



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 1st May 2026

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents/Carers

What a lovely week we have had in school. On Tuesday, Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Humblescough Farm, where they took part in a range of outdoor activities including den building and tree climbing. The children worked brilliantly together, showed great resilience, and loved exploring the natural environment while building their confidence and teamwork skills.



On Thursday, our Year 1 pupils had a wonderful trip to Imagine That! The children were fully engaged in the hands-on exhibits and interactive activities, which brought their learning to life and sparked lots of curiosity and excitement.



As we enter the month of May, we celebrate and honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus. May is traditionally known as Mary's month, a time when we are invited to grow closer to her through prayer, especially by praying the Rosary. In our school community, we turn to Mary as a model of love, faith, trust and kindness, asking her to guide and protect us as her children. Throughout this month, we will take moments to pause, reflect and pray together, placing our joys, hopes and worries into Mary's loving care and asking her to help us follow her example by saying "yes" to God in our daily lives.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Jillian Holmes

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: Jesus the way to the Father
- ❖ Letters home this week: Y5/6 High 5 Club Place Confirmation; Sports Day 2026; RSHE Letter; Y6 Bikeability; Y6 Faith in Action; PTFA Danceathon.

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 8th May 2026 at 9.00am.

RM : G Finch
R/1C : M Balazs
1/2V : F Holden
2B : P Alty

3J : C Ashworth
3/4E : M Angamma
4A : I Graham
5A : F Walmsley
6I : R Clayden

FS/KS1 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
D Palentine

KS 2 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
J Blackburn

Online safety

[Please click here to find a useful video about Navigating Group Chats](#)
[Please click here to find the latest Online Safety Newsletter](#)

After school 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.

Tuesday Sword Fencing (Before School)

Friday Y3 Dodgeball & Y5/6 High 5

Mini Vinnies

Dear Lord,

It is now time to forget about bad habits and to say bye to our sins. Thank you for coming into our life when it is dark, you bring back happiness and light for everyone. Thank you for sacrificing for us. Thank you for giving us a fresh start. It is now time to reflect on wrongdoing. Please help us to never give up on what we believe in. We hope you see we give up on things for Lent as a way of saying you are our saviour and letting us know we can always find light, because you are the light of our world.

Amen.

Written by Izzy

Sports news

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby

A fantastic start for our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team in their first league fixtures at Penwortham Priory. The team played five matches, winning four and drawing one — an excellent achievement against strong opposition.

It was great to see the teamwork & effort on display, with all players showing how much they've taken on from their training in recent weeks.



A special mention goes to *Gabriel*, who was in outstanding form, scoring an impressive seven tries across the games. Well done to everyone involved — a brilliant team performance to kick things off!

Let's go St T's, Let's go!

PTFA News



All the children will be taking part,
in school, throughout the day.
The children can come in dance/gym/
football kits/sports clothing
with the completed sponsorship form.

Sponsor Forms and Money to be Returned on the Day

ALL MONIES RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE PTFA, WHICH WILL
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN WITH THE PURCHASE OF RESOURCES FOR SCHOOL.

Attendance Update

Whole-School Attendance

This Week: 98.2%

Current academic year overall attendance: 96.7%

Our Target academic year overall attendance 97%

Let's keep up the great effort together!

**Dates for
the diary**

Week 3 lunches w/c 4th May 2026

Monday 4 th May	All Day	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 th May	All Day	Deadline to Pay & Consent for Y5 Martin Mere Trip
	8:40am	School Re-opens
Thursday 7 th May	All Day	Reception Mrs Dowsons Trip
	8:30am	Y3 Swimming
Friday 8 th May	9:00am	Award Assembly
	9:30am	Tinies Morning Session
	1:30am	Tinies Afternoon Session

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).

Girls Cricket at Penwortham Cricket Club

Penwortham Cricket Club are pleased to offer free places for girls aged 8-11 in their Dynamos cricket programme. As part of a wider effort to encourage more girls to get involved in cricket—particularly with the Women's World Cup taking place in England and Wales this year—the club is keen to reach as many families as possible.

Please see below details:

Voucher Code: **JFZ6Z**

Link: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/b7208f88-f511-44ee-9f80-98c5628de80c?venue=penwortham>