



Weekly Newsletter

St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School



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2nd Half Summer Term 2026 - Friday 12th June 2026

TERM DATES 2025 - 2026



SUMMER TERM 2026

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:

Wednesday 17th June
Y6 Theatre Trip

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

Friday 3rd July
Sports Day

Monday 6th July
Y4 to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village

Friday 10th July
Rec to Highwoods

Monday 13th July
Y1 to Walton Beach

Dear Parents,

With Mrs Maguire away at a Headteacher Conference this week, I have the pleasure of writing to you all to share the excitement and news from this week in school.

On Monday, Mrs Maguire led an assembly with a focus on the Feast of Corpus Christi; the profound gift of the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ. The children reflected on how Jesus remains with us in a special way through the Blessed Sacrament and how we are called to grow closer to Him through prayer, worship and service to others.



During the assembly, we were delighted to celebrate our Year 3 children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. They looked wonderful and represented both their families and our school community with great reverence and joy. We now look forward to welcoming them to their Going Forth Mass this weekend as they continue their faith journey and deepen their relationship with Christ.

On Wednesday, we were pleased to welcome Gael Hicks, our Primary Schools Link Adviser from the Diocese. During her visit, she was thrilled to see the continued commitment and dedication we place on Religious Education and Catholic life throughout our school. Her visit provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many ways our faith is lived out each day by our pupils and staff.

We express sincere gratitude to Miss Hilton, who works tirelessly to ensure that our faith and mission remain at the heart of everything we do. I know that her dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to nurturing the spiritual life of our school community are greatly appreciated by staff, pupils and families alike.

It has been a particularly busy week across the school. Our Year 1 children have completed their Phonics Screening Check, while our Year 4 pupils have undertaken the Multiplication Tables Check. We are incredibly proud of all the children for the effort, perseverance and positive attitudes they have shown throughout these assessments. They have worked hard and approached each challenge with confidence and determination, and our staff are immensely proud of them.

We were also delighted to receive the news this week that our school has successfully maintained its Gold Award for the School Games Mark. This prestigious recognition reflects our ongoing commitment to providing high-quality sporting opportunities and promoting active lifestyles for all pupils. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Herron, who champions sport for every child in our school. Her passion, enthusiasm and unwavering commitment to PE inspire us every day and have played a significant role in ensuring that sport remains an integral part of school life.

Despite the wet weather we have experienced all week, we are looking forward to a fun-filled FOST FEST after school today. There will be games, performances, food and refreshments, as well as the much-anticipated opportunity to *ice a teacher!* I wonder who it will be...

A heartfelt thank you goes to Mrs Skinner and the entire FOST team, who selflessly volunteer their time and energy to support our school community. Their dedication and hard work provide so many wonderful opportunities for our children, and we are incredibly grateful for all that they do.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all of our families a peaceful, enjoyable and blessed weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Gill

Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Week before half term %	This week %
Reception	95.6	100
Year 1	96.4	98.3
Year 2	94	97.7
Year 3	97.1	99.1
Year 4	96	96.6
Year 5	95	95.9
Year 6	96	95.9
Whole School total:	95.7	97.6



Well done to Reception for highest attendance this week!



Menus

Lunch Menu

Next week is **Week 2**

Wraparound Menu

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Nursery Snack Menu

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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.

Our final tea/coffee session of this academic year

THURSDAY 2ND JULY 1:30 - 3PM
VISITING GUESTS FROM AUTISM ANGLIA



Nip in the Bud – Free live online event

The Healthy Schools Team have asked us to share the following information with our parents / carers:

As the end of the school year approaches, many families will be thinking about the transition to secondary school. While this can be an exciting step, it can also bring uncertainty and anxiety for some children and their parents.

To support families during this important period, Nip in the Bud is hosting a free live online event for parents and carers on:

Wednesday 25th June, 7.00pm-8.00pm

Parents will hear from:

- **Dr Bettina Hohnen** – Clinical Psychologist specialising in neurodiversity, parents and families
- **Alis Rocca** – Former Headteacher and Education Consultant, with a particular focus on building meaningful, supportive partnerships between schools and families
- **Samantha Wrightson** – Parent of two and Executive Producer at Nip in the Bud

Together, they will share practical advice and insights to help parents support children through the move to secondary school, including managing worries about change, friendships, routines, independence and the additional considerations for neurodivergent children.

Families who attend will receive:

- Practical, evidence-informed advice they can apply at home
- Strategies to help children feel more confident and prepared for the move to secondary school
- The opportunity to ask questions during a live Q&A session
- A downloadable handout summarising key tips and resources from the event

We would be grateful if you could share this opportunity with parents and carers in your school community.

Parents can register their interest using the link below and will receive Zoom joining details closer to the event.

[Register Here](#)



Parish Christmas Bazaar

The parish have asked us to share the following message with our school community.

Hello everyone

I am writing this message on 28th May so that's 6 months until the Parish Christmas Bazaar! Yes, sorry to mention that it will 28th November in 6 months but it's time to start getting organised for this annual event which raises so much money for our Parish.

With that in mind I am sending this message out to ask you all to help with either setting up from Thursday 26th November, running a stall 28th November, helping with the date Bazaar sale on 29th November or taking unsold items to charity shops.

We need as many people as possible to make this work as the Social Committee cannot undertake this mammoth task without the help of our Parishioners and parents from St Teresa's.

*Please may I kindly ask you to put the dates
Thursday 26th, Friday 27th, Saturday 28th, Sunday 29th*

in your diaries now if you can and I will be in touch to ask for volunteers.

*Blessings to you all
Catherine (Parish Social Committee)*



Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents
Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your
ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the PARENTS - Live Talks page
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

HOLIDAY COURSES

**Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2, Level 3,
Learn to ride courses and a new course
Child Bike Workshop & Learn**

To book, please visit link
essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee

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ALL ABOUT KIDS - COLCHESTER

2026

COLCHESTER FAMILY FEST

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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