



Weekly Newsletter

St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School



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1st Half Summer Term 2025 - Thursday 1st May 2025

TERM DATES 2024 - 2025



Summer Term 2025:

Friday 2nd May is a non-pupil day

Monday 5th May is a Bank Holiday

May Half Term 2025:

Break up: Fri 23rd May

Return on: Mon 2nd June

Summer Holidays 2025:

Break up: Fri 18th July at 2:30pm

Mon 21st and Tues 22nd July are non-pupil days

TERM DATES 2025 - 2026



September 2025:

Return on: Weds 3rd Sept

Mon 1st is a non-pupil day

Tues 2nd is a non-pupil day

October Half Term 2025:

Break up: Fri 24th October

Return on: Mon 3rd November

Christmas Holidays 2025-26

Break up: Fri 19th December at 2.30pm

Return on: Mon 5th January

February Half Term 2026:

Break up: Fri 13th February

Return on: Mon 23rd February

Easter Holidays 2026:

Break up: Fri 27th March at 2.30pm

Return on: Mon 13th April

Friday 1st May is a non-pupil day

Monday 4th May is a Bank Holiday

May Half Term 2026:

Break up: Thurs 21st May

Fri 22nd May is a non-pupil day

Return on: Mon 1st June

Summer Holidays 2026:

Break up: Fri 17th July at 2.30 pm

Mon 20th July is a non-pupil day

Forthcoming Events:

12th - 18th May:

KS2 SATS week

Tuesday 3rd June:

Y2 Trip - details to be confirmed

Wednesday 4th June:

Y6 Trip to the theatre in London

Week Beginning 16th June:

Sports Week

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It's been a short but busy week here at St Teresa's! Our celebration of the word this week has focused on the inspiring life of Saint Carlo Acutis, who reminds us all of the power of faith and the beauty of using our gifts for good - even in the small things.

Monday was class photo day, and the classes all looked incredibly smart and quite grown-up. A special mention must go to Year 6, for whom this was a particularly poignant moment - their final class photo at primary school. Time is certainly flying!

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Gael Hicks, our Primary Link Adviser from the Brentwood Diocese. She spent the morning visiting classes and was extremely complimentary about our Religious Education - especially the children's RE books, collective worship, and the strength of our Catholic life and mission. This was music to mine and Miss Hilton's ears and a real celebration of the hard work of our staff and children.

Sporting news - our girls' football team played a brilliant home match this week, meanwhile our boys' team were away to St Thomas More's for their fixture. Both teams showed great teamwork and determination and represented St. Teresa's admirably.

On Monday evening our school governors met and formally agreed to move forward with the plans for our nursery class, due to open this September. This marks one of the biggest and most exciting developments in our school in quite some years, and staff are already buzzing with ideas and energy for what lies ahead. The nursery will initially operate as a pre-school class for children aged 3-4.

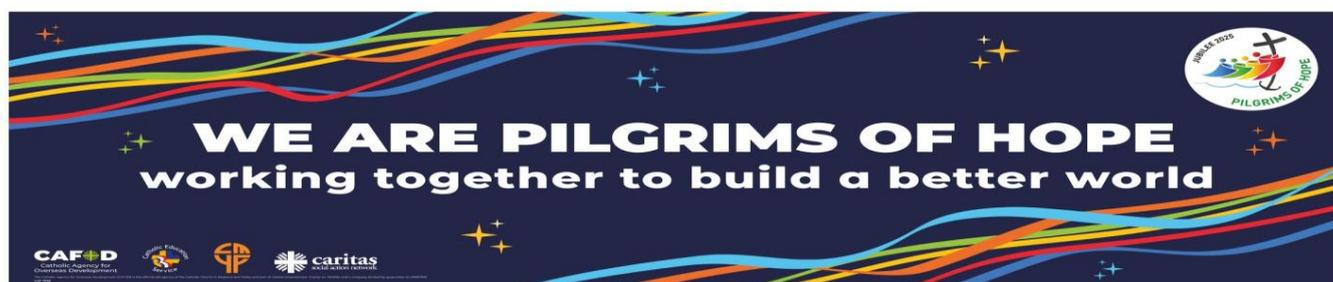
We hope to officially open admissions very soon, and we encourage families to continue registering their interest via the QR code so we can keep you informed with all nursery updates.



