



# Weekly Newsletter

## St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School



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**2<sup>nd</sup> Half Summer Term 2026 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

### TERM DATES 2025 – 2026

#### SUMMER TERM 2026

##### Summer Holidays 2026:

Break up: Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30 pm

No wraparound care on this day

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July is a non-pupil day

#### TERM DATES 2026 – 2027

##### September 2026:

Return on: Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> is a non-pupil day

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> is a non-pupil day

##### October Half Term 2026:

Break up: Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Return on: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> November

##### Christmas Holidays 2026-27

Break up: Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm

Return on: Tues 5<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan is a non-pupil day

##### February Half Term 2027:

Break up: Fri 12<sup>th</sup> February

Return on: Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> February

##### Easter Holidays 2027:

Break up: Thu 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm

Return on: Mon 12<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April is a non-pupil day

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is a Bank Holiday

##### May Half Term 2027:

Break up: Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> May

Return on: Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May is a non-pupil day

##### Summer Holidays 2027:

Break up: Weds 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2.30 pm

Please note that after-school wrap-around care will **not** be available on the last day of term

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

(last day of term - 2.30pm finish)

#### Forthcoming Trips / Visits:

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
Y6 Theatre Trip

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Y6 Deanery Day at St. Teresa's

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Sports Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Y4 to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Year 5 - local geography field trip

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Rec to Highwoods

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
Y1 to Walton Beach

Dear parents, carers and friends.

As I write this week's newsletter, I am still reeling from the incredible success of last week's FOST Fest. The sunshine shone, the children smiled, families came together, and our school community was at its very best. We are still waiting for the final fundraising total, but whatever the figure, the memories created were priceless. Thank you once again to FOST, our staff, volunteers and everyone who attended.

With warmer weather predicted, a gentle reminder that all children should bring a named water bottle to school each day and we also recommend a sun hat. Please ensure sunscreen is applied before school each morning. For our Nursery and Reception children, sunscreen is provided (a reminder to complete parental permission if you haven't already).

Last weekend also saw many of our Year 3 children take part in a wonderful Going Forth celebration following their First Holy Communions. It was a joy to see so many families celebrating our wonderful children. We continue to keep them all in our prayers.

Our Year 6 pupils have been taking part in Bikeability this week. Learning to ride safely and confidently on our roads is an important life skill and forms part of our commitment to promoting children's physical development, independence and personal safety.

Across the school, transition activities are now beginning. Many of our Year 6 pupils have started visits to their secondary schools and we look forward to supporting them through this exciting next chapter. Whilst change can sometimes feel daunting, it is also a time of great opportunity and growth.

Our Year 6 pupils also enjoyed a memorable trip to London this week to see *Matilda the Musical*. Despite an unexpected delay to the journey home, resulting in a rather late return at 11pm, the children remained positive throughout and had a fabulous time. I am reliably informed that one of the highlights of the evening was listening to the England match on the radio together whilst waiting in traffic!

My sincere thanks go to all of the staff who accompanied the visit, but particularly to Miss Copeland. Having only recently qualified as a teacher, leading a trip of this scale and complexity is quite a feat and a significant responsibility. She did so with great professionalism, care and commitment to ensuring the children had a wonderful experience.

I would also like to extend our thanks to Trevor, our driver from Kings Coaches. During the lengthy standstill delay, he was calm, reassuring and incredibly supportive, ensuring children had access to water, keeping the coach facilities available and even making coffee for the staff. His kindness and professionalism were greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

We have also celebrated two beautiful class Masses this week. I was fortunate to attend Year 5's Mass and was particularly moved by the thoughtful use of sign language throughout the celebration. It was a wonderful example of inclusion, participation and active worship. Although I was unable to attend Year 4's Mass, Mr Rees spoke very highly of the children's reverence, singing and engagement. Thank you to all the staff and families who continue to support these important opportunities for prayer and worship.

This has been my second consecutive week with a number of commitments away from school. It is therefore a fitting opportunity to thank our wonderful Senior Leadership Team: Miss Hilton, Mrs Gill and Mrs Burrows. Their dedication, professionalism and unwavering commitment to our children ensures the school flourishes; I am incredibly grateful for their leadership and support.

