



Weekly Newsletter

St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School



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2nd Half Summer Term 2026 – Friday 3rd July 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:

Monday 6th July

Y4 to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village

Tuesday 7th July

Year 5 - local geography field trip

Friday 10th July

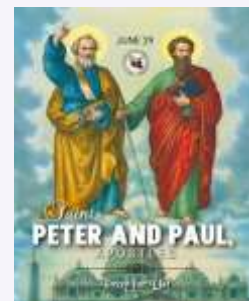
Rec to Highwoods

Monday 13th July

Y1 to Walton Beach

Dear Parents, carers and friends,

We began the week thinking about the story of Saints Peter and Paul. Through their example, the children reflected on how God calls each of us to use our unique gifts and talents in different ways. Peter and Paul were not perfect people but nevertheless they were chosen by God and united by their faith and courage to spread the message of Jesus. This is a lovely reminder that despite our imperfections we all have something valuable to offer; the children were encouraged to live like Jesus and see the best in people.



This week we have celebrated Sports Week and the children have excelled in every way. They have approached each activity with enthusiasm, determination and outstanding sportsmanship, supporting and encouraging one another throughout. The week culminated in today's fantastic Sports Day and family picnic. It was wonderful to see children giving their all, celebrating one another's successes and demonstrating resilience. A huge thank you to all the families who came along to cheer the children on and to Mrs Herron for her steadfast leadership of PE and sport in yet another successful sports week!

On Monday forty pupils represented St Teresa's at the annual Colchester primary athletics competition. The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school, competing with determination and school pride. We are incredibly proud of every child who took part. A thank you also to our parent helpers- we couldn't attend without your help!

Selected Year 4 and Year 5 pupils represented the school this week in an inter-school's maths competition. They embraced the challenge brilliantly!

Our Year 6 pupils also enjoyed a wonderful Deanery Day this week, joining children from the seven Catholic primary schools across the deanery to celebrate Mass before spending a fun afternoon together. It was a beautiful celebration of our shared faith and a fitting opportunity for the children to come together as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

Another highlight of the week was welcoming Bishop Alan to St Teresa's. It was a real privilege to show him around our school, introduce him to our wonderful children and staff, and invite him to bless Little Flowers nursery.

Finally, our annual school reports will be published next week. These are always a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, progress and personal growth over the past year. We hope you enjoy reading them. If there is anything you would like to discuss or clarify, please do not hesitate to arrange a follow-up conversation with your child's class teacher.

Have a wonderful weekend,
God bless, Mrs Maguire

Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Last week %	This week %
Reception	97.5	90
Year 1	94	95.3
Year 2	94.5	98.6
Year 3	93.4	98.4
Year 4	97.5	97.2
Year 5	92.2	94.1
Year 6	96.9	96.6
Whole School total:	95.1	95.8



Well done to Year 2 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



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 6th July

Year 4 trip to West Stow

Tuesday 7th July

Year 5 local geography field trip



Wednesday 8th July at 2.00pm

School Music Concert

Thursday 9th July at 2.00pm

Nursery and Reception Minibeast Concert

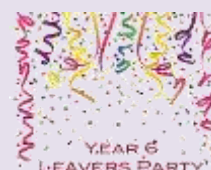
Friday 10th July

Reception class trip to Highwoods Country Park
Year 6 Leavers' Party after school



Monday 13th July

Year 1 class trip to Walton Beach



Tuesday 14th July from 9.30 - 10.30am

Year 3 'Doomed Dinosaur' exhibition



Tuesday 14th July at 6.00pm

Year 5 and 6 production of 'Rock Bottom'

Wednesday 15th July at 6.00pm

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Thursday 16th July from 2.45 - 3.15pm

Year 5 Shakespeare performance

Thursday 16th July at 6.00pm

Year 6 Leaver's Mass in the Church



Friday 17th 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.

Free School Meal Entitlement

If you receive a letter from us about Free School Meals next week, please don't be alarmed!

We are proactively contacting families who may benefit following the recent changes to eligibility. The letter is entirely confidential and is simply intended to ensure that no family misses out on support to which they may be entitled.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, you can apply via this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

FOST FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Make sure you get your sponsorship payments in by visiting the online portal at www.prostrikeevents.co.uk/pay-online and searching for St Teresa's. 

Fundraising is optional, but every pound raised really helps our school, so we are challenging every student to get sponsored - anything from £1 to £100!!!! You can share the link with family and friends to sponsor you quickly and easily online!  





**WORLD CUP
2026**
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**WE'RE
RAISING
FUNDS**
WITH



**MONDAY
6TH JULY**

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**TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT**
Take a shot at our giant inflatable goal and see your speed on the big screen!

**SEE YOUR SPEED**
Watch your speed appear on the screen for everyone to see!

**EARN YOUR CERTIFICATE**
Everyone receives a personalised certificate with their top speed!

**RAISE & WIN PRIZES**
Raise sponsorship to win amazing prizes and support our school!

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

 **SEARCH FOR OUR SCHOOL AT:**
www.prostrikeevents.co.uk/payonline


SCAN ME

 **LET'S SCORE BIG FOR OUR SCHOOL!** 



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

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
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	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



August 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

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm



ANNUAL OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 19 JULY · 11AM-4PM

**FREE
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PARKING**



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