I'll be sharing more information over the coming weeks, including details on staffing, accommodation, and curriculum. Please do spread the word and share our good news with friends, neighbours and family - we can't wait to welcome our very first nursery class into the St Teresa's family!

We hope you all enjoy a well-earned rest and some sunshine over the long Bank Holiday weekend.

God Bless, Mrs Maguire



Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Last week %	This week %
Reception	97.92	97.92
Year 1	94.58	97.08
Year 2	94.58	94.17
Year 3	100	96.48
Year 4	97.27	91.02
Year 5	94.92	97.27
Year 6	94.35	95.97
Whole School total:	96.26	95.68



Well done to Reception for highest attendance this week!

Certificates



No Certificates this week due to the non-pupil day on Friday 2nd May



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club starts at 7.30am.

Food will be served until
8.40am.

Children will be escorted to class
up till 8.45am

Those signed up to UFBC- a
reminder this is available after
8:15am ONLY.

Breakfast club



School Meals

The dinner menus are available
on the school website and via
Seesaw



After School Club - 3.15 - 6pm

Places for the after school club
must be booked via your child's
ParentPay account.

The cost is £9 per child per
session



Remember to check
Seesaw and the website
for useful information,
letters and dates!

We are occasionally asked to promote activities/clubs etc. from local groups. Such activities are not quality assured by the school and parents should be aware of the need to reassure themselves of the quality and safety of the services on offer, for example by visiting, looking at inspection reports etc.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Energy Saving Week



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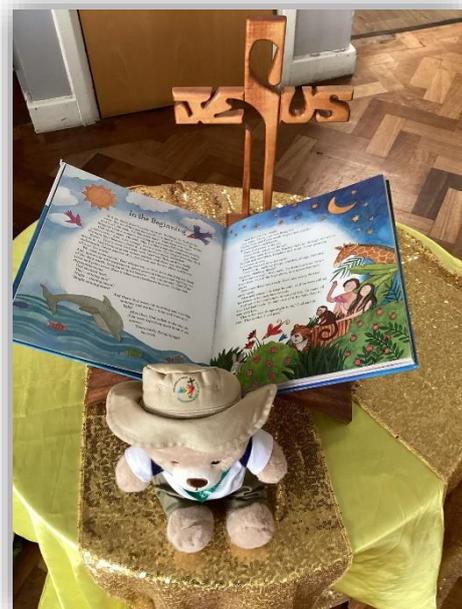
This week our Global Assembly was led by Mrs Heath and the Eco-Warriors. The theme of the assembly focused on Energy Saving Week with an emphasis on the importance of looking after our common home for the common good. Mrs Heath reminded about the message of Chikondi and how ‘we are called to work for the good of each and of all’. We began the assembly by watching a short video which celebrates the late Popes messages from *Laudato Si’* and how if we continue to waste resources and use resources excessively, our Common Home will suffer and we will not be living as God intended us to. The Eco Warriors shared some very important messages including highlighting just how much energy we use in our daily lives e.g. energy for charging our tablets or electric toothbrushes, the fuel we put in our cars and even the lights we leave on even when it is a sunny day! They gave us ideas for saving energy e.g. showers instead of baths, walking instead of driving to school, playing outside instead of using tablets or gaming consoles all of the time. They also set us a class based challenge of choosing monitors to ensure that the lights and interactive whiteboard are ‘off’ when we leave the classroom and the Eco-Warriors will be monitoring this to ensure we are doing our bit for our common home. Miss Hilton shared that as of next week, Fuel Free Friday will be returning and children are encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to school with the chance of winning a scooter at the end of the term.

We were very excited that Pilgrim Bear came to our Global Assembly this week. He is on a special journey during this Jubilee Year of Hope and he is going to come to our Thursday Global Assembly each week to learn more about Catholic Social Teachings and how he, just like the rest of us, can grow closer to God during this Jubilee year.

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the abundance of resources you have provided for our planet and for our well-being. We are grateful for the sun, wind, and water that power our lives and for the natural world that sustains us. We pray for the wisdom to use these gifts with reverence and care, recognising that our choices have a profound impact on the future and the well-being of all your creatures.

