



# ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEPTEMBER 2023



### St Teresa's School Mission Statement

We see the light of Jesus in the eyes of those we work, play and pray with every day. We give thanks to God for our wonderful family. Like St Teresa, we always try to do the little things well.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you are feeling well rested after the Summer holidays. It is wonderful to see everyone looking so refreshed and excited at the prospect of another year of learning here at St. Teresa's.

I wish all our pupils, staff, governors and parents a very happy and rewarding year ahead filled with God's many gifts and blessings for our school community.

We extend a very special welcome to our new pupils and parents. We look forward to working in partnership with you in the education of your child.

Please find below our Year 6 SATS results for last academic year. Thank you to Mr Dickie, Mrs Lambert, Miss Morris-Oldfield and Mrs Smith who did a wonderful job preparing the children. As you can see from the table below our results were outstanding.

### Year 6 SATS Results - 2023

#### RESULTS

	Expected		Greater Depth	
	School	National	School	National
<b>Reading</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>Writing</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>SPAG</b>	<b>98.3%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>71.2%</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>Maths</b>	<b>98.3%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>58.3%</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>RWM</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>TBC</b>

### Staffing 2023/24

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher

Leader of KS1/EYFS

Assistant Head and Leader of KS2

SENCO

Mrs Glynne-Jones

Mrs Green

Miss Gee

Mr Dickie

Mrs Hewlett

### Class Arrangements – September 2023

<b>Foundation</b>	Miss McKay	FMM (Butterflies)	Mrs McKinnon/ Mrs Andrews	FMA (Busy Bees)
<b>Year 1</b>	Miss Cowley	1RC	Miss Gibbons	1KG
<b>Year 2</b>	Mrs James	2IJ	Miss Ball	2HB
<b>Year 3</b>	Mrs Sinclair/ Mr Balchin	3SB	Miss Baker	3EB
<b>Year 4</b>	Miss Macdonald	4KM	Miss Uppal	4YU
<b>Year 5</b>	Mrs Kenworthy	5HK	Miss Morris-Oldfield	5SM
<b>Year 6</b>	Mr Dickie	6SD	Mrs Lambert	6KL

### Communication

If you have any queries or concerns about school life please make contact, in the first instance, with your child's class teacher who will always try to help you. The school diaries are the best method of passing on messages/notes to the class teachers as these are checked daily. Staff from each phase are also available first thing in the morning so that you are able to pass on quick messages to them. Teachers are available after school, if you wish to have a quick word. If you need to arrange a meeting, please make an appointment through the school office. If you have a concern about your child or any aspect of their education this is the procedure you need to follow:

- **Class Teacher** - Firstly, make an appointment to speak with the child's class teacher and book a follow up appointment where required.
- **Key Stage Leader** - Following this if your problem has not been resolved, you need to contact the school office to make an appointment to speak with the Key Stage Leader.
- **Senior Leader** - If you still have a concern a meeting will be arranged with Mrs Green or Miss Gee.
- **Headteacher** - If a more formal approach is then required a meeting with Mrs Glynne-Jones will be arranged.

## School Procedures

Punctuality is very important, getting the children into good habits at the start of the term is essential. Please ensure that your child arrives no later than 8.55am and is collected promptly at the end of the day by 3.15pm. The gates are locked soon after this time so you need to report to the office to arrange collection.

All lateness at the beginning and end of the day is recorded and monitored. Please refer to the attendance policy on the school website if you require further information.

## Correspondence

Please check your child's book bag and Home School Diary each day. This will contain details of what books your child is reading, homework, and other bits of useful information. We hope that the diary will give you an insight into what your child is doing in school and act as a form of two-way communication between home and school. We would be grateful if you could check and sign your child's diary each week as well as recording details of activities completed at home e.g. daily reading, spelling practice. The school website [www.stteresasprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.stteresasprimaryschool.co.uk) is updated regularly with the latest information, photographs, events, etc. The school calendar and latest newsletters can also be found there.

If you need to contact the school then please do so by telephone or by sending a message through the Arbor parent app. Please refrain from using email as this is not school policy and we cannot guarantee that your email will be seen and read. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have not yet activated your Parent Arbor app or are having difficulty please speak to a member of office staff.

## PE KITS

Pupils will continue to come to school in their PE kits and wear this for the whole day.

The current school PE kit is a plain white t-shirt and plain black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms (no logos or brands). Children will need to wear their school jumper or cardigan and plimsoles or sensible sport trainers.

