



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 June 2026

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

What a fantastic and busy week we have had in school. On Monday, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a taster day at All Hallows and had a brilliant time. Throughout the day, they took part in a wide range of activities including PE, rounders and cricket. During a Reflection, they thought about their own gifts and talents and created their own "Me Dolls". They also explored music technology by creating music using the Band Lab computer programme, took part in drama activities where they created freeze frames, and enjoyed a dance session. One of the highlights of the day was a question hunt around the school. Our pupils were supported by Year 7 students, many of whom are former pupils of our school. This gave Year 5 the opportunity to ask questions about secondary school life and gain a valuable insight into what they can look forward to in the future.



Year 3 visited Leighton Hall on Monday, while Year 4 are enjoying their visit there today. As part of their Stone Age workshops, pupils experienced a range of hands-on activities including cave building, den making, creating Stone Age weapons and learning about how fires were made. They also examined fossils and were thrilled to see a real wild owl up close. These wonderful experiences brought their history learning to life.



On Thursday, we held our special Father's Day event. Pupils had the opportunity to choose a Father's Day gift for their father or another significant male figure in their lives. Thank you so much for your kind donations and support. All money raised will go directly into school funds.

Have a lovely weekend!

Jillian Holmes

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: Do Not Be Afraid
- ❖ Letters home this week: School Evacuation 15/6/26; Y5/6 High 5 Club; PTFA Volunteers Needed; Y6 Faith in Action Deadline; Y6 Bike Fix Deadline; Y3 Scoot Safe Deadline; Updated School Dinner Menu; 2026 Y5 September Swimming; PTFA Summer Gala; St Teresa's Got Talent.

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:

- ❖ When parking on Stanley Grove, please can you ensure that you allow space for parents with pushchairs and prams. One family with a pushchair has had to go into the road at morning drop off because the pavement was blocked by cars.
- ❖ 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 pushchairs.
- ❖ 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 26th June 2026 at 9.00am.

RM : D Palentine

3J : L Wild

R/1C : F McGreevy

3/4E : V O'Keeffe

1/2V : F O'Keeffe

4A : T Farley

2B : R Yeulett

5A : T Martin

6I : O McLelland

FS/KS1 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
Z Young

KS 2 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
F Morley

Online safety

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

[Please click here to find a useful video about Navigating Group Chats](#)

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 Y1 Multi Sports with Prime Sports

Wednesday Y2 Acro with ESDC

Friday Y3/4 Non-Contact Boxing with SR & Y5/6 High 5 Club

Sports news

Y5/6 High 5 Team

What an afternoon for our High 5 team at the South Ribble competition at All Hallows! They took on schools from across Penwortham & surrounding areas, showing off the skills, teamwork, and court play they've been working hard to master — and it paid off with goals galore!

The team remained unbeaten right up to their final match, when we played St Oswald's. After a nail-biting game, the score ended 2-1, leaving us as proud runners-up and heading straight into next week's South Ribble finals.

A huge well done to our brilliant players. Bring on the finals — Let's go St T's, let's go! 🤍 🤖 🙌



PE T-shirts & Jumpers

We have noticed that a number of PE event T-shirts and jumpers have not yet been returned. If your child has any of these items at home, we would be very grateful if they could be washed and brought back to school at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your help and support.



Mini
Vinnies

God of life, help us to see the beauty of your world and to treat all people with respect and love. May we share your message of peace and hope with others.

Amen.

