



### 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,

A very warm welcome to our first Spring term, school newsletter.

### 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 FHD	95.5%	Class FLD	94.2%
Class 1IB	95%	Class 1KG	96.1%
Class 2HB	96.3%	Class 2IJ	97.3%
Class 3EB	96.9%	Class 3RC	97.2%
Class 4YU	96.5%	Class 4RB	97.9% 
Class 5JS	97.1%	Class 5SD	97.3%
Class 6KL	96.5%	Class 6AC	97.1%

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 – School Update

Thank you to all the parents who attended our New Year Mass on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January to celebrate the Epiphany. Well done to Year 5 who led the celebration so beautifully.

### Lent Preparations

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February in half-term. It marks the beginning of the season of Lent. During this time, we remember that Jesus spent 40 day and 40 nights in the desert to prepare himself for the ultimate sacrifice on Good Friday. How can we show sacrifice in our lives? How can we follow in the footsteps of Jesus? In the final week of term, all classes will attend Stations of the Cross in St Teresa's church.



You are welcome to join us for our Lent Mass on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am in the school hall. All welcome.

During Lent, our whole school will be raising money for Cafod through the class challenges listed in the table below. Thank you in advance for your generosity and supporting the children to raise money for the vital work Cafod carries out.

Year group	Fundraising event	Date
EYFS	Bike-a-thon	26/03/26
Year 1	100 star jumps and penny drive	Each day throughout Lent
Year 2	Scoot-a-thon	13/03/26
Year 3	Swim-a-thon	20/03/26
Year 4	Skip-a-thon	19/03/26
Year 5	Sponsored walk	Throughout Lent
Year 6	Chocolate Raffle	Throughout Lent

## 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

## Sponsor a Lantern

A huge thank you for all your donations for our 'Sponsor a Lantern' fundraising event. We raised a total of £100 that has been donated to Mission Together. Thank you so much for your generosity and prayers.

## Upcoming Events – Please note dates and times

### Women in Science Day

On Wednesday 11th February, we will celebrate Women In Science Day. Each year group will be focusing on a different female scientist, linked to their current science learning. The children will be looking at a range of trailblazers from: Mary Jackson, the first African American engineer at NASA, to Wang Zhenyi, who was an astronomer and mathematician defying the gender norms of time in the 18th century. We are all looking forward to finding out about some amazing women in science. Keep an eye on our Instagram page for updates.

### Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2026 is happening on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. This year celebrations and learnings will be happening around the theme:

#### AI Aware: Safe, Smart and in Control.

Click on the link below to discover helpful tips for discovering scams.

[Top Tips for parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



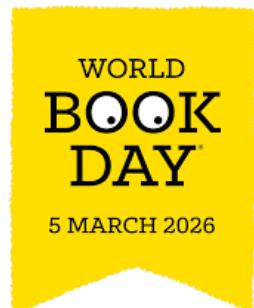
[saferinternetdav.org.uk](https://saferinternetdav.org.uk)

### World Book Day

In preparation for World Book Day, we will be holding a 'Book Swap' day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Children can bring a book into school and swap it with another child for a new one.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day, children will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. We look forward to seeing you in your great costumes. During the day they will take part in lots of exciting book themed activities to celebrate this special day.

The children will all be receiving a £1 book token which they can use to get a World Book Day Book free or £1 off a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more.



**Year 4 Parents** - On World Book Day, Year 4 are inviting their parents/carers into school at 2.50pm for a 'Stay and Read' session – parents/carers will have the opportunity to come and read with their child at the end of the day (Year 4 only).

### Parents Evening

Parents Consultation dates are as followed:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - 3.30pm – 5.50pm by appointment only

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - 3.30pm – 5.50pm by appointment only

A link has been sent through the Arbor parent app to book your appointment.

Teachers will be available to discuss your child's progress and targets, and the classrooms will be open for you to view the children's work. These meetings are for parents only. Please ensure your child is collected as normal at the end of the school day. Please note that we cannot accommodate pupils from Trinity or other Schools on Parents' Evening. Please make alternative arrangements. If you have a later appointment time and wish to view your child's books, please ensure you do this before you meet with the teacher. **School will be closing at 6.00pm prompt.**

These meetings take place during teachers' directed time, which allows us to ensure that all families are offered an opportunity to meet within the planned dates. For this reason, teachers are not expected to make additional appointments outside of these times, except in exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your understanding and support.

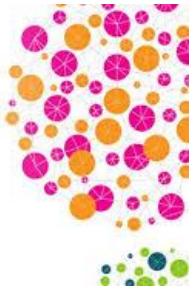
### Big Dance Off

Our school dancers will be taking part in the 'Big Dance off' competition again this year, taking place at the Albert Hall in Nottingham on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. The pupils have been working hard learning a new dance routine, we wish them well in this years competition.

### British Science Week –

We are excited to be celebrating British Science Week between the 9th–13th March, with this year's theme being **Curiosity**. Throughout the week, the children will be carrying out a range of hands-on investigations linked to their current science topics, encouraging them to explore, test ideas and think like scientists. They will also take part in an exciting *crime scene mystery workshop*, where they will use observation and problem-solving skills to uncover clues. The week will give the children plenty of opportunities to ask and answer questions about what they wonder in science and the world around them, helping to spark curiosity, creativity and a love of learning.

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### School Photographer

The School Photographer will be in school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March for class photographs. All children to wear their school uniform.



### 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.

<b>Year 6</b>	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am
<b>EYFS, Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am

### Easter Plays

To celebrate the importance of Easter in our Christian calendar pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be performing their Easter plays to parents and careers in the school hall at 9.15am on the following days. All welcome.

<b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am
<b>Year 5</b>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am

### School News Update

In Year 3, the children took part in an Ancient Greek workshop. The learnt about Greek Myths, participated in the Ancient Olympics, designed their own Greek pots and emersed themselves in Greek themed workshops.



## Young Voices

The school choir had a wonderful day and evening participating at the Young Voices concert in Birmingham on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January. They were a credit to the school and made the arena come alive along with thousands of other school children. A huge well done to all involved and thank you to Miss Macdonald who has returned to St Teresa's to support our choir.

## Chinese New Year Dance workshop

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February the children took part in a Chinese New Year dance workshop, where all the children worked in groups to create their own dragon dances. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and embraced the opportunity to explore Chinese culture.

## 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. Should we need to close the school in the event of bad weather, please check the top of the BBC Radio Nottingham page

<https://www.facebook.com/BBCRadioNottingham/>

BBC Radio Nottingham will also broadcast school closures on weekday snow-days from 0600-1900. However, they cannot guarantee to read every school out. Messages will be sent to parents through the Arbor parent app.

***If your child wears boots to walk to school in, please ensure they bring their school shoes to change into.***

## Inset Day

May we remind you there is an Inset Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, the school will be closed to all pupils on this day. The school will therefore close for the half term break on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February and re-open on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs A Glynne-Jones & Mrs J Green**  
**Headteacher(s)**

