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 23rd October 2026

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

What a fantastic week it has been at school! Last Friday, our Players Drama Club put on a magnificent performance of Matilda. It was truly amazing and a wonderful showcase of the talent, enthusiasm of our pupils. What makes this achievement even more remarkable is that the production was rehearsed in just a few weeks through a one-hour-a-week after-school club, involving more than 70 pupils from Reception to Year 6. We are incredibly proud of every child who took part and would like to thank Rebecca (from Players) and her team who organised the production. Well done to all our amazing performers!

On Tuesday, we welcomed prospective families to our Open Day. It was lovely to meet so many parents and carers who were interested in finding out more about our school. Our School Ambassadors did an outstanding job, confidently sharing their experiences and speaking so positively about school life. They were excellent representatives of our school community, and all the pupils involved were brilliant.

On Wednesday, our School Council, supported by Miss Jackson, led a special assembly to present our Pride of the Playground Awards. These awards were nominated by pupils for their peers and recognised children who have demonstrated kindness and consideration towards others, such as helping younger pupils, including others in games, and taking pride in our school environment by picking up litter. The School Council worked incredibly hard to sort through the nominations and select the award winners. Congratulations to all of our deserving recipients, and thank you to everyone who was nominated for making our school such a caring and supportive place to be.

I wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Jillian Holmes.

General News

- Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: The Feast of All Saints
- Letters home this week: Oct 2026 School Health Newsletter - Mrs Satloka; Y2 SR Targets Club; New School Dinner Menu Reminder; PTFA UV Disco - Tickets on ScoPay; Tempest Photography - Individual & Family Photos; Y5/6 Cake Decorating Club Nov-Dec; Poppy Appeal - Items to Purchase After Half Term; Y2 Target Club Confirmation of Place; Y/5 Mixed Football Extra Session.

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 6th November at 9.00am.

RM	:	C McKinlay	3J	:	R Nash
R/1C	:	I Chamberlain	3/4E	:	J Walmsley
1/2V	:	A Durkin	4A	:	J Murphy
2B	:	L Hills	5A	:	T Chukwuma & O Salisbury
			6I	:	E Bullough & O Garner

FS/KS1 **St. Teresa's Role Model** S Rooney

KS 2 **St. Teresa's Role Model** O Chesworth-Dawber

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	Y5/6 Cake Decorating
Tuesday	Mad Science Dance Competition Rehearsals
Wednesday	Y4 SR Dodgeball
Thursday	Y2 SR Target

Sports news

Y5/6 Girls Football

A Massive well done to all the girls on winning the year 5 and 6 girls football tournament. A tremendous set of performances seeing us go unbeaten, winning 13 games and drawing 2. Every single one of the girls should be extremely proud.

They've done nothing but improve week on week, growing as individuals and as a team. A few tough final games against 2nd and 3rd place secured the victory, in which every single player worked their absolute hardest, played confidently and won respectfully.

Another huge well done to all of them, see you all at the finals!

Attendance Update

Whole-School Attendance

Last 5 days 16 Oct to 22 Oct : 96.2%
Current academic year overall attendance: 97.7%
Target academic year overall attendance: 97%

PTFA News

Dates for the diary

Week 2 lunches w/c 2nd November

NEW DINNER MENU STARTS THIS WEEK

Monday 2nd November	8:40am	School Re-opens
Tuesday 3rd November	7:50am	Young Voices
Thursday 5th November	8:30am	Y5 Swimming
Friday 6th November	9:00am	Award Assembly

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).