



ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas 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 to our Christmas Newsletter. It has been a very busy and successful term so far and we have much to celebrate.

Catholic Life in School

Thank you to Father Victor and Year 6 who led our Advent Mass in school on Thursday 5th December, this was a lovely start to our advent celebrations.



Nottingham Schools' Singing Programme

On Wednesday 4th December our Year 3 and 4 children performed at the Christmas Carol Service held in the Cathedral. This was a wonderful evening; Father Simon Gillespie led us in prayer, the children sang their ensemble and solo pieces beautifully and we heard the nativity story read from the Bible. Thank you to all the staff, pupils and parents who helped the children prepare for this fantastic event. We look forward to working with Mr Treloar again in the new year.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to everyone who donated a box of cereal for our 'Cereal Box Domino Rally'. This was a huge success and pupils and staff enjoyed this activity, which launched the start of our Reverse Advent Calendar.

During Advent, instead of taking something from a calendar each day, we have been bringing food and toiletry items into school to add to our class advent calendar. A huge thank you for all the wonderful donations that have been received. The volunteers came from St Margarets food bank on Monday 16th December to collect the items. They were extremely grateful for the generosity of our school community, and it has given the children the opportunity to think about giving to others during this special time of year.



Sponsor a Lantern

A huge thank you to all the families and members of our school community who have donated to our 'sponsor a lantern' fundraising event. The lanterns look beautiful displayed in the tree, I hope you have had a chance to appreciate them. Each lantern represents a prayer intention from our school community. Donations can be made through the Arbor parent app in the school shop. All money raised will be donated to Mission Together.

New Year Mass

We will celebrate our first Mass of the Year in St Teresa's school hall on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 9.30am. This will be led by our Year 2 children. All welcome.

Jubilee Year 2025

The Jubilee Year 2025 will be a whole year of Discipleship, looking at some of the themes of the Year including care for creation, food poverty, modern slavery, cancelling debt, forgiveness, and rest & worship. The school launch day will be Friday 24th January.

Upcoming Events

Pupils who are part of our dance group from Year 3, 4, 6 and 6 will be performing in a dance show on Wednesday 18th December at 2.30pm in the school hall. All parents welcome.



Parent Maths Workshops

Our class teachers will be holding Maths Workshops for Parents and Carers to help support your child's learning at home. These will be delivered in school; the dates and times are given below.

Monday 13 th January	Foundation	2.30pm	Tuesday 14 th January	Year 1	2.30pm
Wednesday 15 th January	Year 2	2.30pm	Thursday 16 th January	Year 3	2.30pm
Friday 17 th January	Year 4	2.30pm	Monday 20 th January	Year 5	2.30pm
Tuesday 21 st January	Year 6	2.30pm			

Year 6 Parents SAT's meeting

A SAT's meeting will be held for parents on Tuesday 21st January at 3.20pm in the school hall. Staff will share information about preparing for SAT's, what we are doing in school, what you can do to help at home and run through the structure of SAT's week, Monday 12th May 2025 - Thursday 15th May 2025.

Accelerated Reader

Please use the link below to find books from the library and from home that match your child's ZPD on accelerated reader. The children can quiz on any of the books they read, not just the books in school.

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/default.aspx>

Admission to Infant/Primary Education - September 2025

For those who have children due to start Foundation class in September 2025, please be reminded that the closing date for applications is 15th January. Please complete your application on-line via the Nottingham City Council's website. Ensure you submit the Supplementary Form and a copy of your child's Baptism certificate directly to the school before the 15th January 2025.

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

Messages will also be sent through the Arbor app.

Early Closure on Friday 20th December

Please be reminded that school will close at 12.30pm on Friday 20th December, after lunch. All children will need to be collected promptly at this time following the usual end of day dismissal procedures.

School will re-open on Monday 6th January 2025.

Finally

As we come to the end of term, it's important to reflect upon the hard work and effort that has taken place this academic year. I would like to thank all children, staff and parents for your continued support in making St. Teresa's the wonderful school it is!

On behalf of all the Staff and Governors, we wish all our parents and children a wonderful Christmas break; we hope you have a peaceful and happy Christmas that truly celebrates the birth of Christ.



Yours sincerely,

A. Glynne-Jones (Mrs)
Headteacher