 9:00am<br>1:30pm  | Award Assembly<br>School Closes For Easter Holidays                   |

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).

