



Weekly Newsletter

St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School



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1st Half Summer Term 2026 - Thursday 30th April 2026

TERM DATES 2025 - 2026



SPRING TERM 2026

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:

(last day of term - early finish)

Friday 17th July 2026

(last day of term - early finish)

Forthcoming Trips / Visits:

Thursday 11th June
Y6 Siege of Colchester Trip

Friday 12th June
Y6 Crucial Crew Event

Wednesday 17th June
Y6 Theatre Trip

Dear Parents and Carers

Due to our INSET day tomorrow and what has been an incredibly busy week, I haven't prepared a full newsletter. However, I did want to share a particular highlight from today. We were delighted to welcome Stevie (Freddie's mum), who recently completed the London Marathon, raising funds for FOST. Stevie joined us in assembly, where she received several spontaneous ovations from the children, there was a real sense of awe and admiration in their eyes. Her determination, generosity and resilience were truly inspiring for us all. It felt especially fitting to celebrate this on the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, a reminder of the dignity of work, service to others, and the power of using our gifts to make a difference in the world.

It was also a real pleasure to spend time last weekend working alongside others to build our new play equipment, which the children have already begun enjoying this week following our OPAL play assembly. The excitement and engagement have been wonderful to see. Please do take a moment to complete our parent survey about play using the link or QR code below; your views are invaluable to us as we continue to develop this provision.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/JSsfMNPBA7?origin=lprLink>



Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable bank holiday weekend. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 5th May. A reminder for those classes swimming to please ensure all kit is brought in on that day.

God Bless

Mrs Maguire

Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



| | Week before Easter % | This week % |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Reception | 96.8 | 95.09 |
| Year 1 | 98.7 | 95 |
| Year 2 | 92.3 | 94.58 |
| Year 3 | 98.4 | 98 |
| Year 4 | 98.4 | 98.39 |
| Year 5 | 98.1 | 90.59 |
| Year 6 | 96.9 | 92 |
| | | |
| Whole School total: | 97.1 | 94.83 |



Well done to Year 4 for highest attendance this week!



Menus

Lunch Menu
Next week is Week 3

Wraparound Menu
Next week is Week 3

Nursery Snack Menu
Next week is Week 3

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 £10 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.

Free School Meals Eligibility

As a school we are registered with the London Grid for Learning (LGfL). They provide a service called the LGfL FSM Checker, which allows any parent or school in England to use the system completely free of charge to check if their child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). Eligible children receive a free school meal, and schools get the funding they need. This funding helps provide additional resources and support to improve education for all pupils.

Parents, or schools acting on their behalf, simply enter a few basic details online. The system securely checks with the Department for Education (DfE) and gives an instant “eligible” or “not eligible” response. There are no paper forms, and you only need to apply once.

Schools can recheck eligibility and manage applications at any time using a secure portal. The LGfL FSM Checker has helped schools identify millions in funding. It could help your school too, completely free!

Please use the following link to check eligibility for your child <https://fsm.lgfl.net/>

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

Communion

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



The LTA National Tennis Association have asked us to share the following information with our school community:

We've got something exciting to share, an easy and affordable way to get more children in your school active and enjoying tennis. For just £4.99 with free delivery, families can get a Youth Starter Kit.

Each Starter Kit includes:

- A set of tennis balls
- A child-sized tennis racket
- Access to a free local taster session with Barclays Free Park Tennis
- An LTA Advantage membership with a wide range of exclusive benefits

Families can order up to two rackets per purchase, making it ideal for siblings or friends starting together.

This offer removes cost barriers and helps more children get started in tennis. They'll build confidence, learn new skills, make friends and stay active in a fun, supportive environment.

To find out more and claim your racket and balls, visit the How to Get Started page:

<https://www.lta.org.uk/play/parents-area/kids-tennis-how-to-get-started/>



FRIENDS OF ST TERESA S, COLCHESTER

Spring Disco

FRIDAY 15TH MAY

ST TERESA'S CHURCH HALL

EYFS/KS1
5PM - 6PM



KS2
6:15PM - 7:30PM

£4 PER CHILD

Payment can be made on ParentPay until Weds 12th May.
AFTER THIS DATE THERE WILL BE NO MORE TICKET SALES!

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

For those in Little Flowers Nursery, an adult will need to stay for the duration of the disco.

Numbers will be limited to allow us to remain within a safe child:adult ratio as per all risk assessments.



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

FOSTFest 2026

JUNE 12
3pm - 7pm

We'd love your support in helping make FOSTFest a huge success! We need families to display a FOSTFest advertising board outside their home for a few weeks during May and June.

Thanks to the generosity of Keystones Property, every board displayed will raise £7 for the school - a simple and effective way to boost funds for our children!

