



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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'Christ be in our heads, in our hearts and in our hands'

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had a lovely and meaningful week in school as we journeyed together through Holy Week. On Tuesday, pupils wore their own clothes to help raise money for CAFOD, and we were delighted to welcome Frances, a CAFOD volunteer, who came to speak with the children. She explained how the funds raised through our Big Lent Walk will support families in Bangladesh, particularly through the floating farm project. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we raised an impressive £337.20 which is enough to feed a farmer's family for an entire year. We are extremely proud of our pupils for showing such compassion and commitment.



In the afternoon, our Mini Vinnies set up prayer stations around the school. They planned and led thoughtful acts of worship based on the themes of Holy Week, guiding pupils through moments of reflection and prayer. Their hard work and leadership created a special and memorable experience for everyone.

Many thanks to W and T Wright's grandad, who kindly brought in beautifully handmade bird boxes and bat boxes for our church garden project. These will be a wonderful addition to the garden and will help attract more wildlife to the area.

Yesterday, we said goodbye to Mrs Devlin, who has been teaching in St. Martha's class. We are very grateful for all she has done for the children, and we wish her every success for the future. We are delighted that Mrs Farrington will be returning from her maternity leave and re-joining the Reception team after the Easter break.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed Easter. Please check the newsletter below for Mass times over the Easter period. School reopens on Monday 20th April.

Jillian Holmes

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme W/C 20th April: Road to Emmaus
- ❖ Letters home this week: Attendance Letter - Mrs Holmes; Reminder: Asthma Action Plans; Y3 Dodgeball Place Confirmation; Sword-Fencing Place Confirmation; Outstanding Dinner Money; St Teresa's Catholic Life Newsletter Spring 2026; Attendance Letters.
- ❖ **Break Time Activities.** Break Time short break activities provide a range of activities and groups for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities who meet the criteria to attend and who do not receive short breaks following a social care assessment of need. See link below for more information.
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do/break-time/>
- ❖ **HOUSPOINTS WINNERS - Southworth (Yellow House) are our house-point winners this half-term. Children in this house may wear their own clothes on Friday 24th April.**

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 24th April 2026 at 9.00am.

RM : J Muncaster
R/1C : A Steele
1/2V : K Kashiri
2B : J Walmsley

3J : L Lambert
3/4E : G Molloy
4A : M Molloy
5A : J Lemon
6I : J Lloyd

FS/KS1 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
J Ryan

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

Online safety

[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.

Monday Sword fencing (before school)

Thursday Y5/6 Tag Rugby

Friday Y3 SR Dodgeball

**Mini
Vinnies**

God of truth, we thank you for sending us your Son Jesus. Open our hearts so that we may welcome him in others and bring us together to make the world a fairer place.

Amen.

Chosen by the Mini Vinnies.

A big thank you to our parents and children for helping raise an amazing £337.20 for CAFOD through our Big Lent walk and our non-uniform day. This will go towards paying for enough floating gardens for a farmer to feed a family for a year. These innovative gardens allow communities to grow fresh food even in areas affected by flooding, improving both food security and livelihoods. In supporting this work, you are living out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, particularly Care for Creation and Solidarity, by helping to protect our common home and stand alongside communities in need. This is an amazing achievement.

**Attendance
Update**

Whole-School Attendance

This Week: 97.4%

Current academic year overall attendance: 96.8%

Target academic year overall attendance 97%

Let's keep up the great effort together!

**Dates for
the diary**

Week 1 lunches w/c 20th April – NEW MENU STARTS

Monday 20th April 8:40am School re-opens

Thursday 23rd April 8:30am Y3 swimming

Friday 24th April All Day Non-uniform for Southworth (yellow house)
9:00am Award assembly
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).

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday: normal Mass times.

At 9:30am & 11am Masses, Margaret Wright will lead Godly Play at Children's Church. This is a very engaging way for children to understand this very special week.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm followed by Watching until 9pm in St Mary Magdalen's Church

Good Friday: The Lord's Passion at 3pm in both churches

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter at 8pm in St Teresa's Church

Easter Sunday: Easter Day Masses at 9:30am in St Teresa's Church & 11am in St Mary Magdalen's Church



April 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	6 April 10am
School Anxiety	6 April 7pm
Facing Defiance	7 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Explained	13 April 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	13 April 7pm
Introduction to OCD	14 April 10am
What is ACT?	14 April 7pm
Decreasing Depression	20 April 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	20 April 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	21 April 7pm
FREE Decreasing Depression	23 April 7-8pm
Improving Family Communication	27 April 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	27 April 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	28 April 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 April 7pm

PARENT & CARER PEER SUPPORT

Supporting YOU to support your Young Person with their Mental Health, Wellbeing & Additional Needs.



Unit 2, Balfour Court
PR25 2TF



Duke St. Family Hub
PR7 3DU



Clayton Library
PR6 7EN



Email for link.

"Hearing other parent's journeys and things they have found helpful. A safe space to talk that is non-judgemental. I think it has been excellent".

For more information contact nikih@keycharity.org.uk



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South Ribble
MULTI
Sports



YEAR 4-9
CRICKET CAMP

Scan QR Code to book on

Or Text Dave on 07791723265



10am - 3pm



£30 for the day



All abilities welcome whether a beginner or experienced.



Friday 17th April



All Hallows Catholic High School



10am - 3pm



Equipment provided but can bring own



£30



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