

#### St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



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Friday 26th September 2025

It's been a great few weeks in school, full of respectful, responsible and resilient behaviour from our children. It has also been lovely to enjoy some sunshine this week!

#### Mr Kay

#### Start and Finish Times Reminder 🕥

We would like to remind all families that school starts at 8:40am. Children begin the day with a morning task which has a huge impact on their learning, so it is very important that they are here on time and ready to learn.

School finishes at 3:10pm, and children should be collected promptly from their classroom door. Recently, we have noticed an increase in children being dropped off late (via the office) and collected late, sometimes after 3:30pm. This causes distress to the children and is difficult for staff, as some are only paid until 3:20pm.

Please be aware that we have a Late Pick-Up Policy. Parents/carers may be charged for late collection to cover childcare. More importantly, late pick-up is a safeguarding concern. If a child is not collected and we cannot make contact with a parent/carer, we are required to call the police and refer to social services.

#### (3) Is My Child Too III for School?

We have noticed an increase in absences due to illness recently. In some cases, children have been kept off school for mild symptoms, such as a cough. While we always want to keep everyone safe and healthy, we also encourage resilience when children are feeling a little under the weather.

Unless your child is genuinely too unwell to take part in the school day, we encourage them to attend. Missing school means missing out on vital learning and opportunities to be with their friends.

For clear guidance, please see the NHS advice: Is my child too ill for school?

Thank you for working with us to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

#### Attendance over the last two weeks

A reminder to all parents and carers that holidays during term time will not be authorised.

The Local Authority may issue a fine for 5 or more days of unauthorised absence.

Please support us in ensuring children are in school every day, as good attendance is vital for their learning, progress, and future opportunities.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	90%	92%	87%	95%	95%	96%	97%
Punctuality	4 lates	1 late	8 lates	1 late	6 lates	5 lates	1 late

#### **Sports News**

School Clubs have been sent out on dojo and a list is available on the website. Parents are then messaged to say their child has a place at the club.

We have lots of league fixtures and competitions happening thick and fast over the next few weeks in a variety of sports. Good luck to all of our children who have the honour of representing our school!

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

DATE	TIME	EVENT		
Wednesday 1st October	2pm	St Thérèse Feast Day Mass in school		
Thursday 23rd October	Reception/KS1: 3.15pm – 4.15pm KS2: 4.15pm – 5.15pm	School Disco		
Friday 24th October	3.10pm	School closes for half-term		



## School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

## CLOSING DATE 15 January 2026

### School transport



Iftravel costis an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.

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