



# ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

### Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year so far is **96.4%**. 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	95.6%	Class FLD	95.1%
Class 1IB	94.4%	Class 1KG	95.9%
Class 2HB	96.3%	Class 2IJ	97%
Class 3EB	97.5%	Class 3RC	96.6%
Class 4YU	97.1%	Class 4RB	97.7%
Class 5SD	98.2% 	Class 5JS	97.7%
Class 6KL	97.5%	Class 6AC	97%

### Lateness

Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks. Their teacher will not always be able to re-explain work.

It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others.

Good punctuality continues to be a priority at St. Teresa's. An increase in the number of children arriving late has been noticed in **wet weather** and on **Wednesdays** when the church car parking spaces are cordoned off for use by the Slimming World group. Please allow extra time when travelling to school on these days. Your child must arrive before 8:55am. Families arriving late on **three or more occasions** will be contacted by the Attendance Officer and a Punctuality Meeting in school may be arranged. As always, if you are experiencing difficulties in getting your child to school on time, please let the school office know.

### Catholic Life in School

Thank you to Father Victor and Year 4 who led our Advent Mass in school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, this was a lovely start to our advent celebrations. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for this celebration.



### Advent Fundraising

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 are asking children to bring food and toiletry items into school to add to our class advent calendar. These items, along with our boxes of cereal, will be donated to St Margarets food bank in Aspley. Thank you for your generosity and continued support as we practise and deepen Catholic teaching within our school community by giving us 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 by cash or through the Arbor parent app in the school shop. Prayer intention forms are available from the school office. All money raised will be donated to Mission Together.



## Epiphany Mass

We will celebrate the feast of the Epiphany at St Teresa's church on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 9.30am. This will be led by our Year 5 children. All welcome.

## Upcoming Events

### 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 <sup>th</sup> April	2.30pm
Year 1	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm
Year 2	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm
Year 3	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm
Year 5	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm

## Violin

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

## Christmas Plays

Foundation	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 1	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 2	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December



The Christmas plays 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

Pupils in Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be watching The Wizard of Oz on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. It will be performed by a theatrical group, 'Panto for a Day' who are visiting to perform this panto in school. Children will be given popcorn to enjoy during the performance.

## Whole School Christmas Dinner

We invite all our children to join the staff in our whole school Christmas Dinner celebration on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December for the Eco-Team to sell after school on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### 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 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Foundation	2.30pm	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1	2.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2	2.30pm	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4	2.30pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3	2.30pm	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5	2.30pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6	2.30pm			

### Year 6 Parents SAT's meeting

A SAT's meeting will be held for parents on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

### Admission to Infant/Primary Education - September 2026

For those who have children due to start Foundation class in September 2026, please be reminded that the closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please complete your application on-line via 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### 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](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radionottingham)

Messages will also be sent through the Arbor app.

### Early Closure on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Please be reminded that school will close at 12.30pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.***

### 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,

**Mrs A Glynne-Jones and Mrs J Green**  
**Headteachers**