



Weekly Newsletter

St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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2nd Half Summer Term 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

As we gathered together for our first assembly of the week, we reflected on the Parable of the Sower. One child from each class joined me to explore a simple seed, before we examined three different planters - one filled with rocks, one overgrown with weeds and one with rich soil.



The children quickly recognised which planter would give the seed the best chance to flourish. It was a lovely reminder that, just like those seeds, we all need the right conditions to grow. Looking back over this academic year, it is remarkable to see just how much every child has grown - not just physically but academically, spiritually, socially and personally. At St Teresa's, this growth is never achieved in isolation, it is the result of a partnership with parents and carers, where home and school come together to create the very best conditions for every child to thrive. Our role is to prepare the soil together; the children, with God's grace, do the growing!

As I sit to write this final newsletter, I am still reeling from the number of wonderful events we have shared together over the past week.

On Saturday, my heart was bursting with pride as we celebrated our very first Little Flowers Nursery graduation and family party. It was a truly special occasion and the perfect way to celebrate the end of our nursery's inaugural year. Seeing so many families come together in a spirit of belonging and shared joy to celebrate their children's first educational milestone was incredibly moving. I could not have been prouder of our nursery team, whose vision, dedication and love have laid such strong foundations for our youngest pupils.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, our Year 6 pupils, brilliantly supported by Year 5, wowed audiences with their musical production of Rock Bottom. Every year I find myself wondering how it all comes together - and every year it does! Watching the children step onto the stage with such confidence, knowing how far many have travelled over the past seven years is always a joy.

Thursday evening brought a change of tempo as we celebrated our Year 6 Leavers' Mass. We deliberately hold this as a separate celebration so that our Year 6 pupils and their families receive the time and attention they deserve. Together we gave thanks for seven wonderful years, celebrated friendships, achievements and memories, and entrusted our children to God as they begin the next chapter of their journey.

The week has been full of so many other wonderful moments too. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their beach visit, I-Rock musicians wowed us with their end of term concert, Year 3 proudly shared their dinosaur exhibition with families, Year 5 impressed audiences through their Ignition Arts Shakespeare performance and the school came together to celebrate the Feast Day of St Helena by wearing red. Each event has reminded us that at St Teresa's learning extends far beyond the classroom!

Today we gathered together one final time for our End of Year Mass. I found myself reflecting that I have now completed my twenty-first year working in education. I remain completely in awe of the extraordinary privilege of watching children grow; there is nothing quite like seeing children become the people God is calling them to be.

As we close another successful year, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to every member of our staff team. Unless you have experienced school life first-hand, or perhaps follow a teacher sharing the reality of their profession online, it is difficult to fully appreciate the relentless pace, enormous demands, squeezed budgets and accountability pressure placed upon those working in education. What continually inspires me is the way our staff support one another through every high and low, always putting the children first. Their care, professionalism, generosity and commitment are quite simply extraordinary.

My thanks also go to our incredible FOST, whose fundraising, enthusiasm and countless hours of hard work have enriched school life in so many ways this year. Thank you also to our governors, parish, volunteers and every parent and carer. St Teresa's is such a special place because of the strength of our community.

Have a wonderful, restful and well-deserved summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September as we begin another exciting year together, ready once again to sow the seeds, nurture growth and watch our children flourish.

God bless,
Mrs Maguire

Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Last week %	This week %
Reception	97.5	88.2
Year 1	98.7	95.3
Year 2	95.9	99
Year 3	96.6	95.3
Year 4	96.9	93.4
Year 5	94.4	93.8
Year 6	97.5	96.6
Whole School total:	96.7	94.6



Well done to Year 2 for highest attendance this week!
And well done to Year 3 for highest attendance overall this year!



Menus

New Lunch Menu for the first week back
Week 1

New Wraparound Menu for the first week back
Next week is Week 1

Nursery Snack Menu
Next week is Week 1

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

£18.00 per nursery child per full
session and £9.00 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.

TERM DATES



Mon 20th July is a non-pupil day

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



FamilySave UK

THE UK'S #1 FAMILY DEAL FEED

SUMMER HOLIDAYS ON A BUDGET

YOUR **FREE** GUIDE FOR FAMILIES ACROSS THE UK

Packed with the best **free** and **low-cost** days out, kids eat free offers and money-saving ideas to help your family have an **amazing summer** without the big price tag.



KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)

Dozens of restaurant chains run kids eat free deals all summer long – with many requiring just one paying adult. See the full, updated list.

familysaveuk.co.uk/kids-eat-free



FREE MUSEUMS ACROSS THE UK

Explore amazing museums and galleries for free! Perfect for a fun, educational day out that won't cost a penny.

familysaveuk.co.uk/free-museums-uk



SUMMER SAVERS

Find the best summer deals and savings on days out, attractions, travel, food and more across the UK, – all in one place.

familysaveuk.co.uk/summer-savers



ADVENTURE ISLAND DISCOUNTS

Find discounted tickets and offers for Adventure Island so your family can enjoy big thrills for less.

familysaveuk.co.uk/adventure-island-discount-tickets



CHEAP DAYS OUT

Find low-cost days out to farms, zoos, theme parks and attractions across the UK. Great value ideas for fun family days out.

familysaveuk.co.uk/deals



SAVE MORE EVERY DAY

Cashback, supermarket deals, discount codes and family savings – all in one place.

familysaveuk.co.uk/cashback



THREE QUICK WAYS TO CUT SUMMER COSTS



1

PLAN MEALS AROUND KIDS EAT FREE DAYS



Many offers only run on certain weekdays. A little planning can halve the cost of eating out.

2

CHECK FOR LOCAL PASSES BEFORE YOU GO



Attractions often have summer passes or online-only prices that are much cheaper than paying on the gate.

3

MIX ONE PAID DAY OUT WITH FREE ONES



The UK is full of fantastic free parks, beaches and trails to balance the bigger days out.



ALL OFFERS, UPDATED THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS

FAMILYSAVEUK.CO.UK



FamilySave UK is a free deals and savings site for families across the UK. Offers change often and terms apply, so always check the latest details on the site before you travel. **We're not paid to share this with your family – just honest, parent WhatsApp group tips.**

9TH COLCHESTER SCOUT GROUP



WE NEED YOU!

NEW SECTION TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED



Help our youngest members learn, grow and have fun through amazing adventures!

Make a difference. Support. Inspire. Have fun.



Help our Cubs build skills, confidence and friendships that last a lifetime!

Be part of the adventure. Be part of something bigger.

**NO PREVIOUS
SCOUTING
EXPERIENCE
NEEDED!**

WE NEED PEOPLE WHO ARE:



INTERESTED?
SPEAK TO ONE OF
THE SECTION TEAM →



OR EMAIL US AT:
glv9th@colchesterestuaryscouts.org.uk

TOGETHER,
LET'S HELP MORE
YOUNG PEOPLE
SHINE!

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WE NEED YOU!

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SCOUTS

AGES 10½ – 14
(YEAR 7 – 9)

Help young people challenge themselves, try new things and explore the great outdoors. Build confidence, teamwork and leadership skills that last a lifetime.

Make a difference. Support. Inspire. Help them grow.

EXPLORER SCOUTS

AGES 14 – 18
(YEAR 10 – 13)

Support young people as they take the lead, make a difference and take on exciting challenges. Help them develop skills for life.

Be a mentor. Be a role model. Help shape the future.

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ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

MAKE FRIENDS. LEARN SKILLS. HAVE FUN. CHANGE THE WORLD.
THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU IN SCOUTING!



BEAVERS
AGES 6 – 8
(YEAR 1 & 2)

Fun, friendship and new adventures! Games, crafts, stories and exploring the world around you.

FUN STARTS HERE!



cubs
AGES 8 – 10½
(YEAR 3 – 6)

Learn new skills, go on adventures and make amazing memories with friends.

DO YOUR BEST!



SCOUTS
AGES 10½ – 14
(YEAR 7 – 9)

Challenge yourself, try new things and explore the great outdoors. Teamwork, leadership and more!

PREPARE FOR ANYTHING!



**EXPLORER
SCOUTS**
AGES 14 – 18
(YEAR 10 – 13)

Take the lead, make a difference and take on exciting challenges. Your adventure continues!

**BE BOLD,
BE YOU,
BELONG.**



READY FOR ADVENTURE?

JOIN YOUR LOCAL SCOUT GROUP TODAY!



Speak to one of the section team or email us at:
glv9th@colchesterestuaryscouts.org.uk

TEAM BUILDERS



HOLIDAY CLUB

AGES 5-11

BUILD FRIENDSHIPS. BUILD FUN. BUILD THE FUTURE!



26TH - 28TH AUGUST

9.30AM-12PM

BOOK USING QR CODE

ONLY **£5** PER DAY



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