



Weekly Newsletter

St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School



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1st Half Summer Term 2026 - Friday 15th May 2026

TERM DATES 2025 - 2026

SUMMER TERM 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 last day of term

Friday 17th July 2026
(last day of term - 2.30pm 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

Thursday 2nd July
Y6 Deanery Day at St. Teresa's

Friday 10th July
Rec to Highwoods



Dear parents, carers and friends,

We began the week by turning our thoughts to Mary during this special month of May. In our assemblies and prayers, we reflected upon Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth - model of faith, gentleness and devotion. Across school, prayer tables and worship areas continue to reflect this important season in the Church's calendar and it has been lovely to see children responding with such reverence and thoughtfulness. On Monday coming we have a special school Mass dedicated to Mary- do come and celebrate with us at 11am in the Church.



This week has, of course, been dominated by the Year 6 SATs assessments. I could not be prouder of the children. They approached the week with maturity, resilience and positivity, showing exactly the calm determination we hoped to see. Statutory assessment weeks can feel intense, but the children represented both themselves and our school wonderfully. We are equally grateful to our staff team who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the week ran smoothly and successfully.

Today, Year 6 enjoyed a well-deserved celebration day with a park picnic and games organised by Miss Copeland. There was a real sense today that the 'leavers' season' has begun, made even more special with the presentation of leavers' hoodies during assembly. These moments are always bittersweet-exciting as the children prepare for the next chapter, whilst also reminding us how quickly their primary years pass by.

Thank you also for your generosity today during our 'Bring a Thing' non-uniform event. We have been absolutely delighted by the wonderful haul of donations received for OPAL play. The impact of OPAL on our playground continues to be incredibly positive. Playtimes are purposeful, imaginative and joyful, and it is lovely to see the children making such creative use of the resources and opportunities available to them. We look forward to sorting through the donations and adding even more exciting play opportunities over the coming weeks.

On Thursday children from Years 3, 4 and 5 attended Ascension Day Mass which is an important moment in the Church's year as we remember Jesus ascending to heaven and the promise of the Holy Spirit. The children represented the school beautifully with their respectful participation and singing.

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful FOST volunteers and parent helpers who are giving up their evening to make tonight's school disco possible. Events such as these simply cannot happen without the generosity of volunteers and community support. I hope all of the children attending have a fantastic evening. A reminder, however, that **mobile phones are not permitted** at the disco and children should not bring them this evening.

Finally, good luck to our girls' football team in their match after school today. We are very proud of the enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship our pupils consistently demonstrate when representing St Teresa's.

Wishing you all a restful and sunny weekend.

God Bless,
Mrs Maguire

Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Last Week %	This week %
Reception	95.54	97.9
Year 1	95.83	94.3
Year 2	97.92	97
Year 3	98.05	100
Year 4	99.22	96.3
Year 5	95.7	90.6
Year 6	93.75	97.5
Whole School total:	96.59	96.2



Well done to Year 3 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 £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

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



FOSTFest²⁰²⁶

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!



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ACL**Community & Family Learning Courses**

COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
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

If you would like to enrol on to a FREE course please Visit our website acessex.com and type the course title in the 'Find a course...' box

acessex.com**0345 603 7635**

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Summer Term

The Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



This term we are in Manningtree, Great Dunmow, Silver End, Rayleigh



Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>

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Venue 2

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Venue 3

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ROAD, CO2 7XE**

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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

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-
1st Aug
2026

Week 2
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-
8th Aug
2026

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- Team Challenges
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SCS WORLD CUP CAMP

COLCHESTER FOOTBALL CAMP

The Stanway School, Winstree Road, Colchester, CO3 0QA

2 Day Camp

Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th May

- 10 am - 1 pm > Age 4-5 years > £20 per day
- 10 am - 3 pm > Age 6-12 years > £25 per day



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PLEASE EMAIL: colchesterscs@gmail.com
or CONTACT LUKE ON 07593 557556 to book your child's place.

Boys and girls welcome. Packed lunch and drinks bottle required

Payments can be made by cash or card on the day of camp.



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COLCHESTER GOALKEEPER CAMP

The Stanway School, Winstree Road, Colchester, CO3 0QA

1 Day Camp

Tuesday 26th May

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Training Sessions:



School years 9 & 10 (U14's - U15's). Wednesday 18:00 - 19:30.



School years 1- 8 (U10's - U13's). Saturday 9:30 - 11:00



Contact Karen Lawson: 07757266076
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