



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.

It is with deep sorrow that we acknowledge the passing of Pope Francis. I am sure that like me, you will be feeling a sense of great loss.

Holy Father, Pope Francis has been such an advocate for the disadvantaged and those suffering injustice.

His legacy will live on with us.

May he rest in God's Peace and Rise in Glory.




Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our first newsletter of the Summer Term. As always, we have a very busy and exciting term planned for the pupils.

Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year so far is **96.9%**. 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	95.3%	Class FLD	95.2%
Class 1RC	97.2%	Class 1KG	97.5%
Class 2HB	97.5%	Class 2JB	96.7%
Class 3CC	97.1%	Class 3MM	96.5%
Class 4YU	97.3%	Class 4RB	98% 
Class 5JS	97.9%	Class 5SD	96.7%
Class 6KL	96.9%	Class 6KM	96.9%

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.

Staffing Update

Congratulations to Miss Roth from the school office who got married during the Easter holidays. We wish her and her husband all the best for their married life together. Miss Roth will now be known as Mrs Stocks.

Catholic Life – School Update

Lent fundraising

Our Lent fundraising at St Teresa's has always been a great success due to the dedication of our pupils and the generosity of their families and friends.

This year, I am pleased to announce that we raised an amazing £1,683.00 for CAFOD through our fundraising activities in school. This is such a wonderful achievement for our pupils and school community.

Thank you for all your support and donations this year, especially in these difficult financial times.



On Thursday 26th June, we will be celebrating with the children in Year 3 who are making their First Holy Communion this year. We will begin the celebration with Mass in church at 9.30am followed by a party in school. Further details to follow.



A special Mass is planned for our Year 6 pupils who will be leaving St Teresa's this year. This will be taking place on Thursday 24th July at 9:30am in school to mark the end of their time with us at St Teresa's. Awards will be presented to students after Mass and refreshments will be available. All parents welcome.



May

The month of May is especially dedicated to Mary, Our Blessed Lady, and it is the occasion in which Catholics from every part of the world pay a moving tribute of faith and love to Mary. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The children will have the opportunity to pray the rosary every lunch time in our Key Stage Two prayer area, to learn more about the life of Mary and to write their own prayers to her. This will be led by the chaplaincy team.

Pilgrimage Walk

On Wednesday 21st May pupils in Years 3,4 and 5 will be taking part in our annual pilgrimage walk from St Teresa's to St Hughes church in Bilborough. This has always been such an enjoyable event in the past, we are especially looking forward to this event in our Jubilee Year.



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.

Year 2	Wednesday 18 th June	2.30pm
Year 3	Wednesday 4 th June	2.30pm

Other Faiths Week

During this time all classes will be learning about a different religion:

Year Group	Faith	Year Group	Faith
EYFS	Islam	Year 4	Hinduism
Year 1	Hinduism	Year 5	Sikhism
Year 2	Sikhism	Year 6	Islam
Year 3	Islam		

Year 4 will be visiting the Hindu temple on Wednesday 25th June and Year 3 will be visiting the Bilborough Islamic Centre on Wednesday 2nd July. All children will have the opportunity to learn about the beliefs and values of other religions, looking at prayer life, traditions and celebrations within the faith and explore artefacts and religious objects to gain a deeper understanding of the faith they are studying.

Dance Show Celebration

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

Assessments

Year 6 SATS – W/C 12th May.

Year 2 Assessments – Throughout May.

Year 4 Times Tables test – Commencing Monday 2nd June

Year 1 Phonics – W/C 9th June

We ask that all children be in school and please ensure that you do not arrange any medical or family appointments during these times.

School Trips – Spring & Summer Terms

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
Thursday 5 th June	Year 5	Civil War Museum, Newark
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 3	Creswell Craggs, Derbyshire
Wednesday 18 th June	EYFS	Adventure Farm, Burton
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.

Bikeability



Year 6 all have the opportunity to take part in Bikeability during June. Level 1 and Level 2 sessions will take place between Friday 6th June and Tuesday 17th June. Riding a bike is an essential skill, these sessions will provide the children with a great experience and ensure they are safe on their bikes. Please could all completed consent forms be returned by Monday 12th May.

World Maths Day



During World Maths Day on the 26th March, our children competed against millions of students from around the world to calculate and celebrate mathematics.

Huge congratulations to Feyisetan in 6KL who came 52nd in the country and 279th in world! And well done to Year 6 who came 84th in the country and 312th in world!

Thank you to all the children who took part in the competition.

Year 5 Visit to St Barnabas Cathedral

On Friday 25th April, Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful and engaging tour of St Barnabas Cathedral and The Mary Potter Heritage centre.

The children completed a guided tour of the Cathedral and the Jubilee Pilgrim Trail.

They learnt about the history of the Cathedral, its importance and celebrated Mass.

Alongside this, the children also toured The Mary Potter Heritage centre, where they discovered all about the wonderful work she did and how her legacy still lives on around the world today.



Year 5 Maths Challenge

On Tuesday 29th April, four Year 5 pupils took part in a maths challenge at the Nottingham High School. They competed against ten other schools, showing great teamwork, knowledge and resilience. Overall, they finished 2nd, only one point behind first place. The children were a credit to the school and had a fantastic morning.

Cake Sale

A huge thank you to everyone who helped raise an amazing total of £435 last week from our cake sale on Thursday and wearing blue day on Friday. All money raised was donated to Breakthrough T1 Diabetes charity. Thank you for your ongoing support with our school fundraising.



