

St Teresa's

Catholic Primary School



Weekly Newsletter - 15th September 2023

Christmas Cards

As in previous years, the children have the opportunity to design a Christmas card which can subsequently be purchased in packs by parents/carers.



Children are required to design the cards at home on the form sent home this evening. Instructions to be followed are on Page 5 of this newsletter.

In order for the cards to be printed in time for Christmas, it is essential that the completed design is returned to school by **25th September 2023**.

Your child will have received the template in class today. This is completely optional for all children. This opportunity raises valuable funds for our school PTFA.

This year, there will also be an opportunity to purchase a tea towel with self-portrait drawings of all our children in school. Might be a good Christmas present for someone!

Reminder—Smart Watches

For the safety of all of our children, smart watches with a camera function are not to be worn in school.



Reminder—Earrings

Earrings must not be worn in school, unless a child's ears have been recently pierced and are unable to be removed. In this situation, children will not be able to take part in any PE lessons or sporting activities.

Meeting for Parents/Carers of Year Six

DON'T FORGET—The meeting for parents/carers of Year Six children on Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 6pm in the school hall to provide information, support and guidance about the application process for secondary school and will also provide information regarding the End of Key Stage Assessments and the Faith in Action that the children will complete this year.

The meeting will take place in the school hall. This meeting is for parents/carers only.



New Information on the School Website

The school website has recently been upgraded to a new look and format. We hope you like it.

We have also introduced two new pages, which we will update regularly, which we hope you will find useful. There is a page with advice and links to support your families Mental Health and Wellbeing and one with Help for Parents in general. Please take a look.

[School Website Page - Wellbeing](#)

[School Website- Help for Families Page](#)



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Sometimes rejection in life is really redirection.

Tavis Smiley



Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 16th September 2023 @ 4.30pm and Sunday 17th September 2023 @ 10am—With You Always Enrolment Masses for Y4 Families

Tuesday 19th September 2023—With You Always Meeting #1 for Year 4 Families

Tuesday 19th September 2023—Parents/Carers Admissions to High School Meeting for children in Year 6. St Peter's staff to attend.

Wednesday 20th September 2023—Judaism Day in school

Friday 22nd September 2023 @ 6pm—Back to School Disco

Friday 29th September 2023 @ 9.30am—St Teresa's Feast Day Mass in church all families invited to attend

Tuesday 3rd October 2023 With You Always Meeting #2 for Year 4 Families

Thursday 13th October 2023—Climate Change Assembly led by Y5. Parents/Carers of Y5 children invited to attend

Tuesday 17th October 2023—Parent/Teacher Meetings between 1.30pm and 3.30pm

Thursday 19th October 2023—Parent Teacher Meetings between 3.30pm—7pm

Congratulations to the following children who were praised this week. Two children are praised in each class every week. One child receives, 'St Teresa's Award' for showing little acts of kindness to others. The other child receives, 'The Star Pupil Award' for excellent work, attitude or effort in class.



Star Pupil Award St Teresa's Award

Lyla Jones

Isla Littler

Ada Carney

Jacob Bullen

Henry Fawn

Nicolle Pye

Jake Owen

Oliver Carey

Harry Banks

Darcie Jennings

Sadie Hurley

Logan Higham

Oliver Leyland

Caitlin Edgar

Frankie McAuley

Caspar Viecele



Congratulations to Nathan Carey in Year 4 Class for receiving the Head teachers Award!

Nathan is an incredible young man who is a wonderful role model to our younger children in school. He displays exemplary learning behaviour, he is kind and empathetic towards others and he makes our school a happy place to be with his big smile. Well done Nathan!

Reception Class Baseline Assessments

This week, Mrs Cook has been carrying out the Reception Baseline Assessments which is a statutory government assessment completed by all children of Reception age. Further information about this can be found on pages 4-6 of this newsletter.

Swimming

Year 5 began their swimming lesson at Nye Bevan swimming pool on Wednesday of this week. Please see information sent via Seesaw for further details.



School CLUBS

After School Clubs this Half Term:

Please book online on the School Money website.

Monday 11th September— Monday 16th October

(Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) – Mindful Colouring

Tuesday 12th September— Tuesday 17th October

(Y4, Y5 & Y6) – Young Voices

(Y3—Y6) - Lego

(Y4, Y5, Y6) - Paper planes, boats and crafts

Wednesday 13th September - Wednesday 18th October

(Y5 & Y6) – Football for girls and boys

Thursday 14th September—Thursday 19th October

(Y1 & Y2) – Lego

(Y4, Y5 & Y6) - Jewellery Making

Friday 15th September—Friday 20th October

(Y1 & Y2) Gymnastics

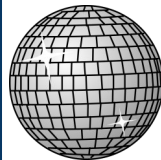
PTFA Updates



Thank you to all our parents/carers and staff who supported our PTFA at

our AGM on Tuesday. Thank you to the parents/carers who have taken on specific roles on the committee and offered support, without them we know our valuable PTFA could not exist.