PE lessons will take place on the following days.

<b>EYFS</b>	Friday
<b>Year 1</b>	Tuesday
<b>Year 2</b>	Monday
<b>Year 3</b>	Friday (swimming)
<b>Year 4</b>	Wednesday
<b>Year 5</b>	Thursday
<b>Year 6</b>	Friday

## Events



### Religious Education and Catholic Life

#### First school Mass of the Year

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am in St Teresa's school hall, all parents welcome.

#### Feast Day of St Teresa

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am in St Teresa's school hall, all parents welcome. Please could all children bring a yellow flower into school to honour Our Patron Saint.

#### Day of Peace

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. This will be a time to remember in our prayers those who have died in conflict and consider ways in which we can be a peacemaker.

#### Other Faith's Week

Week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November is Other Faith's Week. Every year group will explore a different faith and discuss the different traditions and celebrations within their allocated Faith.

#### Anti-bullying week

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November is National Anti-Bullying Week. We will remember that Jesus called us all to live in harmony with

### Advent Mass and retreat day

each other and consider ways in which we can build bridges when this goes wrong.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am in St Teresa's school hall, all parents welcome.

### Class liturgical prayer workshop

As part of our Collective Worship provision at St Teresa's, pupil leadership of liturgical prayer is of high importance. We come together as a whole school, key stages and year groups throughout each week. All classes have the opportunity to plan and lead their class liturgical prayer to provide some reflective time during the busy school week to gather together and bring the message of scripture into focus.

We would like to invite parents and carers into school for a liturgical prayer open afternoon for each class. This will provide you with a good understanding of how we plan, prepare and lead liturgical prayer and the importance of scripture at the heart of all we do. Details of all class liturgies can be found below.

EYFS	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	2.30pm
Year 1	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm
Year 2	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm
Year 3	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm
Year 4	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	2.30pm
Year 5	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	2.30pm
Year 6	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	2.30pm

### School Photographer

The School Photographer will be in school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September for individual and siblings (in school) photographs. All pupils to wear school uniform. Please note, on this day children in EYFS, Year 3 and Year 6 should come into school wearing their school uniform, NOT their PE kit. Children in EYFS and Year 6 will not need their PE kit on this day however, children in Year 3 will need to bring their swimming costume and towel in a separate bag.



### E-Safety Parents Workshop

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm, there will be an E-safety workshop for parents. The workshop will include practical advice, links to resources and where you can find help with keeping your children safe on-line. This will take place in the school hall. All welcome.

### Meet the Teacher

Please come and meet your child's class teacher on the dates below. You will find out about your child's daily routine, the curriculum they'll follow and key learning points for the year. There will be lots of top tips on how to support your child's learning at home and useful resources available to parents.

Foundation	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	2.40pm
Year 1	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	2.40pm
Year 2	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	2.40pm
Year 3	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	2.40pm
Year 4	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	2.40pm
Year 5	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	2.40pm
Year 6	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	2.40pm

### Parents Evening

Our next Parents Consultation Evenings are:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - 3.30pm – 6.00pm by appointment only

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October - 3.30pm – 6.00pm by appointment only

You will receive a link through the Arbor parent app to book your appointment.

Teachers will be available to discuss your child's progress and targets and the classrooms will be open for you to view the children's work. These meetings are for parents only. Please ensure your child is collected as normal at the end of the school day. Please note that we cannot accommodate pupils from Trinity School on Parents' Evening. Please make alternative arrangements. Thank you.

## Whole School Cake Sale Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September



We will be holding a cake sale on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, Year 6 and Year 2 will be organising this fundraising activity which will be supporting Emmanuel House.

We would be very grateful for any cake donations to be brought into school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure your child has a maximum of £1 to spend at this event. Many thanks for your support.

## Year 6 Visit to the Briars

A reminder that the Year 6 visit to the Briars is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022. There will be a briefing for parents and carers on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm in the school hall.

## Choral Speaking

We teach choral Speaking to improve confidence, vocabulary, speaking skills and to develop a love of literature. To share the work that the children do we would like to invite you to Our Choral Speaking event which will be held on the dates below in school.

<b>Year 3</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am
<b>EYFS &amp; Year 1</b>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am
<b>Year 2</b>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am
<b>Year 4 &amp; Year 5</b>	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am
<b>Year 6</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am

## Foundation Afternoon Tea

We would like invite the parents of the children in the Foundation Stage parents to Afternoon Tea on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 2.15pm in the School Hall. This is an opportunity for the children to spend time with their parents sharing some of the games, stories and songs that the children experience at school. All foundation parents welcome.