Amen



First Holy Communion

Please see below for the First Holy Communion programme 2024/5

Sessions - 9.15am - 10.45 am St. Teresa's school (pick up from the church)

Communion

17/5/25 - Retreat 10 -2pm (children to bring a packed lunch)

First Holy Communion rehearsal

Wednesday 18th June 2025

6.00pm - Group 1

7.00pm - Group 2

June 21st 2025 - First Holy Communion services at 11am and 2pm

Going Forth Mass - June 29th 2025 at 9.00am



Free Cricket Sessions

We have been asked to share the following information with our parents / carers:

Dear Primary School Office,

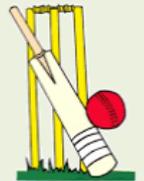
I'd be very grateful if you could share the below email with your parents / pupils. We had over 30 primary school age children playing week in week out last summer and would love to grow this further.

We will be running 2 **free** cricket sessions for school years on Friday 2nd May 2025 and Friday 9th May 2025 at **Great Bromley Cricket Club, CO7 7JA** 6.30 – 7.30pm. Please email myself at adamcuthbert1@live.co.uk to sign up.

If they enjoy them, the official All Stars and Dynamos programmes start on Friday 16th May 2025, where they can sign up using the links below.

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/greatbromleydistrict/Course/bc6a74fc-2efb-4e93-b5f1-cb4c15a1090f>

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/greatbromleydistrict/Course/077e995b-9014-4bc0-a6dc-b4de732742f0>



KS1

5:30pm -
6:15pm

KS2

6:30pm -
7:30pm



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MAY

ST TERESA'S
CHURCH HALL

FOST SPRING DISCO

TICKETS £4 - PURCHASE ON PARENTPAY
PAY IT FORWARD OPTION - Purchase an extra ticket for
someone who might not otherwise be able to attend.

Drinks, sweets, snacks and disco accessories sold on the night.
Suggested spending money no more than £5.



FRIENDS OF ST TERESA'S, COLCHESTER Charity Number:1206040

FOST FEST 2025

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH

3:15PM – 7:00PM

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun, laughter, excitement, and unforgettable memories!

Event Highlights

BBQ
ICE CREAMS
RAFFLE
TOMBOLAS
BAR

GAMES
INFLATABLES
LIVE MUSIC
ACTIVITIES
DISPLAYS

Included in entry price

ticketed entry

Adults £4
School Age Children £6
Pre-Schoolers Free

SAVE THE DATE

Tickets available on ParentPay now!



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CSSE STYLE 11+ MOCK TEST



Date: 27th April 2025

25th May 2025

22nd June 2025

20th July 2025

Time : 10:30 to 13:00

Venue: 97 Crouch Street, CO3 3HA

Cost: £35 (Kip Colchester/Ipswich Students)

£45 (Non-Kip Students)

Free feedback for the students

Papers returned at an additional cost of £5

97 CROUCH STREET, CO3 3HA TEL: 01206563798

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ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

HIGHLY RATED School Holiday Camps!!!



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- ⦿ 80+ Activities!
- ⦿ Choice each session!
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- ⦿ Flexible bookings!



OFSTED REGISTERED

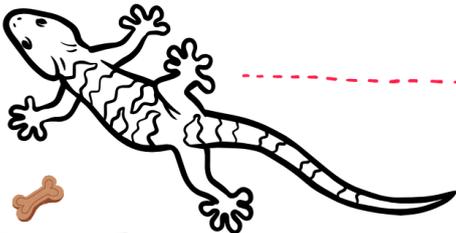
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ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

Name & Colour in your Pet Lizard!

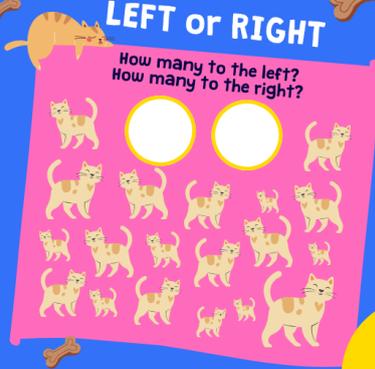


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DOG	FROG	FERRET	PARROT
CAT	RABBIT	MOUSE	TORTOISE
FISH	PUPPY	LIZARD	HAMSTER
BIRD	PIG	KITTEN	CHAMELEON

LEFT or RIGHT

How many to the left?
How many to the right?



