



ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2025



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,

A very warm welcome to our first Spring term, school newsletter.

Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year so far is **96.2%**. 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	95.9%	Class FLD	94.6%
Class 1RC	96.5%	Class 1KG	97.5%
Class 2HB	97.1%	Class 2JB	96.5%
Class 3CC	96.6%	Class 3MM	96.7%
Class 4YU	97.2%	Class 4RB	97.6%
Class 5JS	97.7% 	Class 5SD	96.5%
Class 6KL	96.2%	Class 6KM	97.3%

We welcome our new Attendance Officer, Mrs Welsh who has recently joined St Teresa's. She'll be in school on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning.

Catholic Life – School Update

Thank you to all the parents who attended our New Year Celebration of the Word on Tuesday 21st January. Well done to Year 2 who led the celebration so beautifully to start off our Jubilee year.



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 was on Friday 24th January.

Lent Preparations



This year, Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday 5th March. It marks the beginning of the season of Lent. During this time, we remember that Jesus spent 40 day and 40 nights in the desert to prepare himself for the ultimate sacrifice on Good Friday. How can we show sacrifice in our lives? How can we follow in the footsteps of Jesus? In the final week of term, all classes will attend Stations of the Cross in St Teresa's church. You are welcome to join us for our Lent Mass on Friday 21st March at 9.30am in the school hall. All welcome.

During Lent, our whole school will be raising money for Cafod through the class challenges, more information to follow. Thank you in advance for your generosity and supporting the children to raise money for the vital work Cafod carries out.

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 th April	2.30pm
Year 1	Wednesday 12 th March	2.30pm
Year 2	Wednesday 18 th June	2.30pm
Year 3	Wednesday 7 th May	2.30pm
Year 5	Wednesday 29 th January	2.30pm

Sponsor a Lantern

A huge thank you for all your donations for our 'Sponsor a Lantern' fundraising event. We raised a total of £98.64 that has been donated to Mission Together. Thank you so much for your generosity and prayers.

Upcoming Events – Please note dates and times

Whole School Cake Sale Thursday 30th January

We will be holding a cake sale on Thursday 30th January, led by Year 1 and Year 4. We would be very grateful for any cake donations to be brought into school by Wednesday 29th January. Please ensure your child has a maximum of £1 to spend at this event. All money raised will be donated to CAFOD.



Women in Science Day



On Wednesday 12th February, we will celebrate Women In Science Day. Each year group will be focusing on a different female scientist, linked to their current science learning. The children will be looking at a range of trailblazers from: Mary Jackson, the first African American engineer at NASA, to Wang Zhenyi, who was an astronomer and mathematician defying the gender norms of time in the 18th century. We are all looking forward to finding out about some amazing women in science. Keep an eye on our twitter feed for updates.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2025 is happening on **Tuesday 11th February 2025**. This year celebrations and learnings will be happening around the theme:

Too good to be true? Keeping yourself and others safe from scams online.

This Safer Internet Day we are starting a conversation about how to spot, respond to and report all types of scams online. Scams can take many forms and may target anyone, including young people. Use these top tips to keep you and your loved ones safe online.

Click on the link below to discover helpful tips for discovering scams.

[Safer Internet Day 2025 Top Tips - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

**Safer
Internet
Day 2025** | **Tuesday
11 February**

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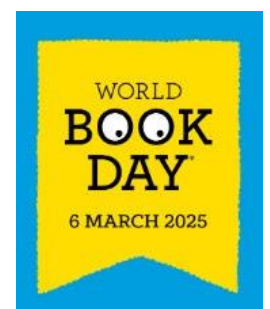
Big Dance Off

Our school dancers will be taking part in the 'Big Dance off' competition again this year, taking place at the Albert Hall in Nottingham on Thursday 27th February. The pupils have been working hard learning a new dance routine, we wish them well in this year's competition.

World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March we will be celebrating World Book Day, children will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. We look forward to seeing you in your great costumes. During the day they will take part in lots of exciting book themed activities to celebrate this special day. The children will all be receiving a £1 book token which they can use to get a World Book Day Book free or £1 off a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more.

Years 3, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to visit a local library throughout the week and their teachers will be in touch regarding this.



Parents Evening

Our next Parents Consultation Evenings are:

Tuesday 4th March - 3.30pm – 5.50pm by appointment only

Wednesday 5th March - 3.30pm – 5.50pm 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 or other Schools on Parents' Evening. Please make alternative arrangements. If you have a later appointment time and wish to view your child's books, please ensure you do this before you meet with the teacher. **School will be closing at 6.00pm prompt.** Thank you.

School News Update

In Year 3, the children took part in an Ancient Greek wow day. The learnt about Greek Myths, participated in the Ancient Olympics, designed their own Greek pots and emersed themselves in Greek themed workshops.

Chinese New Year Dance workshop

Today the children have all taken part in Chinese New Year dance workshops, where all the children worked in groups to create their own dragon dances. All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and enjoyed the opportunity to explore Chinese culture.



Space Dome

Year 2 and Year 5 are bringing the Space topic to life this week, with the Space Dome visiting school. They will be learning about space exploration, learning about the universe through a planetarium show.



Young Voices

The school choir had a wonderful day and evening participating at the Young Voices concert in Birmingham. They were a credit to the school and made the arena come alive along with thousands of other school children. A huge well done to all involved.

Parliamentary Award

We are thrilled to announce that our school has been awarded the prestigious **UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador Gold Award!** This recognition highlights our commitment to promoting British values and fostering a deeper understanding of democracy, citizenship, and the role of UK Parliament among our students and staff.



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. Should we need to close the school in the event of bad weather, please check the top of the BBC Radio Nottingham page <https://www.facebook.com/BBCRadioNottingham/> BBC Radio Nottingham will also broadcast school closures on weekday snow-days from 0600-1900. However, they cannot guarantee to read every school out. We will also tweet updates on our twitter page @Stteresas_ng8 and messages will be sent to parents through the Arbor parent app.



If your child wears boots to walk to school in, please ensure they bring their school shoes to change into.

Inset Day

May we remind you there is an Inset Day on Friday 14th February, the school will be closed to all pupils on this day. The school will therefore close for the half term break on Thursday 13th February and re-open on Monday 24th February.

Yours sincerely,

A. Glynne-Jones (Mrs)
Headteacher