It was lovely to see so many new parents/carers on the evening. Thank you, you are all very welcome.



This term we have a couple of discos planned. The first being next **Friday, 22nd September at 6pm**, and the second, on the 3rd November.

We have also started to prepare for our annual Christmas Markets which will take place from 12.30pm on Saturday 25th November. We will send out more information shortly, but would greatly appreciate any offers of raffle prizes from individuals or businesses. If you are able to help in this area please let Karen Owen, our PTFA chair or Mrs Rigby know. Thank you for your support.

Year Four Families

An email and a message on Seesaw has been sent this week to remind families about the first meetings for the With You Always Programme.

We look forward to seeing you at Masses in church this weekend for enrolment to the programme and at the Treasure Hunt Meeting on Tuesday evening.



Admissions to Primary and Secondary School



Information can be found from LCC on pages 11 and 12 of this newsletter regarding applications to primary and secondary schools for the next academic year, 2024—2025. The application process has now opened. More information is being provided on Tuesday 19th September for our Year 6 Families as the deadline is 31st October 2023.

A meeting for families who have children due to start primary school in 2024 will be held in school on **Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 6pm**. This will provide information and tips about the process and help answer any questions parents/carers may have. Please put the date in your diaries.

FIND Newsletter

The Autumn Term 2023 edition of the FIND Newsletter has been added to the [SEND Page of the School Website](#). It provides a wealth of information for families regarding support for children with Special Educational Needs. Please follow the link above to take a look.



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Teacher's Instructions

PLEASE NOTE:

To avoid delays, children's drawings should be returned to the Co-ordinator within ONE week, using the envelope provided.

1. The teacher completes the child's class and name in the spaces provided at the bottom of each drawing template. The name the teacher supplies will be the name that will appear on the card.
2. Hand out ONE named drawing template to each child.
Pupils can only submit ONE image.
3. **IMPORTANT:** Children should only complete their drawings using the drawing templates supplied. (The Co-ordinator can download spares if required.) **ANY DRAWING DETAIL THAT EXCEEDS THE BLACK BORDER WILL BE LOST ON THE FINAL IMAGE.**
4. Drawings should only be completed using **FELT-TIP PENS, COLOURED PENCILS, PAINT or INK. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW** the use of glue, collage, glitter or glitter pens on the drawings as these cannot be processed.
5. Children's completed drawings must be kept **FLAT** and in good condition as blemishes and creases may show up on the finished card design.
6. When all the drawings are completed, check the quantity is correct and place them in the printed envelope provided. Complete the details on the envelope and return to the Co-ordinator.
7. When the drawings have been processed you will receive either '**UNIQUE SAMPLE CARDS**' or '**STANDARD SAMPLE CARDS**' from the Co-ordinator together with Parental Order Forms:-
 - (a) Hand out each named **UNIQUE SAMPLE CARD** along with a Parental Order Form. Parents will return these forms with payment. ***This is time-sensitive for early Christmas posting, or***
 - (b) **STANDARD SAMPLE CARDS** do not display the children's unique drawings. Give one card and a Parental Order Form to each child.
IMPORTANT: When the payments and Order Forms are returned, please check each child's name and class are correct before passing to the Co-ordinator, as any errors cannot be amended once the cards have been sent to print. *This is time-sensitive for early Christmas posting.*
8. The teacher gives the Parental Order Forms and payments to the Co-ordinator who places the final order online. **ONCE THE CO-ORDINATOR HAS PLACED THE ORDER, NO LATE REQUESTS CAN BE ADDED.**

Reception Baseline Assessment

Do you have a child starting reception class?

If so, your child will be participating in the reception baseline assessment (RBA) within the first 6 weeks of starting reception.

The purpose of the assessment is to provide the starting point for a new measure that will help parents understand how well schools support their pupils to progress between reception and year 6.

What is the RBA?

The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, using materials that most children of your child's age will be familiar with. It became statutory for all schools from September 2021.

What does participating in the RBA mean for my child?

The RBA is not about judging or labelling your child or putting them under any pressure. Your child cannot 'pass' or 'fail' the assessment. Its main purpose is to create a starting point to measure the progress schools make with their pupils.

During the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we know that parents have been pivotal in supporting their child's mental health and wellbeing during this difficult time. I have had the pleasure of observing RBA in practice during the pilot stage and can assure you that the RBA should not be stressful in any way and your child is unlikely to realise they are doing an assessment. The activities undertaken are fun, simple in design, short and age-appropriate. Evidence from the trial and pilot shows that the children were interested in the tasks and enjoyed it, and I'm sure your child will do too.

