



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 20th March 2026

Head Teacher Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had a wonderful week in school. On Tuesday and Friday, we were delighted to welcome storyteller Dan Worsley, who led a series of lively and engaging workshops for our pupils. The children were captivated by his imaginative stories and animated delivery and many said it was one of the highlights of their week. His visit truly inspired them to bring more expression and creativity into their own writing.



As part of their R.E. topic Desert to Garden, our Year 5 class have been learning about the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. This week, they focused on Almsgiving and, on Wednesday, welcomed volunteers from Mary's Meals - a global charity that provides daily school meals to children in some of the world's poorest communities. The volunteers explained how their work reflects CAFOD's Catholic Social Teaching by promoting dignity, supporting the poor and vulnerable, and encouraging solidarity with others around the world.



General News

Also on Wednesday, a huge well done to our athletics team, who represented South Ribble in the Lancashire Indoor Athletics Championships after earning their place as district champions. Competing against 15 other schools, our talented athletes demonstrated fantastic determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event. We are incredibly proud to share that they finished 5th overall — an outstanding achievement at such a competitive level. Well done to all involved!

Yesterday, we were also pleased to welcome ladies from our parish community, who kindly came into school to support the Lower Juniors with their DT sewing projects. They will be joining us over the next few weeks to continue helping the children develop their sewing skills.

Have a lovely weekend!

Jillian Holmes

- ❖ Prayer and Liturgy Theme Next Week: The death of Lazarus
- ❖ Letters home this week: Holy Communion Programme; Y5/6 Tag Rugby Confirmation of Places; Staffing Update - Reception St Martha; School Dinner Choices Reminder; Summer 2026 Toast Deadline.

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.

Fidgets and Trading Card Reminder

A gentle reminder to parents and carers that pupils should not bring toys or fidgets into school. Regulation tools are provided within each classroom, so children do not need to bring their own items from home.



Trading cards, such as Pokémon or football cards, are only permitted on days when your child attends a collectors' club.

Thank you for your support.



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 Mixed Tag Rugby

Friday Y1 Multi Skills

Lancashire County Indoor Athletics Finals

On Wednesday, our pupils travelled to Stanley Park for the Lancashire County Indoor Athletics Finals. Having recently been crowned South Ribble champions, they proudly represented the district against 15 of the best teams from across Lancashire in a range of track and field events. The atmosphere was electric from the outset.



While excitement was high, there were understandably a few nerves too—but these quickly turned into determination as the competition began. Our pupils demonstrated outstanding skill and commitment in their individual events, while also working brilliantly together in the relay races. What stood out most was their teamwork and sportsmanship. They supported and encouraged one another throughout the day, proving themselves to be exceptional ambassadors for our school in every respect.



We are delighted to share that we finished in a very respectable 5th place—an improvement of two positions from last year. Simply qualifying for this event is a testament to the talent and dedication of our pupils, and to finish 5th in Lancashire is an achievement we are incredibly proud of!

A huge thank you to all the supporters who came along to cheer on the team—your encouragement made a real difference. We would also like to thank Prime Sports for their excellent coaching over recent months. The pupils were well-prepared and ready to perform at their very best! Let's go St T's, let's go!



Football Fixture

On Thursday evening, a team of eight Year 5 and 6 boys travelled to face Our Lady & St Gerard's in an away fixture. The team played some excellent football, showcasing superb ball control, skill, and great sportsmanship throughout the match.

It was a closely contested game, with both sides battling hard for the win.

Fortunately, our team managed to maintain their lead, securing a well-earned 3-2 victory.

The boys were delighted to be awarded the Williams Cup, which they will proudly hold until the next round is played. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of their effort, teamwork, and determination—well done to all involved!

A big thank you to Simon Williams and Prime Sports for organising the fixture.



Mini
Vinnies

Dear Lord,

Being humble is to not take things for granted such as clean clothes, clean water and filling food because many people in the world take this as a blessing.

We thank those people who recognise what has happened to us and praise us.

Thank you for being there for us and providing us with what we need.

Amen.

Written by Harriet, Ella and Felicity

Whole-School Attendance

This Week: 98.2%

Current academic year overall attendance: 96.8%

Target academic year overall attendance: 97%

Let's keep up the great effort together!

Attendance
Update

**Dates for
the diary**

Week 3 lunches w/c 23rd March

Monday 23 rd March	All Day	Deadline to consent to Y3 Swimming
	All Day	Deadline to pay for 2026 Summer Toast
	9:00am	Y2 Synagogue Trip
Tuesday 24 th March	9:30am	Y5 Hindu Temple Trip
Thursday 26 th March	8:30am	Y4 Swimming
Friday 27 th March	9:30am	Tinies morning session
	10:00am	Whole school mass
	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

SCHOOL'S OUT ST TERESA'S

EASTER HALF TERM

HALF TERM
TUESDAY 7TH
WEDNESDAY 8TH
THURSDAY 9TH
FRIDAY 10TH
MONDAY 13TH
TUESDAY 14TH
WEDNESDAY 15TH
THURSDAY 16TH
FRIDAY 17TH

OPEN 7.30-6 PM



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Lots planned for eggciting
holiday club!

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