On Thursday evening we welcomed the parents of our new Reception children for September. It was lovely to meet so many families beginning their journey with St Teresa's. As I shared during the evening, parents are the first educators of their children, and our role is to work in close partnership with you. We look forward to welcoming our newest members of the St Teresa's family in September.

On Tuesday evening our Governing Board met for its final committee meeting of the academic year. Our governors give their time voluntarily in service to our school community, and we are enormously grateful for their commitment and expertise. This meeting was particularly poignant as we said goodbye to both Mr Peter Johnson, our Chair of Governors, and Mrs Mary Johnson, who are retiring from the Governing Board after many years of dedicated service. Their contribution to St Teresa's has been significant, and they leave with our sincere thanks, gratitude and prayers for the future.

Finally, we will shortly be advertising some school vacancies, including opportunities within our office team and our learning support team. If you know somebody who would be interested in joining our wonderful school community, please keep an eye out next week for further details.

As always, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. We are blessed to be part of such a caring, supportive and faith-filled community.

God bless,

Mrs Maguire

## Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Week before half term %	This week %
Reception	100	96.1
Year 1	98.3	98.7
Year 2	97.7	100
Year 3	99.1	98.1
Year 4	96.6	96.6
Year 5	95.9	97.2
Year 6	95.9	97.5
Whole School total:	97.6	97.7



Well done to Year 2 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.*

# Dates for events – summer 2026



Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Bikeability Group 2

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June

New Reception children induction afternoon

Move up afternoon for the whole school

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

New Reception children induction afternoon

Move up afternoon for the whole school

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Bikeability Group 3



Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Primary Athletics Competition (selected pupils)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Year 6 Deanery Day at St. Teresa's

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Sports Day (weather permitting)

Starting at 9.30am followed by a shared picnic lunch on the field - Timetable overleaf

School Reports sent home



Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Year 5 local geography field trip

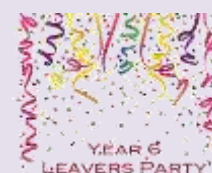


Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm

School Music Concert

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm

Nursery and Reception Minibeast Concert



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Reception class trip to Highwoods Country Park

Year 6 Leavers' Party after school



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Year 1 class trip to Walton Beach

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 9.30 - 10.30am

Year 3 'Doomed Dinosaur' exhibition



Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm

Year 5 and 6 production of 'Rock Bottom'



Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm

Year 5 and 6 production of 'Rock Bottom'

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 2.45 - 3.15pm

Year 5 Shakespeare performance

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm

Year 6 Leaver's Mass in the Church



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 10.45am

Whole School End of Term Mass in Church

Y6 Shirt Signing

1.30pm Y6 Leavers' assembly (Year 6 parents invited)



**End of Term - early finish at 2.30pm - NO WRAPAROUND CARE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY.**



## Sports Day 2026

9:30 – Welcome and warm up led by our Sports Ambassadors

Reception	KS1	KS2
Egg and Spoon Sprint	Egg and Spoon Quoit balance to hurdles Sprint	Skipping Egg and Spoon Obstacle Sprint
3-legged race Class relay	Class relays	

Year group	Predicted start time	Predicted end time
Reception	9:40	10:05
Year 3	10:05	10:30
Year 1	10:30	10:55
Year 4	10:55	11:20
Year 2	11:20	11:45
Year 5	11:45	12:10
Year 6	12:10	12:35

12:40 – House relays (the fastest runner from each house in KS2 to take part)

Family picnic to follow. KS1 picnic lunch is provided. KS2 to bring their own packed lunch (unless entitled to FSM).

After lunchtime, families will have the opportunity to go around some activities led by our wonderful Sports Ambassadors as well as enjoy our OPAL play zones together.

### A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,  
You entrusted your Son Jesus,  
The child of Mary,  
To the care of Joseph, and earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
Tendencies and patience;  
Support them in the work they have to do,  
Protecting those who look to them,  
As we look to you for your love and salvation,  
Through Jesus Christ

Amen



*Our final tea/coffee session of this academic year*

**THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 1:30 - 3PM**  
**VISITING GUESTS FROM AUTISM ANGLIA**

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## Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



**FREE** one hour online session for parents  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



## July 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

**Recordings available for 48 hours**

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
<b>FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use</b>	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

## 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](#)



# Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2026



Sunday 28th Of June

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
RM17 5QS



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