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 plimsoles 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. However, all pupils will be dismissed at the end of the school day wearing their jumper/cardigans.

We ask that sun cream is applied before school and children bring their water bottles every day. Please do not send sunglasses into school, children should bring a sunhat to wear outside. Please ensure that sensible school shoes are worn during the Summer term. No slip-on shoes, flip flops, 'crock style' footwear or open-toe sandals should be worn. These are not suitable footwear styles to wear in school.

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** under any circumstances. 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.

End of Year Assemblies

Our end of year assemblies will be taking place on the following days. They will start at 9.15am and refreshments will be available from 9.00am. All parents welcome.

EYFS & Year 1	Thursday 10 th July	9.15am
Year 2 & Year 3	Tuesday 15 th July	9.15am
Year 4 & Year 5	Wednesday 16 th July	9.15am

Summer Fair

Our annual Summer Fair, our most important fund-raising event of the year, will be taking place on Thursday 10th July between 1.30pm and 3.15pm. All pupils whose parents are attending the Fair can be collected from class between 1.30pm and 3pm. Remaining children will be dismissed from the KS1 playground at 3.15pm. If any parent is available to help on the day, please contact a member of the PTA. Helpers required to run stalls, particularly face painting. Raffle prize donations also required as well as cakes and toys to be bought to reception on the morning of Thursday 10th July.

Please note that this is a cash only event.

The PTA are also planning a Father's Day craft stall on Friday 13th June where children will be able to purchase gifts for Father's Day. This will be situated outside the school office from 3.15pm onwards. Please come along and support the PTA, all proceeds go to support the school.

If you would like to donate any crafts or help at either of these events, please get in touch at: stteresaspta@yahoo.com

Communication Reminder

Please could I remind all parents and carers of the importance of the Trust, School and Home Agreement. This supports the recent Communication Guidance document that was recently sent out. Both documents can be found on our school website under, Information > Our Policies. Thank you.

Important Dates

The school closes for the May half term on Friday 23rd May and re-opens on Monday 2nd June.

The last day of the Summer Term is Thursday 24th July 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A. Glynne-Jones
Headteacher

Dates – Summer Term (please note these may be subject to change).

May 2025

Year 2 assessments taking place throughout May.

Monday 5th – Bank Holiday, school closed.

Wednesday 7th – Year 3 Wollaton park trip.

Monday 12th – Year 6 SATS week. ***All year 6 pupils must be in school.***

Friday 16th – Year 6 trip to Holme Pierpoint.

Monday 19th – ART/DT week for whole school.

Tuesday 20th – KS2 School Council members visit to Lincoln Castle.

Wednesday 21st – Pilgrimage walk from St Teresa's to St Hughes church, Year 3,4 & 5.

Thursday 22nd – Year 6 visit to the Birmingham Hippodrome to see 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'.

Thursday 22nd – New starter parents meeting for September 2025 pupils, starting at 9.30am

Friday 23rd – School closes for half term.

June 2025

Monday 2nd – School re-opens for the Summer term.

Monday 2nd – Year 4 multiplication check, all week. All Year 4 pupils in school.

Monday 2nd – Year 4 library visit.

Wednesday 4th – Year 3 class liturgy, 2.30pm.

Wednesday 4th – World environmental day.

Thursday 5th – 1st new starter visit for September 2025 starters.

Thursday 5th -Year 5 visit to the Civic War Museum.

Monday 9th – Year 1 phonics screening, all week.

Thursday 12th – 2nd new starter visit for September 2025 starters.

Tuesday 17th – Year 3 Creswell Craggs trip.

Wednesday 18th – EYFS Adventure Farm trip.

Wednesday 18th – Year 2 class liturgy, 2.30pm.

Wednesday 18th – Chaplaincy visit to Coventry Cathedral & The Herbert Art Museum.

Thursday 19th – 3rd new starter visit for September 2025 starters.

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd – First Holy Communion taking place at St Teresa's church.

Monday 23rd – Great Big Dance Off Final in Oxford.

Tuesday 24th – Year 1 Sherwood Forest trip.

Tuesday 24th – Year 2 Crich Tramway Museum trip.

Wednesday 25th – Year 4 visit to the Hindu Temple.

Thursday 26th – First Holy Communion Mass in church at 9.30am followed by a party in school.

July 2025

Tuesday 1st – Year 6 transition day.

Wednesday 2nd – Year 6 transition day.

Wednesday 2nd – Year 3 visit to the Islamic centre.

Monday 7th July – Year 4, Egyptian workshop in school.

End of Year Assemblies at 9.15am – School Hall

Thursday 10th - Foundation and Year 1

Tuesday 15th - Year 2 and Year 3

Wednesday 16th – Year 4 and Year 5

Thursday 10th – Summer Fayre, 1.30-3.15pm.

Tuesday 15th – EYFS & Year 1 Balance bikes.

Thursday 17th – Year 6 play, school hall at 5.00pm. (Ticket event)

Monday 21st – Class swaps.

Monday 21st – EYFS & KS1 Sports day – 1.15pm

Tuesday 22nd – Class swaps.

Tuesday 22nd – KS2 Sports day – 1.15pm

Thursday 24th – Year 6 leavers Mass in school at 9.30am.

Thursday 24th – **School closes for Summer at 3.15pm.**

Please note that dates may be subject to change. If any dates or times do change, we will let parents know by sending a message through Arbor.