



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 10th July 2026

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents/ Carers

This week has been a busy and very hot one, with lots of exciting events taking place across the school.

Last Friday evening, our PTF Summer Gala was a huge success. Families enjoyed pony rides, delicious homemade pizza, class stalls and plenty of fun and throughout the evening. Thanks to the incredible support of our community, we raised a fantastic profit of £4500. Thank you to our amazing PTF and everyone who helped organise, support and attend this wonderful event.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have been dazzling audiences with their production of Aladdin Trouble. Following a dress rehearsal for pupils on Tuesday afternoon, they performed for parents on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. We are incredibly proud of all the children involved. Their confidence, enthusiasm and talent shone through in every performance.



Tuesday was also our whole-school Transition Morning. All pupils spent time with their new teachers and classmates, getting to know their new classrooms and preparing for the year ahead. We were also delighted to welcome our new Reception starters and their families, with parents staying to enjoy lunch with us. It was wonderful to celebrate with so many smiling children as they looked ahead to the next chapter of their school life.

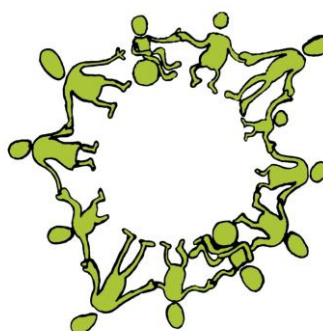
On Wednesday, we enjoyed a special Well-being Day. The children took part in a range of calm and thoughtful activities focused on self-esteem, positive mental health and looking after their own well-being. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to slow down, reflect and develop important life skills.

Thursday morning saw our Year 6 Leavers' Mass. Year 4 and Year 5 joined the celebration alongside parents and families. We would like to extend our sincere thanks

to Father Ian and Bishop Habila for leading this special occasion. Bishop Habila spoke to the children about how the money raised through the Holy Communion Masses had helped one of his schools following a recent fire, helping children to understand the real difference their generosity can make.

Today, the school has been full of laughter and excitement as we celebrate Break the Rules Day. Children have enjoyed coming to school with unusual hairstyles, bringing their favourite teddies and taking part in a variety of rule-breaking activities. It has been wonderful to see everyone joining in the fun and ending the week with lots of smiles.

We are delighted to share that St Teresa's has been awarded the Lancashire Holistic Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Badge. This prestigious accreditation recognises our commitment to ensuring that every child is known, valued and supported within a welcoming and inclusive school community. Assessors praised our strong Catholic ethos, culture of belonging, pupil leadership opportunities, trauma-informed practice and commitment to celebrating diversity through the curriculum and wider school life. This achievement reflects the dedication of our entire school community, and we would like to say a special thank you to Mr Biggs, who led the accreditation process with such passion and commitment. Well done to all staff, governors, pupils and families whose hard work and support have helped make St Teresa's a place where everyone can flourish.



Lancashire Holistic Diversity
Equality and Inclusion Badge

Have a lovely weekend!
Julian Holmes

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: The Parable of the Sower
- ❖ Letters home this week: PTFA Break the Rules Day; Y4 Anthony Transition Day; Y5 Swimming Consent Due; Free School Meals - Important Changes from September 2026; 1:30pm Finish Friday 17th July; Sports Day - We Need Your Help!

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.

Online safety

[Please click here to view the latest Online Safety Newsletter](#)
[Please click here to find a useful video about Staying Safe during School Holidays](#)

Sports news

South Ribble Cricket Competition

On Monday, our Year 5 cricket team took part in the annual South Ribble Cricket Competition at Vernon's.

The children performed brilliantly throughout the day, progressing confidently through the group stages and taking an impressive number of wickets along the way.



The team then faced a strong Broad Oak side and secured a well-deserved victory to reach the semi-finals. There, they took on New Longton in a closely contested match, demonstrating outstanding fielding and batting skills to earn their place in the final.

In the final, we faced Whitefield, whose team included some exceptional Year 6 cricketers. Our children remained focused, showed great determination, and gave their absolute best from start to finish.

