



Weekly Newsletter

St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School



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2nd Half Summer Term 2026 – Friday 10th 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 13th July
Y1 to Walton Beach

Rock Bottom Performances:

Tuesday 14th July - 6.00pm
Wednesday 15th July - 6.00pm

End of Term Key Dates:

Thursday 16th July
6.00pm - Year 6 Leavers' Mass in Church (Y6 families invited)

Friday 17th July
10.45am - Whole School End of Term Mass in Church (All families invited)
1.30pm - Leavers' Assembly (Y6 families invited)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This week our classes have been reflecting on just how much they have grown this academic year - physically, academically and spiritually. St Teresa reminds us that it is often through the small, everyday acts of kindness, perseverance, prayer and service that we grow closer to God. It has been wonderful to see our children live this out throughout the year growing to become the people God is calling them to be.

Football Frenzy on Monday was another fantastic FOST event and a wonderful way to start the week. The excitement from England's victory on Sunday night certainly continued into school! Attendance on Monday was an impressive 98%, so well done to all the children (and parents and staff!) who may have had a later night but still arrived ready for a busy day of learning.

It has also been another week of memorable learning beyond the classroom. Year 4 stepped back in time with a visit to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village, Year 5 developed their geographical enquiry skills during fieldwork and Reception enjoyed a wonderful day at Highwoods Country Park, exploring nature and hunting for mini-beasts. It was lovely to hear about so much curiosity, enthusiasm and enjoyment.

On Wednesday afternoon, we enjoyed our annual end-of-year music concert. The children's confidence and musical progress were wonderful to see. Thank you to Miss Congdon for organising such an enjoyable event.

This week we also sent home annual school reports. We hope you enjoyed celebrating your child's achievements and progress over the past year. Every child has their own unique journey and we are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished.

It was my privilege to attend the Diocese of Brentwood Citizenship Awards at Brentwood Cathedral alongside Mrs Herron and our nominee, Tilly from Year 5. Tilly was recognised for her outstanding contribution as one of our Mini Vinnies, consistently demonstrating kindness, compassion and service to others. We are incredibly proud of her - congratulations, Tilly!

Mr Rees also shared some wonderful personal news this week. He and his wife are expecting their first baby later this year, I know you will join me in congratulating them as they prepare for this exciting new chapter.

Next week marks the end of the school year, and we will be saying goodbye not only to our wonderful Year 6 pupils but also to several much-valued members of staff.

Miss Bartholomew and Miss Willing joined St Teresa's whilst studying for their degrees and, having now graduated, are moving on to exciting new opportunities. Miss Bartholomew begins her teacher training and Miss Willing starts a graduate role in communications. Mrs Hale leaves the school office after 14 years of dedicated service to take up a promotion at a local secondary school. We also say goodbye to two fantastic Early Career Teachers: Mr Rees, who moves to his local Catholic primary school and Miss Gooneratne, who is pursuing a career in pharmacy. Mrs Gill is taking a well-earned break from teaching for a while - I've already told her that World Book Day simply won't be the same without her!

It is certainly unusual to be saying goodbye to so many treasured colleagues. I was beginning to wonder whether there was a secret escape committee I hadn't been invited to! In truth, while we will miss every one of them, there is something rather special about seeing talented people move on to opportunities they have worked so hard to achieve. St Teresa's has always been a place where people are encouraged to grow, flourish and discover their vocation. It has been a privilege to play a small part in their journey and we thank them for the dedication, care and love they have shown our children. Just as we celebrate the growth of our pupils, we also celebrate the growth of those who have served our school so faithfully. We send them with our gratitude, our prayers and every good wish for the future.

As we enter the final week of term, I'd like to challenge the idea that schools simply "wind down" in July. In reality, these are some of the busiest days of the year. Alongside continuing to teach and inspire our pupils, staff are completing assessments, preparing for September, handing over detailed information about every child, organising productions, concerts, sports events, trips, Masses, transition activities and celebrations. Every detail matters because we want every child to finish the year successfully and begin the next with confidence.

The summer holidays are certainly welcomed, but they are also thoroughly deserved. Thank you, parents, for the kindness, encouragement and appreciation you continue to show our staff. Their commitment to your children never wavers, right up until the very last day of term.

Whatever our final week has in store, let's support one another in making it a joyful and memorable one.

