

TERM DATES 2025 – 2026

SPRING TERM 2026

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
No wraparound care on this day
Return on: Mon 13th April

Friday 1st May is a non-pupil day
Monday 4th May is a Bank Holiday

Year 6 SATS Week:

Mon 11th – Thurs 14th May 2026

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
No wraparound care on this day
Mon 20th July is a non-pupil day

TERM DATES 2026 – 2027

September 2026:

Return on: Thurs 3rd Sept
Tues 1st is a non-pupil day
Weds 2nd is a non-pupil day

October Half Term 2026:

Break up: Fri 23rd October
Return on: Mon 2nd November

Christmas Holidays 2026-27

Break up: Fri 18th December at 2.30pm
Return on: Tues 5th January
Monday 4th Jan is a non-pupil day

February Half Term 2027:

Break up: Fri 12th February
Return on: Mon 22nd February

Easter Holidays 2027:

Break up: Thu 25th March at 2.30pm
Return on: Mon 12th April

Friday 30th April is a non-pupil day
Monday 3rd May is a Bank Holiday

May Half Term 2027:

Break up: Thurs 27th May
Return on: Mon 7th June

Fri 28th May is a non-pupil day

Summer Holidays 2027:

Break up: Weds 21st July at 2.30 pm

Please note that after-school wrap-around care will **not** be available on the following dates:

Friday 27th March 2026

(last day of term - early finish)

Friday 17th July 2026

(last day of term - early finish)

Dear parents, carers and friends

We began our week with our Gospel assembly, where we reflected on the title “Lamb of God.” We started by thinking about how good we are at recognising familiar people, places and things – especially when they are important to us. We then listened carefully to the Gospel story in which John the Baptist recognises Jesus and tells others who He truly is.

Through this scripture, we learned how John helped people to see Jesus for who He really was – the one sent by God, who would bring forgiveness and new life to the world. We reflected on what this means for us today and how we can recognise Jesus in our own lives. As a school, we are going to try especially hard to see Jesus in all that we do and say by helping others like Jesus, loving like Jesus, and always looking to Jesus as our guide.



It has been a very busy week in school, with a major highlight being the completion of our fantastic new playground equipment. We were fortunate to secure a grant from the Local Authority for this project and, combined with a generous contribution from FOST, our first phase is now complete. The children are absolutely thrilled, and I am already looking forward to phase two of our dream playground, which will begin during February half term.

We were also delighted to welcome a very special new member to the St Teresa's community this week – Rosie, our new therapy dog. She has already met some of our pupils and thoroughly enjoyed listening to them read. Thank you to Mrs Dyball for organising this wonderful addition to our pastoral provision; we know Rosie is going to make a big difference to many of our children over the coming weeks.

Wednesday's highlight was the Year 3/4 cross country event. Despite soggy and cold conditions, our children showed fantastic determination and represented the school beautifully. Thank you to the many parents who helped with transport so that we were able to take part – we really appreciate your support.

God bless and have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Maguire

Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Last week %	This week %
Reception	97.8	99.3
Year 1	100	97
Year 2	96	97.3
Year 3	99.4	96.3
Year 4	98.4	96.9
Year 5	95.2	98.4
Year 6	97.8	95.6
Whole School total:	97.8	97.1



Well done to Reception for highest attendance this week!



Menus

Lunch Menu

Next week is Week 2

Wraparound Menu

Next week is Week 2

Nursery Snack Menu

Next week is Week 2

Please visit the school website to view the menus:

<https://www.st-teresas.essex.sch.uk/page/?title=Menus&pid=72>



Breakfast Club

Early Bird Breakfast club starts at 7.30am with food served until 8.30am.

Universal Free Breakfast Club opens at 8:15am with children escorted to class up till 8.45am

Breakfast club



School Meals

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



After School Club - 3.15 - 6.00pm

Places for the after-school club must be booked via your child's ParentPay account (or by contacting the office for nursery children).