After a fantastic effort, they finished as runners-up overall – an outstanding achievement of which they should be extremely proud!

We are thrilled with the team's performance, commitment, and sportsmanship throughout the competition. A huge well done to all the children involved!

We would also like to extend our thanks to Prime Sports for their coaching and support, as well as their assistance with scoring on the day. Their encouragement and expertise were appreciated. 🏆👏🎯



Sports Kits

We have noticed that a number of PE event T-shirts and jumpers and other school sports kits 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.

God of all, guide us as we listen to you, so that we may grow in faith and love.
May we share that love with all people throughout the world.
Amen.

Chosen by the Mini Vinnies

Whole-School Attendance

This Week: 97.38%

Current academic year overall attendance: 96.6%

Target academic year overall attendance: 97%

Let's keep up the great effort together!

Week 1 lunches w/c 13th July

Wednesday 15th July All Day Sports Day

Thursday 16th July 8:30am Y3 Swimming

Friday 17th July 9:15am Y6 Leavers Assembly
1:30pm School Closes for Summer

Schools calendar can be found here:

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

Mini
Vinnies

Attendance
Update

Dates for
the diary

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).

Session Descriptions
Talkin' Tables - Chat, meet others and socialise. Join us on Fridays from 11am to 12pm
ME/CFS Peer Support Group - A support group for those with ME/CFS, hear from others with lived experience.
Co-production lab - Do you have an idea to share? Join or Co-pro labs to help develop new sessions.
FND Peer Support Group - Join us to share your experience around FND (Functional Neurological Disorder), listen to guest speakers.
Living With ADHD - In this session we will cover myths, facts and lived experience around ADHD
Pain Peer Support Group - A support group for those with long term pain conditions.
Gratitude & Joy - Learn what true gratitude is and how it can support wellbeing.
Breakthrough Recovery Chorley Group (Addiction Support Group) - CBT Lead group supporting addiction Recovery.
Navigating Autism For Parents And Carers - Learn more about support available and meet others with shared lived experience.
Books Beyond Words Book Club - Books Beyond Words, a UK leading charity for visual literacy supporting those with a learning disability.
Crafternoon - Join us for a free arts and crafts session, all materials are provided.

For more information about our sessions please visit;

<https://communityroots.membersarea.lscft.nhs.uk/our-sessions>

Or call the team on; 01772 695 365



Central & West



July 2026 Central & West Timetable



- Activity
- Belonging
- Choice
- Hope
- Self-Perception
- Wellbeing



SUMMER COACHING CAMPS



JOIN US AT PENWORTHAM PRIORY ACADEMY!!

SUMMER DATES

MON 20TH TO FRI 24TH OF JUL

MON 17TH TO FRI 21ST OF AUG

9AM - 3PM (WITH WRAP-AROUND AVAILABLE)

With a daily price of £20 a day, £75 for 4 days or £85 for 5 days.

Camps are run by experienced teachers, ex-professional players and coaches. We are proud of the safe, inclusive and challenging environment we have created within our camps, allowing all pupils to develop and learn.

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

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Book on here

<https://www.penworthamfootballacademy.co.uk/football-camps/>



Compass Bloom are offering online transition workshops for current Year 6 pupils moving to the following secondary schools:

All Hallows Catholic High School
Hutton Grammar School
Penwortham Girls High School
Penwortham Priory Academy

Please see the information poster for self-registration details.

Compass BLOOM

TRANSITION

MOVING UP TO HIGH SCHOOL

A supportive workshop focused on helping young people cope with worries and feel more ready for the move up to high school.

What We Cover

- Share our worries around moving up to high school.
- Reasons for worrying about change & how change can be exciting too!
- Coping strategies to help with any anxious feelings about moving up to high school.

MOVING UP TO HIGH SCHOOL



Transition Workshops

Supportive workshops to help children feel more confident and prepared for moving up to high school.

Group 1 : Thursdays: 23 July, 30 July & 6 August
Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Group 2 : Thursdays: 13 August, 20 August & 27 August
Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm



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