



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 4th September 2026

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a wonderful first week back at school and it has been a pleasure to see our classrooms and playground filled with smiling faces once again. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families and pupils who have joined our school community this term. We hope you already feel part of our school family, and we look forward to working together throughout the year ahead.

The children have settled into school routines exceptionally well and have returned with great enthusiasm for their learning. It has been fantastic to see such positive attitudes, excellent behaviour and a real eagerness to engage in new learning opportunities. Staff have been incredibly impressed with how quickly pupils have adapted back to school life and embraced the exciting challenges of the new academic year.

Over the next two weeks, we will be holding our Meet the Teacher events. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's class teacher, learn about expectations for the year ahead, and gain an insight into the curriculum and learning opportunities planned for each year group. We encourage all families to attend and look forward to welcoming you into school.

We are also delighted to share some fantastic news. Our school has been awarded the prestigious Platinum School Games Mark, recognising our ongoing commitment to physical education, school sport and promoting healthy, active lifestyles for all pupils. This is a tremendous achievement and reflects the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm shown by our entire school community. A special thank you must go to Mrs Dawson, who leads PE across the school and has worked tirelessly to provide high-quality sporting opportunities for our pupils. We would also like to thank our children for their participation and commitment, as well as the parents who contributed to our application.

We are excited for the term ahead and look forward to sharing many more successes and achievements with you in the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend!
Jillian Holmes

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: Meeting together in God's name.
- ❖ Letters home this week: Meet the Teacher Meetings: Letter Attached; Year 6 Tower Wood Residential Meeting: Letter Attached; Important: Confirmation of Allergy and Intolerance Information; iTRACK end of year reports New Logins; Young Voices 2027; Players Drama Classes at St Teresa's Friday After School; Reception New Starters Disco: Poster and Information Attached.

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.

Secondary and Primary online admissions are now open.

The deadline for applying for a school place for Secondary admissions is 31/10/2026 and Primary admissions is 15/1/2027.

Please note that you still need to complete the school supplementary form in addition to the online application. These are available from the school office or can be found on our website and need to be returned along with a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Stars of the week

These pupils will receive their awards at the Award Assembly on Friday 11th September at 9.00am.

RM	: H Essien	3J	: Z Young
R/1C	: E Young	3/4E	: I Clayden
1/2V	: I Shorrock	4A	: E Durkin
2B	: I Hawarden	5A	: T Yeulett & R Jones
		6I	: T Davies
FS/KS1	St. Teresa's Role Model	KS 2	St. Teresa's Role Model
	T Wright		T Walker

Online safety

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

Thursday Y5/6 Football Training

Friday Players Drama Club

PTFA News

♥ JOIN THE ST TERESA'S PTFA! ♥

We're looking for new members to join the St Teresa's Catholic Primary School PTFA team! 🐼

The PTFA is a great way to get involved in school life, meet other parents and carers, and help organise fun events and activities for our children. Every bit of help makes a difference!

Whether you can give a little or a lot of your time, we'd love to hear from you. You don't need any previous experience — just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved!

✉ Interested in joining or finding out more?

Please email us at:

✉ stteresaspfta@st-teresas-penwortham.lancs.sch.uk



Dates for the diary

Week 3 lunches w/c 7th September

Monday 7th 5:00pm Y5 Meet the Teacher
September

Wednesday 9th 5:00pm Y3, Y3/4 & Y4 Meet the Teacher
September

Thursday 10th 8:30am Y5 Swimming
September 5:00pm Y6 Meet the Teacher & Towerwood Meeting

Friday 11th 9:00am Award Assembly
September

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).



**Lancashire and
South Cumbria**
Integrated Care Board

New support for children and young people with neurodevelopmental needs

Families across Lancashire and South Cumbria are now able to access earlier support for children and young people with neurodevelopmental needs. The service, Neu Way Support, offers personalised advice, guidance and practical help based on need rather than diagnosis for families who are navigating concerns about autism, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental differences.

The service has been commissioned by Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) and will be delivered by Spring North in partnership with local community organisations that are specialists in supporting children, young people and families.

Families can self-refer at: <https://springnorth.org.uk/projects/neu-way-support/> or call 0300 365 5030.



**Neu Way Support NW**

Introducing Neu Way Support

Support for families of children and young people with neurodevelopmental needs

From 6 July, families across Lancashire and South Cumbria will be able to access Neu Way Support, a new service for families of children and young people aged 0-25 who may have autism, ADHD or other neurodevelopmental differences. The service is available based on need, which means you do not need a diagnosis to get support.

How can Neu Way Support help?

Neu Way Support can provide:

- Advice and guidance
- Information about local services and support
- Help to understand what support may be available for your child or young person
- Practical resources and tools
- Support to identify next steps and develop a personalised plan
- Signposting to community, education, health and voluntary sector services

Every family is different, so support will be tailored to your individual needs.

Who is the service for?

Neu Way Support is available for families of children and young people aged 0-25 who:

- Have concerns about autism, ADHD or other neurodevelopmental differences
- Are waiting for an assessment
- Have recently received a diagnosis
- Would benefit from information, advice or support to help navigate services

You do not need a diagnosis or to be on a waiting list to access support

How do I access the service?

Families can refer themselves directly or ask a professional to help them access support.

www.springnorth.org.uk/projects/neu-way-support
0300 365 5030

Building support for the future

Neu Way Support is part of a wider programme to improve support for children and young people with neurodevelopmental needs across Lancashire and South Cumbria. The service is being introduced in phases, with plans to continue developing and strengthening support for families over time.

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