Chosen by the Mini Vinnies

Attendance
Update

Whole-School Attendance

Last 5 days: 96.9%

Current academic year overall attendance: 96.7%

Target academic year overall attendance: 97%

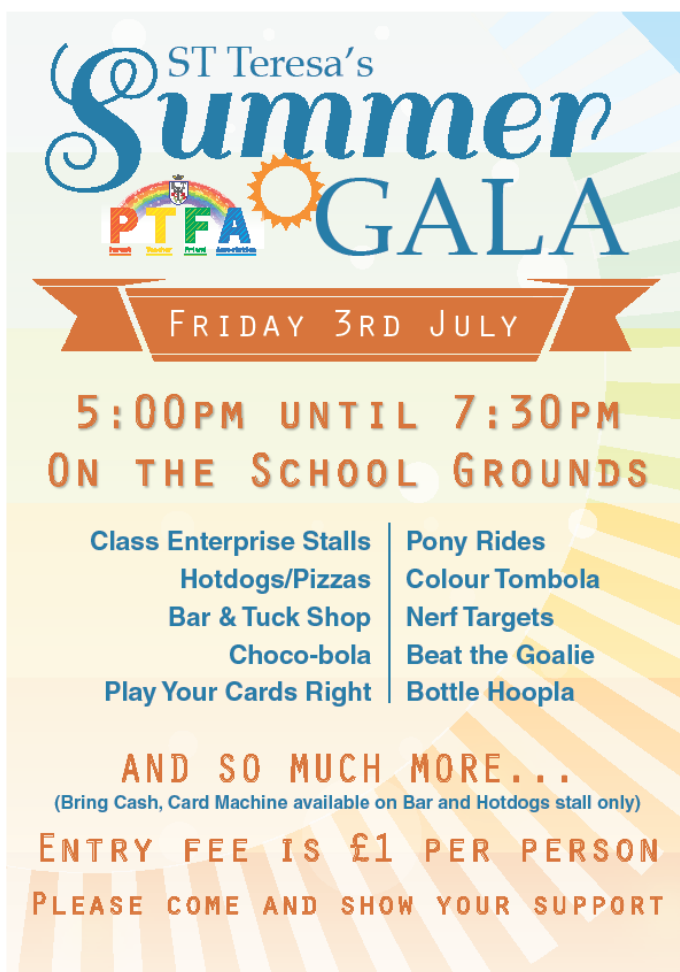
PTFA News

PTFA Volunteers Needed for the Summer Gala

Our Summer Gala takes place on Friday 3rd July 2026, and the PTFA is looking for volunteers to help make the event a success. Whether you can spare an hour or a few hours, any support would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to help, please email stteresasptfa@st-teresas-penwortham.lancs.sch.uk for more information.

Thank you for supporting our school community!



ST Teresa's
Summer
PTFA GALA
FRIDAY 3RD JULY
5:00PM UNTIL 7:30PM
ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Class Enterprise Stalls	Pony Rides
Hotdogs/Pizzas	Colour Tombola
Bar & Tuck Shop	Nerf Targets
Choco-bola	Beat the Goalie
Play Your Cards Right	Bottle Hoopla

AND SO MUCH MORE...
(Bring Cash, Card Machine available on Bar and Hotdogs stall only)

ENTRY FEE IS £1 PER PERSON
PLEASE COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Dates for the diary

Week 1 lunches w/c 22nd June

Monday 22nd All Day Deadline for Initial Ticket Order of Y5/6 Production June

Tuesday 23rd All Day Y6 Faith in Action Award Assembly June

Thursday 25th 8:30am Y3 Swimming June

Friday 26th 9:00am Award Assembly
June 9:30am Tinies Morning Session
1:30pm 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).

Introducing a new Wellbeing Program for small groups of pupils in Key Stage 2 - A Confident Me.



From time to time, we all experience challenges, difficult days, and moments of uncertainty. As a school, we believe it is important to support children in developing the skills they need to manage life's ups and downs, while helping them to understand and express their feelings and emotions.

We are pleased to have introduced the 'A Confident Me' programme within Key Stage 2. This initiative is designed to support small groups of pupils who may benefit from additional guidance in building confidence and self-belief. Through activities focused on emotional awareness, mindfulness, and developing a positive mindset, the programme aims to equip pupils with the resilience needed to navigate challenges successfully.

The programme is led by Mrs Newman, who brings expertise and care to each session. Pupils are identified for participation by their class teachers, in partnership with parents and carers.

Throughout the programme, children will be encouraged to share with you the activities and strategies they have been learning. At the end of each unit, you will also receive a parent newsletter outlining the key themes covered, along with practical suggestions to help reinforce these skills at home.