



# ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER 2024




### 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 beginning of a very busy half term.

### Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year so far is **96.8%**. Thank you for all your support in getting the children to school on time ready for the day ahead. It is important for your child to be on time and prepared for their school day. Please see individual class attendance below.

Class FHD	97.8%	Class FLD	96.8%
Class 1RC	95.9%	Class 1KG	97.8%
Class 2HB	95.8%	Class 2JB	96.3%
Class 3MM	96.5%	Class 3CC	96.1%
Class 4YU	97.1%	Class 4RB	98.2% 
Class 5SD	96.8%	Class 5JS	96.8%
Class 6KL	95.2%	Class 6KM	98.0%

### Lateness

Punctuality is very important, 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 these times, so you need to report to the office to arrange collection. Lateness causes extra work for staff and unnecessary upset to your child, 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.

### Catholic Life of the School

As November is the month of the Holy Souls, we are praying for people we know that have died. Please send into school the names of any family members or friends who you would like us to pray for during November. These names will be added to the class prayer table to pray for during this time.

### Remembrance and Peace Day

This term, we look forward to our whole school Remembrance and Peace Day event on the Monday 11th November and remember those who have lost their lives in historical and current conflicts around the world. We will reflect on peace makers who are role models for us and how we can follow their example in our lives.

We would like to honour the contributions and sacrifices of those who have served or are serving in the armed forces. To make this event meaningful for our children, we invite you to send in a photo of a family member or friend who has or is currently serving in the armed forces, which we will display during the assembly.



As we look forward to Advent, we are reminded to wait patiently for things in our lives. We will share our Advent Retreat Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, with a focus on the Bishop's theme of 'Encounter'. We will start this day with our Advent Mass in school at 9.30am. All welcome.

### Other Faiths Week

This will start on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, we will be exploring and sharing Other Faiths in school. All classes will be learning about Judaism and have the opportunity to explore traditions and celebrations within this religion. On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Year 4, 5 and 6 will participate in the workshop, 'Sacred Spaces', led by the Jewish Museum, London. This will explore the importance and significance of the Synagogue, and routines and traditions of prayer in Judaism.

## 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 30 <sup>th</sup> April	2.30pm
Year 1	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm
Year 2	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm
Year 3	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm
Year 5	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm
Year 6	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	2.30pm

## Reverse Advent Calendar

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November is the start of our reverse advent calendar, this will kick-off with a 'Cereal Box Domino Rally'. Please could the children bring an unopened box of cereal that we will use in our domino rally and then donate to the local food bank. During advent instead of taking something from a calendar each day, we would like the children to bring a packaged food item to add to their class advent calendar. This needs to be non-perishable food (not fresh), items like pasta, jars, tins, rice, tea and coffee. This will then be donated to the food bank at St Margaret's Church in Aspley. This has always been a very successful event for our school and greatly appreciated by the food bank. Please encourage the children to think about how we are giving to others during this special time of year.

## Sponsor a Lantern

Our 'sponsor a lantern' event was so well received in our community in previous years that we would like to share this opportunity again to remember those who have passed away or for your own prayer intention. We will set up a focus tree outside the school and add lanterns to this to share the light of Jesus in our school community. If you would like to sponsor a lantern and pray for someone in particular, please return the sponsorship form, attached to this letter, with your chosen donation in an envelope. Alternatively, you can donate through the Arbor Parent App. All money raised will be donated to Mission Together.

## Cake Sale

A big thank you to our school community who donated lots of lovely cakes for our cake sales that took place last term. I am pleased to confirm that we raised £264.02 for Missio. Thank you as always for your ongoing support.



## Anti-Bullying Week



This year's Anti-Bullying Week has the theme 'Make A Noise' and will take place from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, with the theme: Choose Respect. Odd Socks Day will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Children can wear odd socks (with their school uniform) to celebrate what makes us all unique. (no cost). Throughout the week, children will be looking at; what bullying is, how it affects people and what we can do to help. They will be taking part in assemblies, looking at e-safety and how to stay safe online.

## BBC Children in Need

To support Children in Need on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, we are asking children to pay £1 to come to school in their own clothes. Year 6 are currently selling raffle tickets for 20p each - the prizes include Pudsey headbands and some chocolate. Thank you for your support with this fundraising event. Why not wear your Pudsey merchandise too!



## TT Rockstars

We're celebrating Maths Week England by taking part in a friendly times-tables (and division) competition. The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November to 19:30 GMT Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. It's all done online via [play.ttrockstars.com](http://play.ttrockstars.com).



Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average - the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit. Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

## School Photographer



The School Photographer will be in school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November for individual and siblings (in school) photographs. All pupils to wear school uniform. Please note, on this day children in Year 5 should come into school wearing their school uniform, NOT their PE kit.

## Grandparent's Day

We would like to invite all of our Year 2 Grandparents into school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</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.



## Christmas Assemblies

Foundation	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 1	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 2	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 3	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 4	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 5	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December



All the Christmas assemblies will start at 9.15am and take place in the school hall. Refreshments will be served beforehand and the PTA will be selling Christmas crafts – so please remember to bring some cash to purchase these gifts. All parents welcome.

## Violin

Our budding Violinists will perform a concert on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm. All Parents welcome.



## Dance Performance

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm our school dancers will be performing their new routine. This will give them the opportunity to showcase their performance before the Big Dance Off show next year. All parents of the dancers are welcome to attend.

## Pantomime Visit

To thank the children for all their hard work and success we are treating them to a visit to the Pantomime. Years 2 to 6 will be visiting the Nottingham Playhouse on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December to watch 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Pupils in EYFS and Year 1 will be visiting Lakeside on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December to see 'The Storm Whale'.

The school will be covering the cost of the pantomime tickets, and we are extremely grateful to the PTA who will be covering the cost of the transport, which is £1,700.

## Whole School Christmas Dinner

We invite all our children to join the staff in our whole school Christmas Dinner celebration on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. You will soon receive details of how to order your child's Christmas Dinner. The children can wear their Christmas Jumpers with their school uniform on this day.



### **After-School Clubs**

Our extra-curricular clubs will finish w/e Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Please can we remind parents that children need to be collected on time. If children are collected late on two occasions they will not be able to attend their Club for the remainder of the term.

### **Eco Team**

Our school eco-team will be holding a 'Reuse and Recycle' Christmas jumper shop. Please bring any old or unwanted Christmas jumpers to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for the Eco-Team to sell after school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Admission to Infant/Primary Education**

The admissions process for entry into Foundation Year September 2025 has begun. If your child will be 5 during the academic year September 2025 to August 2026 you will need to be making an application at this time. Please ensure you also complete a Supplementary Form with details of your faith and provide a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. The closing date for all applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Any applications submitted after this date will be classed as late. This could mean your child may not get a place.

St Teresa's will be open for prospective families to visit and have a look around the school before they submit their application. This will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November between 9.30am until 11.00am by appointment only. Please call the school office on 0115 9155762 to book your place.

### **Winter Weather**

As the weather gets colder please ensure your child has a suitable winter coat, scarf, gloves, etc as learning takes place inside and outside. All children should now be wearing their winter uniforms. May I remind you that all uniform should be clearly marked with your child's name. If your child wears boots to walk to school they must bring school shoes to change into.



Should we need to close the school in the event of bad weather, please listen to local radio where timely updates will be given. [www.bbc.co.uk/radionottingham](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radionottingham)

Messages will also be sent through the Arbor app.

### **Early Closure on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Due to the last day of term being so late this year, school will close at 12.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, after lunch. All children will need to be collected promptly at this time following the usual end of day dismissal procedures.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely,

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

Headteacher