



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 21st March 2025

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents/Carers

This week, we have celebrated Neurodiversity Week at school, recognising and appreciating the unique strengths and perspectives of individuals with neurodiverse conditions.

On Tuesday, Miss Sledge delivered an assembly to our pupils, introducing them to the concept of neurodiversity. She highlighted various types of neurodivergent conditions, such as autism, ADHD, and dyslexia, and illustrated both the challenges and remarkable strengths often associated with them. To inspire our pupils, Miss Sledge shared stories of well-known celebrities who have embraced their neurodiversity, demonstrating how their differences have contributed to their successes.

Miss Sledge also hosted a coffee morning on Wednesday for parents and carers. This provided a valuable opportunity to discuss neurodiversity and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We also welcomed Sarah Davidson, the Senior Family Support Worker for South Ribble, who offered an informative session about the various services and resources available to families. A huge thank you to all the parents who attended and contributed to making the morning an enriching and supportive experience.

On Tuesday, our pupils were treated to a spectacular musical performance by the Stonyhurst Brass Ensemble. The ensemble, led by Mr. Banks, one of our parents, introduced the children to the vibrant world of brass instruments. During the workshop, Mr. Banks explained how different brass instruments work, demonstrating their distinct sounds and techniques. The pupils were captivated by the powerful music of the brass band. We are incredibly grateful to Mr. Banks and the talented musicians from Stonyhurst for providing our pupils with this memorable and educational experience.



Jillian Holmes

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: Parable of the Fig Tree
- ❖ Letters home this week: Sword Fencing Club Fully Booked; Permission Slip for Y4 Reconciliation Day Reminder; New Summer Menu Dinner Reminder; Y5/6 Tag Rugby Places.
- ❖ A gentle reminder to please send in a gift and £2 with your child for the Mother's Day Event for Thursday 27th March.

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 28th March at 9.00am.

RM : I Shorrocks

R/1C : E Walker

1/2V : M Allen

2B : W Wright

3J : J Wilcock

3/4E : Z Milton

4A : T Wearden

5A : S Nash

5/6G : E Cable

6I : C Warburton

FS/KS1 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
G Halaka

KS 2 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
R Lyon

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 Dance Comp Club Replacement Session (4:50pm finish)
Reception Multi-Sports with Prime Sports

Thursday Y5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby Practice

Friday Y1 SR Fun Target Sports

Sports news

On Wednesday, our athletics team represented the whole of South Ribble at the Lancashire Indoor Athletics Competition at Stanley Park, Blackpool. Once again, the children took part in a range of track and field events including soft javelin, speed bounce and standing long jump to name a few. As usual, they gave it their all and were wonderful sporting ambassadors for our school and district. The competition was very tough but the children showed grit and determination in all of their events. Out of fifteen schools, we finished in seventh place which is incredible, given that there are approximately five hundred and fifty one primary schools in our county! We are so very proud of each and every



participant and this commendable achievement. Well done to you all! Thank you to our wonderful parents who supported us with transport and were our fantastic cheerleaders on the day! Thank you also to Coach Simon Williams from Prime Sports for preparing our children.

Dates for the diary

Week 2 Lunches W/C Monday 24th March

Monday March	24 th	All Day 1:45pm	Deadline for Summer 2025 Dinner Menu Choices Y4 Swimming
Thursday March	27 th	8:30am 9:45am 1:30pm	Y4 Swimming Y3 St Joseph Class Mass in Church Mother's Day Event - Please remember a gift and £2.00
Friday March	28 th	All Day 9:00am 9:30am 1:30pm 2:00pm	Reconciliation Retreat Day Y4 Award Assembly Tinies Morning Session Tinies Afternoon Session Service of Reconciliation Y4 at St Teresa's Church
Saturday March	29 th	6:00pm	Year 4 First Reconciliation and Holy Communion at St Teresa's Church 3 rd Session
Sunday March	30 th	All Day 9:30am	Mother's Day Year 4 First Reconciliation and Holy Communion at St Teresa's Church 3 rd Session

Schools calendar can be found here:

<https://www.st-teresas-penwortham.lancs.sch.uk/special/google-calendar/>

Mini Vinnies

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

Chosen by the Mini Vinnies

Saint Joseph Feast Day: March 19th

He is the husband of the Mother of God. He is the foster father of the Saviour of the world. He is the patron saint and protector of the universal Church. He does not speak in the Bible.

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).



PFA PENWORTHAM FOOTBALL ACADEMY

FOOTBALL COACHING CAMP

MONDAY 7TH - FRIDAY 11TH APRIL 2025
8AM - 5PM
(WITH WRAP AROUND AVAILABLE)

Join us on the PFA Football Camp at Penwortham Priory Academy.

With a daily price of £20 a day.
£75 for 4 days or £85 for the full week.

- ✓ Skill Development Practices
- ✓ Ability-Set Tournaments
- ✓ Small-Sided 3v3 Games
- ✓ Fun-Filled, Active Days!!

SAVE THE DATE

Summer Camps
w/b 4th & 26th Aug <https://www.penworthamfootballacademy.co.uk>

Book on here