Claire Harnden

Deputy CEO, Director of Teaching School Hub
South Farnham Educational Trust

How will the RBA benefit my child?

The RBA will provide an opportunity for your child to have valuable one-to-one time with their teacher at an early stage, so the teacher can get to know your child better. It will provide a helpful snapshot of where your child is when they enter reception, so they can be supported in the most appropriate way. Feedback from the trial and pilot of the RBA has been positive, with 84% of practitioners rating the children's interest and enjoyment of the tasks as at least 'satisfactory'.

As school leaders, we know how important the first weeks of school are to a child and perceive the opportunity for our teachers to take time to sit with each child individually to be hugely beneficial. The RBA helps to facilitate this and our teachers have a better idea of how to design learning for them.

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How will the RBA benefit me as a parent?

When your child reaches year 6, the end of key stage 2, you will be able to see how well your child's school has supported the year group in their time at primary school, compared to other schools nationally. This will improve on the current progress measure, which only measures progress between key stage 1 and key stage 2, missing out the crucial work schools do between reception and year 2, the end of key stage 1.

'In later years, once the new progress measure is introduced, RBA will mean parents are better able to see how well the school is supporting its pupils throughout primary school. Parents will be able to compare the performance of schools nationally based on the progress they make with their pupils, enabling parents to make better, more informed decisions when choosing the school they want their children to attend.'

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How do I prepare my child for the assessment?

You do not need to do anything to prepare your child for the assessment. Your child is unlikely to even know that they are doing an assessment when they are completing the tasks.

What if my child cannot access the assessment?

Your child will answer questions verbally or by pointing at or moving objects. The assessment has been designed to ensure that it is inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND), or English as an additional language (EAL). The teacher can pause the assessment at any time if your child needs a break. There are also modified materials available for children with visual and hearing impairments.

How will the data be used?

The data from the assessment will only be used by the Department for Education when your child has reached the end of year 6, to provide the baseline to measure the progress of your child's year group from reception to year 6. The data from the assessment, including numerical scores, is not shared with you, pupils, teachers, or external bodies, including schools, and there will be no published scores at pupil, school or national level.

Will I receive feedback on my child's assessment?

Your child's teacher will receive a set of statements, which provide a narrative description of how your child performed in the assessment. Schools can choose whether to send these to you directly, but they must provide them to you on your request.

For more information

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions about the RBA. For more details, you can also visit www.gov.uk/STA.

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Information for parents: reception baseline assessment

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Skelmersdale Family Hub and The Zone, West Lancashire, Thursday 28th September, 10am-6pm

- 10-11 am** Come and join us with your baby (0-1) for story time, a baby massage taster and our baby photo booth.
- 11-12 pm** Join us for the Family Hub launch event with welcome speeches and information about Family Hubs.
- 12-1 pm** Spend time meeting the Family Hub partners and join us for some light lunch.
- 1-2 pm** Pop in with your pre-schooler and enjoy our Messy Play session and Mini Move and Groove activities.
- 3-4 pm** Come along for our all age Creative Kids activities and find out about our Inside Out courses.
- 4-6 pm** Grab a snack and find out what's available for young people 11 plus and join our TYS team and Wigan Athletic Kicks for team games and challenges.

Yeadon, Skelmersdale, WN8 6NL

We hope to
see you there!

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

SOUTH

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2024 and living in Lancashire?

Apply now and check your eligibility for school transport at:
www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools
or call 01772 532109

Closing date: 15 January 2024

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

**HAVE
YOUR SAY**

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces and click 'school admission policies'.

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

SOUTH

Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2024 and living in Lancashire?

Apply now and check your eligibility for school transport at:
www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools
or call **01772 532109**

Closing date: 31 October 2023

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school.

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MONDAYS 6 - 7PM

TUESDAYS 5 - 6PM

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TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE

CONTACT TONY 07424 186185

EMAIL: tonybatts30@btinternet.com



LIMITED AVAILABILITY

DBS CHECKED AND QUALIFIED



Wigan Football Development



At St Peter's Catholic High School (Sports Hall)
Howards Lane, Orrell, Wigan WN5 8NU,
Starting on Friday 29th September 2023

In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1 -

6:00pm - 6:45pm

School years - Year 2 & Year 3 -

6:45pm - 7:30pm

School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 -

7:30pm - 8:30pm



Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new **12-week football course every Friday at St Peter's Catholic High School, starting 29th September**, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held inside the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just over £5 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £30 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £40 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals and trophies awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY & A MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.

TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE

Dan

01772 428 086 or 07514 316534

We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks.
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked.





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