



ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

March 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,

Welcome to our March Newsletter. As we journey through Lent, I would like to thank the children, parents, staff and governors for your continued support in ensuring St Teresa's School continues to be a vibrant learning community that bears witness to our Gospel values.

Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year so far is **97.9%**. 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	95%
Class 1RC	97%	Class 1KG	97.5%
Class 2HB	97.2%	Class 2JB	96.4%
Class 3CC	97.3%	Class 3MM	96.8%
Class 4YU	97.2%	Class 4RB	97.8%
Class 5JS	97.9% 	Class 5SD	96.8%
Class 6KL	96.8%	Class 6KM	97.4%

Please DO NOT book holidays in term time as this has a detrimental effect on your child's education. Children miss out on essential work, they find it hard to catch up and it can also affect their friendships. School Policy is that holidays will not be authorised and parents may be fined. School is closed for 13 weeks during the year when family holidays can be taken.

Catholic Life

On Tuesday 4th March, the children participated in 'The Easter Story Experience' led by the Aspley Evangelical Church. They met bible characters in costumes and tasted traditional bible foods.

On Wednesday 5th March, we celebrated Ash Wednesday in school, Father Victor came to bless our ashes in the morning before the Chaplains distributed the ashes to our school community. Our Lent Mass will be held at 9.30am on Friday 21st March, in school. All welcome.



Year 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this term to prepare their hearts and minds for Holy Week. In the final week of the term, all the children will visit St Teresa's Church and complete the Stations of the Cross as we finish our Lenten Journey in school.



All year groups will be fundraising for Cafod through their own sponsored events. See timetable below:

Year group	Fundraising event	Date
EYFS	Bikeathon	Wednesday 2 nd April
Year 1	100 Star Jumps a-day & Penny Drive	On-going
Year 2	Scooterthon	Friday 28 th March
Year 3	Swimathon	Friday 21 st March
Year 4	Skipathon	Wednesday 2 nd April
Year 5	Fun Fridays	14/03, 21/03, 28/03 and 4/04
Year 6	Chocolate Raffle	On-going, draw made in the last week of term

Liturgical prayer parent workshop

Thank you for your support in attending our liturgical prayer workshops which have taken place so far this year. We would like to remind you of the following dates for you to see your child and their class planning and leading collective worship.

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 4th June	2.30pm

**Please note the change of date for Year 3*

Dance Show Celebration

We are thrilled to announce that our talented Year 5 and Year 6 dancers have won first place in the esteemed Great Big Dance Off Competition for the whole of the East Midlands heat!

During the Spring term, our students have poured their hearts and souls into perfecting their routines, showcasing their incredible talent and creativity. Their tireless rehearsals, under the guidance of our dedicated teachers, have truly paid off, culminating in a spectacular performance to the Back to the Future musical medley that captivated the audience and judges alike.



Our exceptional dancers will be representing our school at the prestigious UK Great Big Dance Off finals in Oxford on 23rd June. This remarkable opportunity not only highlights their exceptional talent but also underscores the collective pride and spirit of our school community.

World Book Day

A big thank you to all the pupils and their families for all the wonderful costumes that we saw on World Book Day. Some of our children took part in activities during their visit to the library. Everyone also received a new book and a book token.



Football success

Both the Boy's and Girl's football teams have been in action recently and both teams have performed extremely well. The Boy's Football team finished joint top of the league, losing only 1 match all season. They now move onto the 'Champions League' event at Forest Sports Zone on Monday 7th July. A huge well done to all the boy's who have contributed to the success of the team. The Girl's Football team have recently finished 3rd in a competition at the Forest Sports Zone, losing on penalties. They played a good brand of attacking football and supported each other well. Well done to all the pupils who have represented St. Teresa's.



Science Week

This week the children have been participating in British Science Week, this year's theme is 'Change and Adapt'. In school the children have carried out a range of experiments/investigations, taken part in different workshops and fully immersed themselves in everything scientific. It has been wonderful to see the children being scientists, using a range of equipment, asking the right questions and being active learners. We have been fortunate to use the scientific expertise of our very own scientist Mrs Doweiko, who has led interactive and hands-on science workshops for the children.



**BRITISH
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WEEK**
7-16 March 2025



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School Trips – Spring & Summer Terms

Thursday 27 th March	Year 4	Galleries of Justice, Nottingham
Friday 25 th April	Year 5	Nottingham Cathedral
Wednesday 7 th May	Year 3	Wollaton Park, Nottingham
Friday 16 th May	Year 6	Holme Pierpoint, Nottinghamshire
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 6	Hippodrome Theatre, Birmingham
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 3	Creswell Craggs, Derbyshire
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 1	Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 2	Tramway Museum, Crich, Derbyshire

On Tuesday 20th May the KS2 members of the School Council will be visiting Lincoln Castle to see the historic Magna Carta. This trip will support their learning about democracy, rights and the rule of law. By seeing one of the most important documents in British history, they will gain a deeper understanding of how it shaped the legal and political systems we have today.

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 events which will be held on the dates below in school.

Year 6	Monday 31 st March	9.15am
EYFS & Year 1	Tuesday 1 st April	9.15am
Year 2 & Year 3	Wednesday 2 nd April	9.15am
Year 4 & Year 5	Thursday 3 rd April	9.15am

School Photographer

The School Photographer will be in school on Monday 24th March for class photographs.



Uniform Reminder

The 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 plimsols or sensible sport trainers. Children in Year 6 can wear their St Teresa's hoodie. No other items of sportswear are permitted.

As the weather is getting warmer children may now wear their summer uniform. This consists of brown check dress for girls (we would consider yellow check if brown is unavailable) with a brown cardigan and boys may wear short trousers and a short-sleeved shirt, however a school jumper and school tie is still required at all times. If the weather becomes particularly warm, the teacher will allow the children to remove their jumpers/cardigans during the school day.

Shoes need to be black school shoes with laces or straps – no branding visible. Black Trainers **are not acceptable** for school.

Jewellery, particularly earrings are **not allowed**. Watches are allowed (but only simple analogue).

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.

School will close for the Easter holidays on Friday 4th April. All pupils back to school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Yours sincerely,

A. Glynne-Jones (Mrs)
Headteacher