Have a wonderful weekend. I'm praying for an England win against Norway! 🇬🇧
God bless, Mrs Maguire

Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Last week %	This week %
Reception	90	97.5
Year 1	95.3	98.7
Year 2	98.6	95.9
Year 3	98.4	96.6
Year 4	97.2	96.9
Year 5	94.1	94.4
Year 6	96.6	97.5
Whole School total:	95.8	96.7



Well done to Year 1 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



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 13th July

'Home from Home' Day - Non Uniform

Year 1 class trip to Walton Beach



Tuesday 14th July from 9.30 - 10.30am

Year 3 'Doomed Dinosaur' exhibition

Wear something red for St Helena

Tuesday 14th July at 6.00pm

Year 5 and 6 production of 'Rock Bottom'



Wednesday 15th July at 6.00pm

Year 5 and 6 production of 'Rock Bottom'

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 have received a letter from us about Free School Meals, 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>

Non Uniform Day

Children are invited to come to school wearing something red for St Helena on Tuesday 14th July in return for a suggested donation of £1 per pupil or whatever you can afford. Payment can be made via your child's ParentPay account or via this link: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QX2J0TNX> for nursery parents - thank you.

FRIENDS OF ST TERESA'S, COLCHESTER

St Helena

NON- UNIFORM DAY



Wear **RED**
to celebrate the
feast of
Saint Helena!
(or any other bright colour!)

When? Tuesday 14th July

In return, we would be hugely grateful for a £1 donation
made via the link or on ParentPay.



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



Speech and Language Pre-school Drop-in Clinic SUMMER DATES

Please see details below for drop-in schedule this summer. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Every Tuesday EXCLUDING 25th August

9.00am-12.00pm

Berechurch Family Hub, Monkwick, Colchester CO2 8NN

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month EXCLUDING 5th August

12:30pm -3.00pm

Greenstead Community Centre, Colchester CO4 3QE



2nd & 4th Thursday of the month EXCLUDING 13th August

9.00am -12.00pm

Sydney House Family Hub, Clacton CO16 7PA

1st Friday of the month

10.00am – 1.00pm

Harwich Family Hub Delivery Site, Harwich House, Mayflower Primary School,
Harwich, CO12 4AJ

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month EXCLUDING 8th JULY

9.00am – 11.00am

Telephone drop-in: call 01206 742 965

t: 01206 742 960

Services commissioned by:



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



ACL

Family Summer Sessions

Looking for fully funded family activities this summer?

- ★ Summer Crafts
- ★ Art & Crafts
- ★ Lego Challenges
- ★ Julia Donaldson Stories and Crafts
- ★ Super Scientists
- ★ Family Cooking Together
- ★ And Many More!



Find out what's on near you and book your place:

 0345 603 7635

 aclessex.com/community-family-learning



Suitable for ages 5-11



Fully Funded Activities

Day	Start Date	Time	Duration	Weeks	Location
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Summer Crafts

Tuesday	21/07/26	10:00am	2 hours	1	Ongar Library
Tuesday	28/07/26	10:00am	2 hours	1	Ongar Library
Thursday	30/07/26	9:30am	2 hours	1	ACL Colchester
Thursday	30/07/26	12:30pm	2 hours	1	ACL Colchester
Thursday	13/08/26	10:00am	2 hours	1	ACL Chelmsford
Thursday	13/08/26	1:00pm	2 hours	1	ACL Chelmsford

Arts & Crafts

Thursday	23/07/26	10:00am	2 hours	1	ACL Harlow
Thursday	30/07/26	10:00am	2 hours	1	ACL Harlow

Lego Challenges

Thursday	23/07/26	1:00pm	2 hours	1	ACL Harlow
Thursday	30/07/26	1:00pm	2 hours	1	ACL Harlow

Hands on Learning: Family Cooking Together

Wednesday	05/08/26	10:00am	2 hours	3	ACL Clacton
Wednesday	05/08/26	1:00pm	2 hours	3	ACL Clacton

Super Scientists

Thursday	06/08/26	09:30am	2 hours	1	ACL Colchester
Thursday	06/08/26	12:30pm	2 hours	1	ACL Colchester

Wellbeing Art for Families

Saturday	08/08/26	10:00am	2 hours	1	Sible Heddingham Library
Friday	14/08/26	10:00am	2 hours	1	Braintree Library
Friday	14/08/26	1:00pm	2 hours	1	Halstead Library

Julia Donaldson Stories and Crafts

Thursday	13/08/26	09:30am	2 hours	1	ACL Colchester
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ANNUAL OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 19 JULY · 11AM-4PM

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ENTRY &
PARKING**



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Mon 3rd Wed 5th Fri 7th August

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Ages 6-11

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1 Day

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All 3

FUN GAMES



Hardball Skill Sessions

10:00 - 13:00

Ages 10+

Tue 4th - Power Hitting*

Tue 11th - Pace Bowling

Tue 18th - Batting 360*

Tue 25th - Spin Bowling & WK

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

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