SCAN ME!
to see more info about our camps!

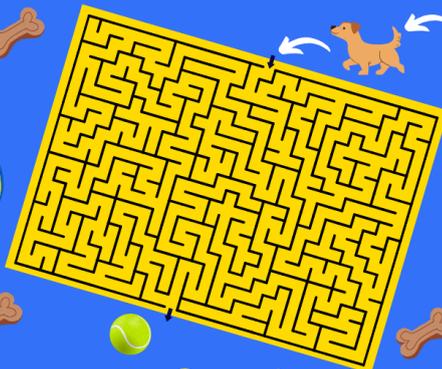
How many Dog Treats can you see?

NATIONAL PET MONTH!

FUN FACT

In 2024, the UK had an estimated 38 million pets, with 57% of households owning a pet.

HEY!
I'm BILLY Barracuda! National Pet Month, which started in 1989, celebrates and raises awareness of responsible pet ownership!



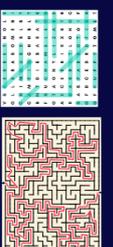
Help max get through the maze to find his ball!

PET ANAGRAMS!

EXAMPLE: ACT = CAT

1. RESTAMH
2. SHOGLDIF
3. BIRTAB
4. LIBERG
5. NEAIUG GIP

ANSWERS



visit barracudas.co.uk
or call 01480 467 567

1. RESTAMH
2. SHOGLDIF
3. BIRTAB
4. LIBERG
5. NEAIUG GIP
Cats: Right + 18
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MAY HALF TERM School's OUT Activities



Essex's number one Activity Camp is coming to Colchester Royal Grammar School this May Half Term! We can't wait to welcome children from all schools in the Colchester area and beyond for 4 days of non-stop fun!

For 4-16 year olds covering the full working day, from 8am-6pm, with over 100 action-packed activities, including swimming every day... there's something for everyone!



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Creffield Road, Colchester CO3 3ND

Ofsted Number: EY548121

Prices start from £45 per day

May Half Term

Tue 27th - Fri 30th May

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Choose individual days
or come for the week
for 20% OFF

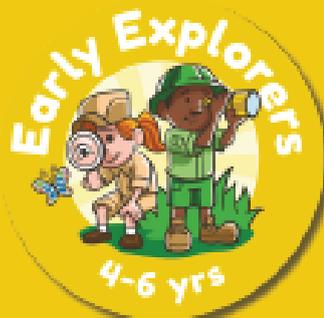


TO BOOK VISIT

www.schoolsoutactivities.co.uk

CHOOSE YOUR DAY CAMP

All of our venues provide our range of age-specific clubs. Which one will you be joining this Half Term?



Designed by Primary School Teachers to aid in the development of children in Early Years.

Activities include:

- Sensory Play
- Painting
- Baking
- Drawing
- Water & Sand Play
- Dress-up & Photobooth
- Parachute Fun
- Arts & Craft
- Indoor Bouncy Castle
- Mask Making
- Hungry Hippos
- Treasure Hunts



A day camp for girls and boys who want to explore their creative side, be active and have time to chill.

Activities include:

- Arts & Crafts
- Giant Twister
- Human Hungry Hippos
- Themed Music
- Bake-off
- Ceramics
- Hama Beads
- Jewellery Making
- Sand Art
- Tie-dye
- Dance on Stage
- Archery



A day camp designed for those looking for an action-packed week jammed full of exciting activities!

Activities include:

- Nerf Targets
- Archery
- Football
- Mario Kart Arcade
- Kin-Ball
- Unihoc
- Laser Tag
- PickleBall
- Dodgeball
- Roller Racers
- Basketball
- Inflatables



Once children mature into teenagers they want to gain more responsibility, so we offer them a chance to assist on one of our other day camps whilst having fun during their school break.

Activities include:

- Assigned Mentor
- Working Journal
- Observe & Question
- Apply & Improve
- Assist in Leadership
- Work Experience
- Gain Rewards
- Build Confidence

