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**St Joseph & St Teresa's Catholic Primary School**  
**Newsletter**

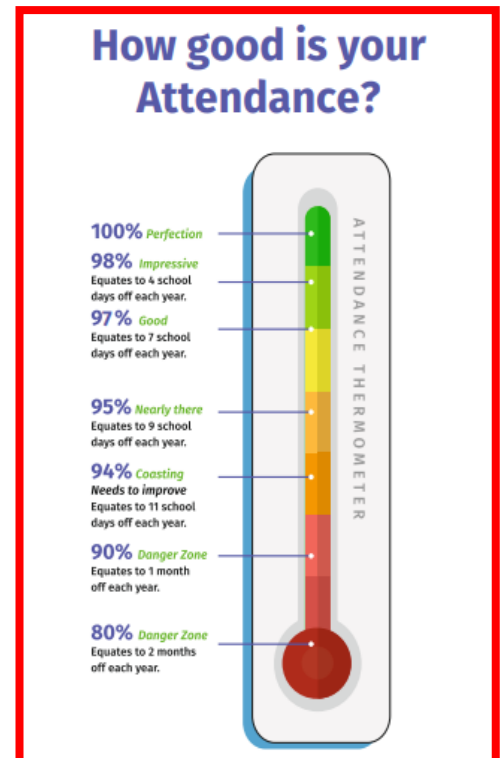


24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Love God, love our community, share kindness.

Attendance

Class	Class Attendance for the week ending: 20/03/26	Lates	Class Attendance for the week ending: 26/03/26	Lates
St Teresa	95.5%	1	100%	2
St Patrick	93.4%	1	89.7%	2
St Andrew	94.1%	0	98.1%	0
St David	98.5%	1	94.0%	0
St George	95.8%	0	90.3%	0
	Well done to St David's classes who both achieved the highest attendance this week.		Well done to St Teresa's class who achieved the highest attendance this week.	
Overall attendance	95.5%		94.4%	



Our Whole School Target for Attendance is at least 96%.

We really appreciate your support with getting your children into school and on time each day.

Let's work together to consistently get above 96%.

Well done to our three classes who were above our whole school target for the last two weeks!



## Lenten Challenge

Our pupils have smashed their target of walking 200 kilometres, walking an amazing 5,435 laps=  
368,955 metres= 368.955 kilometres!

All money raised is supporting CAFOD to help people in some of the world's poorest countries.

*STAMPING OUT POVERTY ON*



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We raised a fantastic £200 during our Big Lent Walk. A huge thank you and well done in particular to Dilan, Layla, Henry, Elsie, Oliver and Norah for getting lots of people to sponsor you!

Thanks to your generosity, people will have access to clean water in some of the world's most vulnerable countries.

## Easter Egg Raffle



A huge thank you to everyone who donated to and took part in the Easter Egg raffle. We have made an amazing £234.40 for our Lenten charity.

## PTA Tuck Shop

A reminder that our PTA are hosting a tuck shop on the playground every Friday afternoon throughout the summer term.

Thank you to everyone who is helping our PTA to raise vital fund for school.



### Headteacher Awards

Class	W/E: 17/04/26	W/E: 24/04/26
<b>St Teresa</b>	<b>Keo for</b> fantastic phonic knowledge and for always being a super role model.	<b>Cally for</b> fantastic effort and engagement in all lessons and always kind and helpful.
<b>St Patrick</b>	<b>Thomas for</b> returning to school with a positive attitude and listening carefully to instructions to ensure his work is good quality.	<b>Tymek for</b> fantastic effort in Math lessons and consistently taking pride in his work.
<b>St Andrew</b>	<b>Harlen for</b> improved effort shown in class, particularly in Guided Reading and English lessons.	<b>Dilan for</b> great effort and pride in all she does, always pushing herself to do the best she can.
<b>St David</b>	<b>Fletcher for</b> being so brave during your first swimming lesson. You persevered and gave everything a try. Well done!	<b>Laila for</b> always trying her best and being a fantastic role. You are always so polite and kind and it is a real joy to have you in class!
<b>St George</b>	<b>Sophia for</b> commitment to achieving her best.	<b>Karol for</b> improved scores in practice tests and for being proactive in asking questions to keep improving.



### Sports Personality Award

Class	W/E: 17/04/26	W/E: 24/04/26
<b>St Teresa</b>	<b>Marnie for</b> amazing listening skills and always being a fantastic partner.	<b>Marla for</b> showing fantastic listening skills and always being a super role model.
<b>St Patrick</b>	<b>Harlie for</b> improved listening in PE lessons and good partner work.	<b>Luca for</b> showing amazing teamwork and throwing and catching during PE.
<b>St Andrew</b>	<b>Liepa for</b> showing amazing effort and resilience every week in PE lessons.	<b>Oliver for</b> demonstrating excellent skills and having the confidence to help other fielders.
<b>St David</b>	<b>Eve for</b> amazing effort in after school Football session. Always giving 100% and always being resilient.	Mckinley for showing bravery to get in the pool and make it across to the other side. Fletcher for bravery to get in the pool and make it across to the other side.
<b>St George</b>	<b>Kian for</b> giving 100% effort every lesson and showing fantastic resilience to show massive progress in Badminton.	<b>Freddie for</b> fantastic effort and resilience in after school club.