There's nothing to organise - installation and removal are all taken care of. Just complete the quick form below, and if you can, spread the word to friends, family, and neighbours who might also like to get involved.

Thank you so much for your support—it really does make a difference!



CLICK HERE!



Please use this link to request your advertising board:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=-HyphrKNc0u5IV43OvP-KTB0pih5PEpKgle2UR8So9pUOFcxSk9CNkpGOU4zQzgyTUIzQIA4STIHSy4u&route=shorturl>

ACL**Community & Family Learning Courses**

| COURSE TITLE | VENUE | START DATE | START TIME | END TIME |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| FL GROWING INDEPENDENCE | ONLINE LIVE | 01/05/2026 (1 WEEK) | 09:30 | 11:30 |
| FL UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN | ONLINE LIVE | 05/05/2026 (3 WEEKS) | 19:00 | 21:00 |
| FL GETTING AN ADHD/ASD DIAGNOSIS AS ADULT | ONLINE LIVE | 06/05/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 18:00 | 20:00 |
| FL MANAGING ANGER IN CHILDREN | ONLINE LIVE | 06/05/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 10:00 | 12:00 |
| FL UNDERSTAND ANXIETY FOR YOUR SEND CHILD | ONLINE LIVE | 07/05/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 19:00 | 21:00 |
| FL MANAGING ANGER IN CHILDREN | ONLINE LIVE | 07/05/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 19:00 | 21:00 |

If you would like to enrol on to a FREE course please Visit our website [aclessex.com](https://www.aclessex.com) and type the course title in the 'Find a course...' box

aclessex.com
0345 603 7635



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| FL MANAGING ANGER IN YOUNG PEOPLE | ONLINE LIVE | 08/05/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 13:00 | 15:00 |
| FL RAISING GIRLS | ONLINE LIVE | 11/05/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 09:30 | 11:30 |
| FL UNDERSTANDING AUTISM AND ADHD | ONLINE LIVE | 14/05/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 09:45 | 11:45 |
| FL UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY | ONLINE LIVE | 14/05/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 09:00 | 11:00 |
| FL MANAGING ANGER IN YOUNG PEOPLE | ONLINE LIVE | 21/05/2026 (1 WEEK) | 19:00 | 21:00 |
| FL FUSSY EATERS | ONLINE LIVE | 21/05/2026 (1 WEEK) | 13:00 | 15:00 |
| FL ZONES OF REGULATION | ONLINE LIVE | 21/05/2026 (1 WEEK) | 09:30 | 11:30 |

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THE LITTLE LOVES FAYRE

Colchester Rugby Club, Raven Park

Colchester, CO4 5YX

Sunday 10th May, 2026

11am-2pm

The marketplace celebrating every stage of parenthood from pregnancy to teens in one place with some fab hidden gem businesses there to!!

**FREE
Parking**

**Baby Changing
Facilities**

**On Site
Refreshments**

**FREE
Admission**



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ALL ABOUT KIDS - COLCHESTER

COLCHESTER FAMILY FEST

2026

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE



11.30 - 16.00



Firstsite, Colchester

SEN / QUIET HOUR

10.30 - 11.30

Reduced noise & capacity

*Limited tickets available

FAMILY TICKET - £23.50

CHILD - £9 / ADULT - £3.50

UNDER 1'S - GO FREE



Character Meet & Greet



Live Entertainment



Inflatables & interactive activities

AFFORDABLE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

INCLUDED WITH YOUR TICKET

- ✓ Inflatables
- ✓ Under 3's play area's
- ✓ Live Wrestling shows (all day)
- ✓ Animal & reptile encounters
- ✓ Meet & Greet
- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Magician & Storytelling
- ✓ Interactive activities & more
- ✓ DJ & live entertainment
- ✓ Emergency services roleplay
- ✓ Fire Engine visit *SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY
- £ Local market stalls
- £ Food & Drink
- £ Additional activities

FROZEN PRINCESSES, MISS RACHEL TRIBUTE, SYNERGY COSPLAY

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SCAN ME!





Week 1
25th July
-
1st Aug
2026

Week 2
1st Aug
-
8th Aug
2026

SUMMER CAMP

**Residential Camp
For Children aged
9-12 Years Old**

£200
Per child
Expected donation

A week-long summer camp where children can explore the outdoors, make new friends, and enjoy a fun-filled activity program.

Set in a supportive environment grounded in Catholic values, helping them grow in both faith and character.

ACTIVITIES

- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Many Sports
- Swimming
- Climbing
- Team Challenges
- Table Tennis
- Volley Ball



 boscocamp.co.uk

 A special works of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood