

TERM DATES 2025 – 2026

SPRING TERM 2026

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)

Forthcoming Trips / Visits:

Wed 18th March

Y2 to Danbury

Mon 23rd March

Y3 to Colchester Castle

Wed 17th June

Y6 Theatre Trip

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is always lovely to have the opportunity to write to you all and this week is no exception. I visited classes today to ask the teachers what they thought the highlights of their week were. It was wonderful to hear such a range of answers, it is so clear that the curriculum here at St Teresa's is broad, inspiring and enriching.

In EYFS the children in Nursery have been busy exploring artists and have had lots of fun getting messy with paint! They also joined Reception in roleplaying the Palm Sunday story waving their palms and cheering for Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

Reception and Year 5 had a very interesting workshop all about being safe on the roads, with the key message - STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK ringing around the classroom as the children sung their hearts out throughout the rest of the week to remind themselves.

Year 1 worked extremely hard to write their own books about going to space! Reception class were very excited to visit the hall today to listen to Year 1 read their stories to them. The children should be so proud of their amazing writing and illustrations, we certainly have authors of the future in year 1!

In Year 2, Miss Gooneratne reported how incredibly impressed she was with the children's biographical writing, having researched and then written about pirates! Not only have year 2 been super writers, they have also been fantastic scientists, exploring different materials and determining whether they were opaque, translucent or transparent.

Year 3 continue to work extremely hard with the fantastic support of Ms Egan (and Mrs Maguire) this week and alongside Year 4 took part in a crucial lifesaving workshop all about CPR and how to perform it, I am sure you will agree a very important skill to learn.

Year 4 went on a very exciting trip to the Owl Sanctuary on Thursday and dissected owl pellets and learned all about different species of owl. Sadly, due to the very windy weather, it was not possible to watch the owls fly outside.

Year 5 had a fantastic time painting and animating the Clayliens that they designed and sculpted using clay and I know they are keen to share these soon!

Year 6 are getting ever closer to their SATs and Mrs Lewis reports that they completed some practice SATs papers this week and she was impressed with their mature approach and great attitude! Of course, as always at St Teresa's, the foundation subjects are just as important as the core and Year 6 found time to design their own Scratch games using complex coding! I wonder if we have any game designers of the future in our midst!

Last Friday the children will have brought home their Beat the Streets cards and, as you will read overleaf, they have been encouraged by Mrs Herron and Mrs Dyball to sign up and get walking to earn points and therefore prizes for the school community! Hopefully this weekend will be a sunny one and you will be able to register and get scanning the cards as you take a stroll together as a family.

As always, thank you for the continued support that you give to your children! There is nothing more powerful than a strong home school link.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Hilton

Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Last week %	This week %
Reception	89.59	98.93
Year 1	95.56	89.33
Year 2	86.67	88.67
Year 3	97.54	99.69
Year 4	93.82	94.38
Year 5	96.15	97.5
Year 6	98.05	96.18
Whole School total:	93.68	94.97



Well done to Year 3 for highest attendance this week!



Menu

Lunch Menu

Next week is **Week 1**

Wraparound Menu

Next week is **Week 1**

Nursery Snack Menu

Next week is **Week 1**

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.

Please note that the price will increase by 10p per session from 13th April 2026.

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

Please note that prices will increase by £1 per session from 13th April 2026.



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



**“When each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love.”
Ephesians 4:16**

Our Global assembly was led by Mrs Herron who was very excited to share what Beat the Street is and how we can get involved! At the beginning of the assembly the words of the Proclaimers filled the hall, surely a clue for what was to come. We centred our thoughts on God and thought about how, when we work together, we can achieve great things, especially if we all take part as Patariki the Penguin encourages us to do. Mrs Herron reminded us that last Friday we received a card and a map for Beat the Streets and she told us all about how we can take part to earn points for our school by walking, scooting, cycling or running and scanning our cards on the ‘Beat the Street’ boxes! We checked the leader board and were very excited to see that St Teresa’s were leading the way for the average points and the children left feeling very exciting about the prospect of collecting points. It would be wonderful if you could support them with registering and taking a few family strolls from now until April 22nd, to not only support the initiative, but also spend time in the fresh air, exercising and completing challenges as a family.

Loving God,

We believe that everyone has special gifts and talents.

Thank you for the gifts you have given us. Help us make sure everyone can use the talents you have given them.

Amen



Red Nose Day

Friday 20th March 2026 is Red Nose Day
You are invited to wear something red
to school [yes, it's a non-uniform day].

Please donate £1 or more via parent
pay or bring cash to school on the day.



William, Year 4 Your Voice representative

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

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

Saturday 6th June 2026 First Holy Communion service -11am and 2pm

Going Forth Mass - June 14th @ 9.00am





Online FREE talk by Jane Keyworth

Anxiety Based School Avoidance

March 26th 7-8pm



Book online

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
go to PARENTS - Live Talks page

All 16 parent talks **FREE** with our School Membership



March 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm

CSSE

The Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex

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Selective Test

Examination Date

Saturday 19th
September 2026

Registration open from 9am Tuesday 12th May 2026
until 5pm Friday 19th June 2026.

Further information can be
found on the CSSE website
www.csse.org.uk

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QR Code:



To gain entry to the following
selective schools **ONLY**:

- Colchester County High School for Girls
- Colchester Royal Grammar School
- King Edward VI Grammar School
- Shoeburyness High School
- Southend High School for Boys
- Southend High School for Girls
- St. Bernard's High School
- St. Thomas More High School for Boys
- Westcliff High School for Boys
- Westcliff High School for Girls

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Children's Activity, Education, and Childcare provider

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Activities include:



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- Philip Morant
- Friars Grove
- Earls Colne
- Stanway Fiveways
- Perryfields
- St Georges
- Whitehall
- Tending

The Details:

- ❤️ Suitable for Children in School Years R to 6
- 🇬🇧 Childcare Vouchers & Tax Free Childcare accepted
- 💷 Prices from £22.50 per day
- 🕒 Flexible Timings:
 - Half Day: 08:30-12:30
 - Full Day: 08:30-15:00
 - Extended Day: 08:30-16:30



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