## Grandparents Day

We would like to invite all of our year 2 Grandparents into school on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 9.00am to 10.30am. This will be an opportunity for Grandparents to take part in lessons and activities throughout the morning and to experience a morning at St. Teresa's School.

## INSET DAYS

Please make note of the following INSET Days

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Summer term ends on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

## Uniform

Please can we remind you of school policy on shoes:

Slip on shoes and fashion shoes are unsafe and are **NOT** part of our school uniform.

School Uniform is compulsory and consists of:

### GIRLS

#### Winter

Brown skirt or pinafore dress

White blouse

School tie

Brown cardigan

White socks or black or brown tights

Black school shoes with laces or straps

NO branding visible



### BOYS

#### All year round

Grey trousers – long or short

White shirt (no polo shirts)

School tie

Brown jumper (no sweatshirts)

Black or grey socks

Black school shoes with laces or straps

NO branding visible



## Hairstyles

We ask that parents be reminded of the school's expectations regarding hairstyles in line with our Uniform Policy:

- Hair should be one natural colour, no hair dye.
- The style should be appropriate for school; hair should not obstruct pupils' vision.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- Boys' hair should be no shorter than **Grade 2**.
- Tramlines, patterns and sculpting are not allowed
- Coloured extensions and beads are not allowed
- Natural hair coloured extensions of a reasonable length need to be tied back.

If policy is not followed, parents will be contacted and arrangements made for school child to stay in at play/lunchtime/ not represent the school at any events or attend after school activities.

- **Please label all items of uniform**
- Please note – fashion bows are not allowed
- Jewellery, particularly earrings are not allowed. Watches are allowed (but only simple analogue)



## Administration of School Medicines

Long-term medication – arrangements can be made for medicines to be administered in school. Please make an appointment to see the relevant member of staff.

Short-term prescription medication – Please speak to your doctor about prescribing medication that can be taken outside of school hours. Non-prescribed medication cannot be administered in school. Please make arrangements for yourself or a nominated person to visit the school to administer this medicine.

## Illness

If your child is ill, please notify the school as early as possible. **Pupils who have been sick or who have diarrhoea should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout.** If a child becomes ill during school, they should be collected as soon as possible. Therefore, it is vital that we have up-to-date information of telephone numbers including home, work and mobile numbers to enable us to contact you in an emergency.



## Disability Equality

If you have any special requirements regarding disability access at any of our school events, please let us know.

## Facebook

We are aware that many parents use social networks such as Facebook to communicate with friends and family. Please may I remind you that if inappropriate remarks about the school or staff are posted, legal advice will be taken on behalf of the school. This is a very serious issue and will be treated as such. The legal age to have a Facebook account is 14 so we don't expect any child in our school to have access to this or any other social network forum.

## Rainbows Bereavement Support

Has your child suffered a loss or bereavement and needs some emotional support?

The Rainbows programmes provide an emotionally safe environment for children and young people to guide them through grieving a significant and often devastating loss, resulting from the impact of a death, relationship breakdown or other serious change in their lives.

The Rainbows Programmes provide a safe setting for children and young people to talk through their feelings with others who are experiencing similar situations. They are helped to articulate their feelings by a trained adult facilitator whom they know and trust. **Confidentiality, which is at the heart of all Rainbows Programmes, is kept at all**

**times unless a child or young person is at risk, in which case the school's safeguarding procedures are followed.**

If you feel you would like your child to have this additional support after school please contact the school office who will then give you a form to complete, this will then be passed onto Mrs Green. If Rainbows is oversubscribed a range of factors will be considered to allocate places.

**All enquiries need to be made by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.**

### **Midday Supervisor Vacancies**

Would you be interested in joining our lunchtime team? You would be looking after our wonderful children in the dining room and playground to ensure they remain safe and well. We are looking for people who can commit to regular hours and people who can work on a flexible basis, at least once in a three-month period. In-line with safeguarding, all our staff are subject to pre-employment checks, which includes a DBS check and required to carry out on-going training modules when required.

If you are interested in joining our lunchtime team, please follow this link to make an application

<https://tinyurl.com/2s434cj4>

Yours sincerely,

**A. Glynne-Jones (Mrs)**  
**Headteacher**