



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 16th October 2026

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had another wonderful week in school. On Wednesday evening, we held our PTFA meeting and it was lovely to see so many new faces coming along and showing their support for our school.

The meeting marked an important moment for our PTFA, as the current committee stepped down from their roles as many of these members no longer have children attending the school. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to them for everything they have done over the last few years. Their commitment has made a real difference to our school and our children.

Thanks to their fantastic fundraising efforts, the PTFA has built up a significant pot of money which we can now use to further enhance the experiences we provide for our pupils. One area we are going to investigate is the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) approach, which could represent a significant investment, including training and resources. We are excited to explore whether this could further develop the quality of play and outdoor experiences for our children. [Home - Outdoor Play and Learning](#)

Alongside this, PTFA funds will continue to support enrichment opportunities for pupils, and each class has its own budget to purchase additional resources to enhance learning and experiences throughout the year.

We are also delighted to welcome our new PTFA committee:

Chair: Rebecca Benton

Vice-Chair: Hannah McCarthy

Treasurer: Christine Dowling

Secretary: Danielle Carruthers

A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take on these roles. We are very grateful for your support and look forward to working together to build on the fantastic work of our outgoing committee.

Thank you, as always, to all our families for supporting the PTFA and our school. Every contribution, whether through volunteering, attending events or supporting fundraising activities, helps us to provide even more opportunities for our children.

Have a lovely weekend!

Jillian Holmes

General News

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: The Question about Paying Taxes
- ❖ Letters home this week: All Hallows Supplementary Forms & Applying for High School Y6 Reminders; Autumn/Winter 26/27 Menu; Journey of Faith RCIA; Young Voices Tickets & T-Shirts; Dance Troup Auditions; Pride of the Playground; Digital Leader Computing Clubs Y2, Y3, Y5.

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.

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Stars of the week

These pupils will receive their awards at the Award Assembly on Friday 23rd October at 9.00am.

RM : R Seed
R/1C : H Mawson
1/2V : J Sale
2B : F Holden

3J : I Hitchen
3/4E : L McKenna
4A : L Lambert
5A : I Mawdsley & H McGreevy
6I : R Lyon & J Ashworth

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

KS 2 **St. Teresa's Role Model**
E Cookson

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.

Monday Y3/4 Gardening
Y5/6 Cake Decorating

Wednesday Y4 SR Dodgeball

Sports news

Y5/6 Girls Football

Another massive well done to all the girls that represented the school in their football tournament again yesterday. Another week of fixtures saw us win 3 games and draw 2, leaving us in a strong position going into the last game week of the league.

The girls were a credit to themselves, every single one of them working tirelessly; and most importantly working as a team. After playing some tough teams they rallied together and ended the games in style, with 3 wins in a row. They should all be proud of how much they've all improved, especially those who haven't played competitive football before. And to the girls who have, well done for helping and supporting your teammates throughout. You should all be very proud.

We'll go again next week, and have a final push to get the outcome we've been working for. 'Let's go St T's, let's go!' 📖 ⚽ 📖

Attendance Update

Whole-School Attendance

Last 5 days: 97.8%

Current academic year overall attendance: 97.9%

Target academic year overall attendance: 97%

Let's keep up the great effort together!

Dates for the diary

Week 3 lunches w/c 19th October

Tuesday 20 th October	7:50am	Young Voices
	9:30am	Open Day at St Teresa's - Morning Slot
	2:00pm	Open Day at St Teresa's - Afternoon Slot
Thursday 22 nd October	All Day	New Dinner Menu Choices Deadline
	8:30am	Y5 Swimming
Friday 23 rd October	9:00am	Award Assembly
	3:20pm	School Closes for Half Term

Schools calendar can be found here:

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

Autumn/
Winter
26/27
Dinner
Menu

The new school dinner menu for Autumn/Winter will launch after half term. Please see the below link for the new menu.

[Autumn/Winter 26/27 Dinner Menu](#)

If your child has school dinners please have these filled in with the new choices by **Thursday 22nd October**. The new menu will be starting week commencing **Monday 2nd November**, the week we return to school after half term. We will be starting on **WEEK 2**, so please be aware of this when choosing meals. The menu is highlighted with green, red or blue on each week to make it clear what each choice is.

Please aim to fill in your child's lunches for 3 weeks (up to and including **w/b 16th November 2026**)

Allergen information for the menu can be found here:

<https://lancsprimary.mysaffronportal.com/Menus>

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).



The poster for St Teresas Catholic Primary School's Open Day features the school's crest at the top left, which includes a shield with a cross and the letters 'S T'. To the right of the crest is the school's name, 'St Teresas Catholic Primary School', and a yellow speech bubble saying 'A warm welcome to our school!'. The main title 'OPEN DAY' is in large, bold, white letters on a dark blue background. Below this, it says 'Come and see what makes St Teresas Catholic Primary School special!'. The date and time are listed as 'Tuesday 20th October 2026' and '9:30am and 2pm'. There are two yellow speech bubbles indicating 'Headteacher talk at the start'. Below the date and time, there are four icons: a group of people (Meet our friendly staff), a star (Explore our lovely school), an open book (See our fantastic learning spaces), and a heart (Headteacher talk at the start of each time slot). At the bottom, there is a section for a virtual tour with the URL 'https://stteresaspennwortham.web07.juniperwebsites.co.uk/virtual-school-tour' and a yellow speech bubble saying 'No need to book! Just show up for the time you would like.' The bottom of the poster has a dark blue background with the text 'Christ be in our head, in our hearts and in our hands' and two yellow hearts.

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9:30am and 2pm

Headteacher talk at the start

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Meet our friendly staff

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See our fantastic learning spaces

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OPEN DAY - ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We warmly invite prospective families to come and visit St Teresa's Catholic Primary School and discover what makes our school so special! ❤️ ❤️

📅 Tuesday 20th October 2026

🕒 9:30am or 2:00pm

Come along to:

👋 Meet our friendly staff

★ Explore our lovely school

📖 See our fantastic learning spaces

❤️ Hear a welcome from our Headteacher at the start of each session

There's no need to book — simply come along at whichever time suits you best.

💻 Can't make it in person? Take a virtual tour of our school:

<https://stteresaspennwortham.web07.juniperwebsites.co.uk/virtual-school-tour>

We look forward to welcoming you and showing you around! 🏠 ➡️

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50 YEARS PTFC

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF PTFC

CALLING ALL YEAR 1 AND YEAR R

BRAND NEW SESSIONS on TUESDAYS in Penwortham, 6.00pm-7.00pm

Penwortham Town Football Club with Kick On Football Coaching

If your little star needs a club, wants smaller group sessions, professional coaching and to build confidence in their skills please get in touch.

Contact Dave on 07933 966383

WhatsApp or email

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