## Heart of Gold Awards

Class	Pupil's Name	Statement 13/04/26	Pupil's Name	Statement 20/04/26
St Teresa	Ivy	I let go of my hurt feelings and give myself and others a new start.	Azuolas	I don't let doubts stop me from trying.
St Patrick	Milan		Arbie	
St Andrew	Hunter		Noel	
St David	Leyla		Laila	
St George	Leon		Harrison	



## New School Logo

Dear Parents & Carers,

A reminder to please fill in the survey on the new school logo.



For the first time in many years, we are redesigning our school logo so that it reflects our Catholic identity, celebrates our school saints, and represents our commitment to community and we would love your help in re-designing it.

Your input is really important as many of you have a long association with the school and have been involved not only as parents, but as pupils and governors.

Whatever your association with school, it would be great to hear your thoughts.

Please take a few minutes to answer the questions in the survey link below or using the QR code.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/jAHWRU186M>

Thank you,

Mr Kowalski  
Headteacher

## Important:



Please could we remind parents when sending children with grapes to cut them into quarters:

- NHS guidance strongly advises cutting grapes lengthways into quarters to prevent choking.

## School Dinners

**Please note:** Price increase with effect from **1st May 2026**

School meal prices are increasing to £3.00. Thank you

## Update to School Dinner Menus – Effective Monday 20th April

We are pleased to let you know that **from Monday 20th April**, our school will be moving onto the **new Summer Menu** for school dinners.

Alongside the seasonal update, we are also introducing a **fourth daily meal option** to give children even more choice at lunchtime.

From this date, pupils will be able to choose from:

- **Main meal**
- **Vegetarian option**
- **Jacket potato option**
- **Sandwich option** (new)

We hope these additions will provide greater variety and ensure that every child finds something they enjoy each day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please visit the school website or Dojo to see the new menus

Day	Main	Vegetarian	Jacket Potato	Daily
Monday	Chicken & Tomato Pasta or Quorn/Pork Burger Peas & Sweetcorn Sardine Sandwich	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna Sandwich Sardine Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich Sardine Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich or Vegetable Pasta Sardine Sandwich
Tuesday	Beef & Bacon or Veggie Scramble Dorset Cakes with Pineapple Pasta/Potato Salad Beans & Cornish	Main Sandwich or Jacket Potato with Cheese Beans	Chicken Sandwich Sardine Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich or Jacket Potato with Cheese Beans
Wednesday	Roast Pork or Quorn Peanut Butter & Honey Cauliflower & Broccoli Cauliflower Salad	Jacket Potato with Tuna or Chicken Sandwich Beans	Chicken Sandwich Sardine Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich or Jacket Potato with Cheese Beans
Thursday	Chicken Korma & Rice or Tostitos Layer Pasta Salad Rice Salad	Chicken Sandwich or Jacket Potato with Cheese Beans	Chicken Sandwich Sardine Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich or Jacket Potato with Cheese Beans
Friday	Mini Pizzas or Homemade Quiche with Cheese Sardine Sandwich Homemade Bread	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Salad Beans or Egg Sandwich Sardine Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich Sardine Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich or Jacket Potato with Cheese Beans

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Monday	Chicken Curry or Veggie Curry with Potatoes Wings Pasta/vegetables Tortilla Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Salad Beans or Egg Sandwich Sardine Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich Sardine Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich or Vegetable Pasta Sardine Sandwich
Tuesday	Beef/Chicken Pasta Bake or Macaroni Cheese Cauliflower & Carrot Rabbit Baked Beans	Chicken Sandwich or Jacket Potato with Tuna Sardine Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich Sardine Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich or Jacket Potato with Cheese Beans
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## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of May Census Dinner Day

Please note the Change of dinner menu on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of May. We invite all our pupils (packed lunch children too) to join us for a special dinner. The dinner is free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and those entitled to free school meals. Any other child must pay in advance for their meals on ParentPay. Thank you.



## St Joseph & St Teresa's School Holidays 2025-26

School re-opens	School closes at the end of the school day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Bank holidays: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Training Days:**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**

**Monday ~~23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026~~ – please note: date change Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

## St Joseph & St Teresa's School holidays 2026-27

School re-opens	Training Day	School closes at the end of the school day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026
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Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2027	

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**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027**

**Training Days:**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026**

**~~Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027~~ – (please note the removal of this date and the additional one)**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2027**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027**

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May 2026	Year 6 - SAT's Week
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Group Photo's
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion at church (All Welcome) (Time to be confirmed)
Monday 1st June & ending Friday 12th June 2026	Year 4 - Multiplication Tables Check
Week beginning Monday, 8th June 2026	Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Austerfield Residential – Year 4
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	McCauley Catholic Cup
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	(All classes) Big Talk
Tuesday 30th June at 11.00am – 11.45am	Welcome Meeting for New Parents
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	Gulliver's Valley – Residential – Year 5
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	St Teresa's Class Assembly at 9.00am (parents invited)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	St Andrew's Class Assembly at 2.00pm (parents invited)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Transition Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	St David's Class Assembly at 2.00pm (parents invited)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	St Patrick's Class Assembly at 2.00pm (parents invited)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (Time to be confirmed)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Dojo Dash (afternoon)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Mass (parents invited) (Time to be confirmed)