The cost is £9 per child per session YR - Y6

£16.50 per nursery child per full session and £8.25 per nursery child per half 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.

St Teresa's Church
First Holy Communion programme 2025/6

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

Communion

24/1/26 - We walk with Jesus
7/2/26 - We learn about the mass & We share God's word.
28/2/26- We give thanks & We remember and celebrate.
21/3/26- We share the bread of life
25/4/26 - Retreat 10 -2pm (children to bring a packed lunch) -
16/5/26 - Reconciliation session - times to be advised

First Holy communion rehearsal

Wednesday 3rd June 2026

6.00pm -Group 1 7.00pm-Group 2

June 7th 2026 First Holy Communion service -9am and 11am (in normal mass)

Going Forth Mass - June 14th @ 9.00am



Future SEND tea/coffee session dates for your diary

Wednesday 11th March 9 – 10:30am

Visiting guest from Autism Anglia.

They offer free autism and ADHD support for families in the Colchester area.



April 22nd 1:30 – 3pm


Visiting guest from SPACE.

They will do a brief introduction about their services followed by an informal Q&A with and parents. They welcome any questions related to all aspects of SEND.

SPACE offers free support to families of children and young people with SEND.

Delivered by peer educators – all parents and carers with lived experience.

Get support your way:

 in person – meet us at Local Offer roadshows, coffee mornings, and community events

Thursday 2nd July 1:30 – 3pm

Visiting guest from Autism Anglia.

CROSS COUNTRY

I was so incredibly proud of the resilience and sportsmanship our children demonstrated at the Cross Country this week. It was cold, it was wet but they all did amazingly well. Thank you to all who helped transport the children and stayed to support as well as Mr Nicholls who went above and beyond his role as a governor to help us.



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

You are the expert of your child

You Are Not Alone - Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Next one: 3rd February

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply listen and learn from other people's conversations.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings (meltdowns etc)
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Here's what parents have said:

*'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned **so much more about autism and PDA** than he has over the past year - Jo (parent)*

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I **really do feel less alone** and more validated. My hope is back' - Louise (parent)*

'Thank you so much for your support. I nearly chicken out in speaking but I'm glad I did. These sessions have been really helpful and I don't feel so alone'

Emma (parent)

If you would like to join the **next drop-in on Tuesday 3rd February**, please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the **Zoom** link.

Free Family Fun Day!

Blow away those winter blues!

Join us in the Kingsland building and car park with
a whole day of community fun!

- ★ Live Music
 - ★ Bouncy Castle
 - ★ Games
 - ★ Face Painting
 - ★ Arts & Crafts
 - ★ Dance Performance
- and much, much more!*

Saturday 21st February
11am - 4pm





THE YARD PROJECTS'

YOUTH HOLIDAY CLUB



FEB HALF TERM

**CALLING ALL 10-16 YEAR OLDS COME AND TAKE ON THE 2-DAY CHALLENGE AT THE YARD PROJECT – DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, AND CREATE LIKE A PRO
TWO DAYS. REAL TOOLS. REAL SKILLS. REAL FUN.**

ACTIVITY:

Join us to create a custom bird box or feeder. You'll have the chance to design, build, and finish your project – then mount it on a stand or attach it to a tree to help attract birds to your area.

DATE:

Tuesday & Wednesday -17th & 18th of FEB 2026

Time:

9:00AM-3:00PM

DRESS CODE:

Old clothes and trainers. (Steel Toecaps not required but can be worn)

LOCATION:

Futures Changing LTD,
Unit 12, Grange Way Business Park, CO28HF

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

CERTIFICATES ON COMPLETION!

SCAN ME



- Please arrive by 9:00am.
- Free breakfast options will be available for students before 9:30am.
- Breaks will be scheduled during the day, and students may go off-site for lunch if they have permission. A permission slip must be returned to TYP prior to attending.
- Any allergies must be disclosed before attending.
- Please ensure prompt pick-up at 3:00pm.
- All activities must be booked and paid for in advance. Students are required to commit to two days in order to complete their projects.

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