

# The St Teresa Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

WEEK ENDING: FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026



Dear Parents,

With the Bank Holiday weekend upon us, along with hopefully beautiful weather, we are reminded that this time of year is often one of renewed energy, reflection and gratitude for time spent together as families. Sunday's Gospel, from **John 14:1–12**, focuses on Jesus speaking to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

Jesus reminds them — and us — that God is close, that we are never alone, and that even when we do not fully understand the path ahead, we can trust in him.

As a community, this Gospel invites us to continue journeying together — supporting one another, nurturing faith and helping our children to grow in education and in faith. This is evidenced in school through moments of learning, friendship and forgiveness, fulfilling the Gospel values on a daily basis.

As we enjoy this Bank Holiday weekend, may the words of Jesus bring peace to our hearts and remind us that faith offers us direction, hope and reassurance, whatever challenges we may face. Have a wonderful Bank Holiday and we will see you all back in school on Tuesday.

God Bless, Mr Campling



### Stars of the week!



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| Reception | <b>Femi</b>     | For trying his best with writing about dinosaurs.                                |
|           | <b>Nana</b>     | For trying hard to rapidly recall number bonds to 10.                            |
| Year 1    | <b>Grace</b>    | For great maths and phonics learning!  |
|           | <b>Adam</b>     | For showing great resilience in his learning!                                    |
| Year 2    | <b>Kenneth</b>  | For good listening, kindness and hard work.                                      |
|           | <b>Shamsher</b> | For excellent work in RE.  |
| Year 3    | <b>Ciana</b>    | For great effort, determination and attitude at our football festival this week. |
|           | <b>Zane</b>     | For trying really hard with his reading and handwriting.                         |
| Year 4    | <b>Alena</b>    | For showing a positive attitude towards learning and making good progress.       |
|           | <b>Aaron T</b>  | For approaching each day with enthusiasm and effort.                             |
| Year 5    | <b>Jacinta</b>  | For supporting a peer during a maths lesson to aid their understanding.          |
|           | <b>Steven</b>   | For using his ICT skills to assist his peers during our ICT lesson.              |
| Year 6    | <b>Sejin</b>    | For trying really hard in all subjects.  |
|           | <b>Edward</b>   | For trying really hard to take turns and support his peers.                      |



On Thursday, our Chaplaincy Team enjoyed a wonderful visit to Westminster Cathedral, accompanied by Mrs Aggrey (RE Lead) and Mrs Healey (Educational Visits Lead). During the visit, the children explored the Cathedral and saw many graves, as well as relics of saints and cardinals who have served there over the years.

One particular highlight was the statue of St Peter, which the children were encouraged to gently rub as a sign of praying for good luck and peace.

The team also learned about the rich history of the Cathedral from one of the tour guides, who explained that one of the crosses inside the Cathedral is, in fact, the tallest of its kind in Europe. The visit was wonderfully enriching and concluded with the celebration of Mass alongside members of the visiting congregation. The children were especially delighted to receive a mention during the priest's homily and were praised for their excellent behaviour throughout the day, which they represented our school so proudly.

### Weekly Attendance

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| ★ Reception ★ | 98.9% |
| Year 1        | 97.1% |
| Year 2        | 97.8% |
| Year 3        | 97.0% |
| Year 4        | 98.5% |
| Year 5        | 93.5% |
| Year 6        | 97.0% |
| Whole School  | 97.1% |



A reminder to all parents:  
We are a no phone school.  
All mobile phone users:  
Pupils, Parents and visitors  
must put phones away and  
not use them whilst on our  
premises. This is for the  
safety of all.  
Many thanks, Mr Campling



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| St Anne      | 311 |
| St Francis   | 238 |
| Thomas More  | 367 |
| St Elizabeth | 229 |



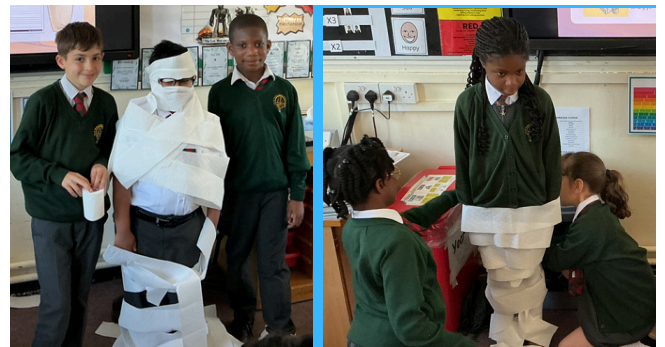
Well done to the children in Year 5 who took part in the borough's tennis tournament at Riverside School on Monday. It was a great opportunity to use the skills they've learned in school in matches against children from lots of other schools.

Children from Year 3 took part in a football festival this week which was run by Dagenham & Redbridge FC. They played lots of matches against other schools where they were able to show off all the skills they've learned in our PE lessons. I was so impressed with their attitude and determination throughout the day. Well done everyone!



Children from Year 2 also attended a football festival at Goals Dagenham this week. It was their first time playing football matches for the school. They played seven matches, winning five and drawing two, scoring countless goals along the way! A fantastic achievement and a very memorable day for them all.

Art club created some wonderful pieces of artwork using a variety of media and masking tape.



Year 4 enjoyed learning about ancient Egypt with a mummy-making competition using toilet paper.



Reception had a dinosaur scavenger hunt to begin our topic of dinosaurs this week. The children also showed good gross motor skills making their own obstacle courses in the outdoor area.

