



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 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 **96.4%**. 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	96%	Class FLD	93.6%
Class 1IB	95.9%	Class 1KG	96.3%
Class 2HB	96.5%	Class 2IJ	96.9%
Class 3EB	97.1%	Class 3RC	97.6%
Class 4YU	96.6%	Class 4RB	96.9%
Class 5JS	97%	Class 5SD	97.7% 
Class 6KL	96.2%	Class 6AC	96.8%

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.

Please could parents with children in Foundation be reminded to walk their child across the Key Stage 1 playground and handover their child to a member of the Early Years team. Do not leave your child at the main gate. Thank you.

Staffing Update

We welcome Mrs Sagoo to Year 1, she'll be teaching in 1IB for the remainder of the academic year and Mr McKibbin who will be supporting all classes across the school.

Communication Reminder

Due to a reduced number of support staff in school, we will be making some changes with immediate effect.

- If a child forgets their lunchbox, this will result in them having a school meal that you will be charged for.
- We have noticed an increase in the number of children being collected before the end of the school day. If your child has an appointment, please ensure you inform the teacher and the school office by sending a message on Arbor the day before. All medical appointments must be validated by an appointment card, letter or text message that confirms date and time. This must be shown to the office when you collect your child.
- Please do not bring 'forgotten' items into school. We can't guarantee these will reach your child during the day and therefore would need collecting by parents at the end of the day. If pupils forget water bottles they can use cups from the classroom.
- If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please catch them at the end of the day on the playground. If you do not collect your child at the end of the day please send a message through Arbor and we will pass it over to the teacher, alternatively write a note in the yellow organiser. If you feel a more formal meeting is necessary, please contact your child's class teacher through the office with brief a summary of your concern. The class teacher will organise a meeting. Following this the teacher will escalate your concerns if they think it is necessary.
- Please be considerate and respectful towards members of our school community. This includes school staff, other parents and carers and our neighbours on Kingsbury Drive. Please also be mindful if parking outside the school not to block driveways and pavements.

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 £878.22 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.



A huge thank you to everyone who helped raise an amazing total of £245 last week from our cake sale on Thursday. All money raised will be donated to St Vincent de Paul charity. Thank you for your ongoing support with our school fundraising.

On Thursday 25th 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 23rd 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 regularly at 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.

Class liturgical prayer workshop

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.

Year 2	Wednesday 17 th June	2.30pm
Year 3	Wednesday 6 th May	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 3 and Year 6 will be visiting the Bilborough Islamic Centre on Monday 8th June. 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.

Upcoming Events Reminder – Please note dates and times

Dance Show Celebration

Our exceptional dancers will be representing our school at the prestigious UK Great Big Dance Off finals in Oxford on Monday 15th June. This remarkable opportunity not only highlights their exceptional talent but also underscores the collective pride and spirit of our school community. Tickets are available to purchase from the New Theatre in Oxford from 10.00am on Tuesday 5th May.

Assessments

Year 6 SATS – W/C 11th May. **All Year 6 children MUST be in school.**

Year 1 Phonics – W/C 8th June

Year 4 Times Tables test – Commencing Monday 1st 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

Thursday 7 th May	4YU	Pizza Express
Friday 8 th May	Year 5	Bestwood Environmental Centre
Friday 15 th May	Year 6	Harvey Haddon, Nottingham
Thursday 4 th June	x25 Year 5s	London
Thursday 18 th June	EYFS	Adventure Park Farm, Burton
Thursday 18 th June	Year 2	Tramway Museum, Crich
Wednesday 24 th June	Year 1	Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 3	Creswell Craggs, Derbyshire
Wednesday 8 th July	Chaplaincy Team	Coventry Cathedral
Friday 17 th July	Year 6	Adventure Mill, Nottingham



Bikeability



Year 6 all have the opportunity to take part in Bikeability during June. Level 1 and Level 2 sessions will take place between Tuesday 9th and Tuesday 16th 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 consent forms be completed by Friday 8th May.

News from school

A big congratulations to all the Year 5 and 6 girls who took part in the girls football matches. They finished 3rd in the league which is a wonderful achievement. Well done to all involved!

Wednesday 22nd April we enjoyed taking part in World Environment day. Pupils in Year 4 and 5 went litter picking in the local area and other children helped to make sure our school was clean and tidy. Thank you to all involved.

The chicks visited EYFS. It was a very egg-citing time as we watched them hatch during the school day. Please ask your foundation child about the life cycle of a chick, we have become very knowledgeable!



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 9 th July	9.15am
Year 2 & Year 3	Tuesday 14 th July	9.15am
Year 4 & Year 5	Wednesday 15 th July	9.15am

Colour Dash

On Friday 12th June, pupils will take part in a sponsored Colour Run to raise funds for the charity Lifting Children’s Hope. During this event, children and staff will complete a course on the school grounds while being showered with coloured powder.

An assembly will be held on Monday 18th May, where pupils will learn more about the event and receive their sponsorship forms. Further information will be shared after the assembly.

Summer Fair

Our annual Summer Fair, our most important fund-raising event of the year, will be taking place on Thursday 2nd 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 2nd July.

The PTA are also planning a Father’s Day craft stall on Friday 19th June where children will be able to purchase gifts for Father’s Day. This will be situated in the KS1 playground from 3.00pm 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

Important Dates

The school closes for the May half term on Friday 22nd May and re-opens on Tuesday 2nd June as Monday 1st June is an inset day.

The last day of the Summer Term is Thursday 23rd July 2026. The school re-opens on Thursday 3rd September 2026 for the Autumn term.

Yours sincerely,

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