



St Teresa's
Catholic Primary School

January 2026

Year Two

SPRING NEWS

“DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL”

Dear Parents/ Carers/ Children,

Welcome back to school!

We hope you had a relaxing Christmas break with your families and are looking forward to the new term.

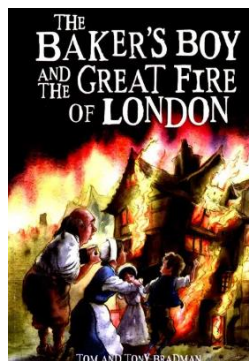
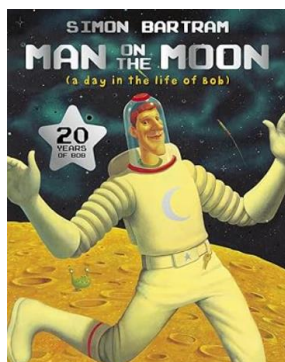


The first RE topic of the Spring term is Books, where the children will learn about the different parts of the Bible. Our other topics are Thanksgiving and Opportunities. In these topics we will help children to build up to Lent and the Easter story.

CURRICULUM:

We start the Lent Term off with our new reading a book called ‘Man on the Moon’. In this exciting topic, the children will be reading and writing about ‘Man on the Moon’ and the many heroic tasks he performs.

The children will retell and write alternative endings to this very exciting story book. They will have the opportunity to redraft their work, as well as describe characters and settings. After the half term break, we will be reading ‘The Baker’s Boy and The Great Fire of London’. We will also be starting to learn, by heart, another class poem to perform at the end of the term for our choral speaking.



SCIENCE

Our first Science topic is ‘Uses of Materials’. Children will carry out simple tests and plan their own experiments. Our second topic will be ‘Changing Shape of Materials’ and we will investigate why a material might or might not be used for a specific job.

MATHS

We are holding a maths workshop on Wednesday 14th of January at 2:30pm. This will be an opportunity to see what your children do during our daily maths lessons. In Maths, we start the term by focusing on money. The children will also be learning about multiplication and division as well as their daily arithmetic. Maths homework will be taken from what has been taught in school that week.

Ask your children to tell you what the fact of the week is or the times tables fact of the week!

LIFE TO THE FULL

In our Life to the Full lessons, we will be learning about the story of 'The Prodigal Son' and how this shows us that God loves us and that nothing we can do will stop Him from loving us. Children will also be learning about how our behaviour can not only upset other people, but it can hurt God too.

HOMEWORK

Thank you for your support with homework tasks. It is important that children write their sentences from their weekly spellings. We enjoy reading their work and look forward to your continued support with this. Children who read a minimum of **five times a week** will be rewarded with a sticker in their personal organiser. We will have a weekly **spelling test on a Monday**. Your child's spellings are in their organiser. It is important that children spend time at the end of each day reading and learning their spellings. Each term, the children will be tested on spelling the first 100 and next 200 words. Please revise these throughout the year. We aim for all children to receive their bronze, silver and gold award. There is also the opportunity to achieve a Platinum award at the end of the year. Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and must be returned by the following **Wednesday**.

P.E:

Our PE day will be a Friday. Children must come into school wearing their PE kit each week. We will be learning about gymnastics and then dance. Here is a reminder of the school PE kit.



UNIFORM:

Thank you for labelling your child's clothes with their name. The children have come back to school looking smart and we would like this to continue through the year. Please ensure your child only wears brown or black hair bands/clips/bobbles in their hair. Remember **no fashion hair styles** and no earrings. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing a warm coat, hat, scarf, and gloves, all clearly labelled with their name. PE kit is to be worn on Fridays with a school cardigan or jumper for warmth.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Remember to read at least five times a week and learn the weekly spellings. We cannot stress enough how important it is to read with your child every day. It is a skill they will need throughout life. You could visit your local library for books related to our topics. Children are either continuing with the Little Wandle guided reading books or reading Little Wandle chapter books during guided reading sessions at school. If the chapter book applies to your child, they will continue reading Accelerated Reader books at home. Pupils will need to log in to the Accelerated Reader website to complete a short quiz on each book before moving on to the next book. Pupils' login details for TTRS, Mathletics and Accelerated Reader are at the back of their organisers.

We are looking forward to working with you to support your child during this busy and important year in their lives. Please avoid taking holidays during term time wherever possible as it is very difficult for the children to catch up on the work they have missed.

Please feel free to talk to us if you have any concerns or worries.

Year Two Team

Mrs James Miss Ball Mrs Ellis-Burke Miss French

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

January 2026

Monday 5th – School re-opens.

Tuesday 6th – Holy Day of Obligation, Epiphany Mass in church, 9.30am. All welcome.

Maths Workshop for Parents - 2.30pm start

Monday 12th - Foundation

Tuesday- 13th - Year 1

Wednesday 14th - Year 2

Thursday 15th - Year 3

Friday 16th - Year 4

Monday 19th - Year 5

Tuesday 20th -Year 6

Tuesday 13th – Young Voices Choir performance in Birmingham.

Tuesday 20th – Year 6 parents SATS meeting at 3.20pm in the school hall.

Wednesday 28th – Year 5 class liturgy, 2.30pm

Thursday 29th - Whole school cake sale organised by Year 1 and Year 4. Cake donations gratefully received on Wednesday 28th January. All children to bring £1 to buy cakes.

February 2026

Monday 2nd – Chinese Dance Workshop.

Tuesday 10th – Safer Internet Day, theme is, 'Smart Tech, Safe Choices'

Wednesday 11th – Women in Science Day.

Thursday 12th – School closes for half term.

Friday 13th – Inset Day.

Wednesday 18th – Ash Wednesday (in half term)

Monday 23rd – School re-opens, all pupils back to school. Lent fundraising starts.

March 2026

Tuesday 3rd – Parents evening, 3.30-6.00pm

Wednesday 4th – Parents evening, 3.30-6.00pm

Thursday 5th – World Book Day.

Lent Mass and Retreat Day - TBC

Monday 9th – British science week. Theme is, 'Curiosity: What's your question?'

Wednesday 11th – Year 1 class liturgy, 2.30pm.

Thursday 12th – The Great Big Dance Off Competition, Nottingham.

Sunday 15th – Mother's Day

Choral Speaking at 9.15am – School Hall

Thursday 19th – Year 6

Tuesday 24th - EYFS and Year 1

Monday 23rd – Reconciliation and Stations of the Cross, taking place in church all week.

Monday 23rd – Class and group photos.

Wednesday 25th – Year 3 and Year 4 Easter play, 9.15am, school hall.

Thursday 26th – Year 5 Easter play, 9.15am, school hall.

Friday 27th – School closes for Easter.

April 2026

Friday 3rd – Good Friday

Sunday 5th – Easter Sunday

Monday 6th – Easter Monday

Monday 13th – School re-opens for the Summer term.