



ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 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 back to the beginning of a very busy half term.

Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year so far is **96.1%**. 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 FHK	95.7%	Class FLD	95.3%
Class 1IB	91.6%	Class 1KG	94.9%
Class 2HB	96%	Class 2IJ	97.8%
Class 3EB	94.5%	Class 3RC	96.5%
Class 4YU	97.7%	Class 4RB	97.8%
Class 5SD	98.6% 	Class 5JS	97.6%
Class 6KL	97%	Class 6AC	97.1%

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 Tuesday 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.



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 4th 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 17th 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.

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 29 th April	2.30pm
Year 1	Wednesday 11 th March	2.30pm
Year 2	Wednesday 17 th June	2.30pm
Year 3	Wednesday 6 th May	2.30pm
Year 5	Wednesday 28 th January	2.30pm
Year 6	Wednesday 26 th November	2.30pm

Reverse Advent Calendar

Friday 28th 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.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all who completed the parent questionnaire and for the many positive and supportive comments. We were delighted with the feedback, please see the results below.

Parent Questionnaire for school year 2025-26			
	Strongly Agree/ Agree	Disagree / Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1. My child is happy at this school	98.2%	0.4%	1.4%
2. My child feels happy and safe in school	98.3%		1.7%
3. This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	97.3%		2.7%
4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with bullying quickly and effectively	33.9%	11.7%	54.4%
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	95.5%	1.7%	2.8%
6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	79%		21%
7. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)? (Yes/No)	Yes: 11.17% No: 88.83%		
8. The school has high expectations for my child	91.15%	2.6%	6.25%
9. My child does well at this school	95.9%	0.8%	3.3%
10. The school lets me know how my child is doing	94.1%	2.78%	3.12%
11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	95.5%	1%	3.5%
12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	81.6%	7.5%	10.9%
13. The school supports my child’s wider personal development	90.1%	2.2%	7.7%
14. I would recommend this school to another parent (Yes/No)	Yes: 96.4% No: 3.6%		

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 £223.23 for Emmanuel House. Thank you as always for your ongoing support.



Year 5/6 Boys Football Team Update

The Year 5/6 boys football team have made a fantastic start to their season! After a strong run of performances, they currently sit third in the league, having won all but one of their opening games. The team have shown excellent teamwork, determination, and skill on the pitch, producing some brilliant displays of football along the way.

Their commitment and their positive attitude have really paid off, and they continue to improve with every match. Well done, boys — keep up the great work and let's keep the momentum going for the rest of the season!

Anti-Bullying Week



This year's Anti-Bullying Week has the theme 'Power for Good' and will take place from Monday 10th - Friday 14th November. This theme emphasises the positive influence everyone can have in combatting bullying and promoting kindness in communities.

This week will also feature activities encouraging everyone to engage in acts of kindness and support one another.

Odd Socks Day will be held on **Monday 10th November**. Children can wear odd socks (with their school

uniform) to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Throughout the week, children will explore what bullying is, how it affects others, and the ways we can work together to prevent it. They will take part in assemblies, learn about e-safety, and discover how to stay safe online.

BBC Children in Need

To support Children in Need on Friday 14th November, we are asking children to pay £1 to come to school in their own clothes. Thank you for your support with this fundraising event. Why not wear your Pudsey merchandise too!



School Photographer



The School Photographer will be in school on Thursday 13th 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 19th 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.



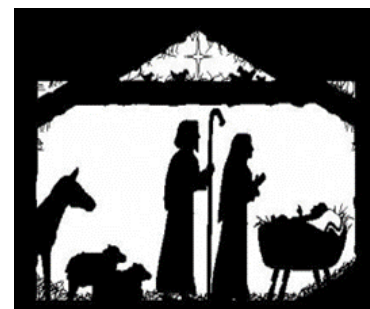
Violin

Our budding Violinists will perform a concert on Monday 8th December at 2.00pm. All Parents welcome.

Christmas Assemblies

Foundation	Thursday 11 th December
Year 1	Tuesday 16 th December
Year 2	Wednesday 17 th December

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.



Dance Performance

On Wednesday 17th 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

Pupils in EYFS and Year 1 will be visiting Lakeside on Wednesday 17th December to see 'The Littlest Yak'. 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 £600.

Whole School Christmas Dinner

We invite all our children to join the staff in our whole school Christmas Dinner celebration on Thursday 18th 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 5th December. 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 8th and Tuesday 9th December for the Eco-Team to sell after school on Thursday 11th December.

Admission to Infant/Primary Education

The admissions process for entry into Foundation Year September 2026 has begun. If your child will be 5 during the academic year September 2026 to August 2027 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 **15th January 2026**. 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 Thursday 20th 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

Messages will also be sent through the Arbor app.

Early Closure on Friday 19th December

School will close at 12.30pm on Friday 19th 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,

Mrs J. Green
Headteacher