



Welcome back for Summer Term!

Key Stage Two Swimming Update:

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, swimming is a legal requirement in the primary curriculum in England. It is important that our students learn how to swim for their own safety and wellbeing, as well as to ensure they meet the national curriculum standards.

Unfortunately, the local pool we use, **The Basildon Lower Academy Pool**, is currently undergoing refurbishment and modernisation. While we are eager to resume our usual swimming lessons for years 4/5 during the Summer Term, we are unable to do so due to the pool's closure.

We have explored other options, including using pools further away from our school. However, this would result in increased costs for coach travel, which we do not believe is a viable solution.

Therefore, we have made the decision to postpone the swimming lessons for years 4/5 until next year when the refurbishment is completed. This means that next year, those students who will be in years 5/6 will attend their swimming lessons.

We understand that swimming is an important part of our curriculum, and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We will continue to update you on the situation.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Parking & Driving Outside of the School

Parents,

I must unfortunately write to tell you that we have once again had reports of residents driveways being blocked and of parents driving without due care to their speed around the corner by the school gates.

Please take care where you park and ensure that you drive cautiously. As head teacher, given the choice between a child being a little late for register and having some kind of accident outside of the school I would choose the safer of the two.

We share this space with the wider community and as a Christian community we wish to share that space graciously and with kindness. Please consider your parking with thought of others and please consider your driving with the thought of the safety of others, including children, in mind.

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Upcoming Dates:

27th April: Potential industrial action affecting our school.

29th April (Saturday): Nursery Open morning. See overleaf.

1st May: Bank Holiday

2nd May: Potential industrial action affecting our school.

8th May: Bank Holiday

9th May: Year 6 SATs take place during this week. Tuesday-Friday

Friday 12th May: Y1 Class Assembly 9.00am in school hall, parents welcome.

23rd May: Photograph day

26th May: Years 3/4 School trip (Southend Museum)

Monday 5th June: Non-Pupil Day

23rd June: Reception Class Assembly 9.00am in school hall, parents welcome.

16th June: Years 5/2 School trip (Duxford)

21st June: Sports day

23rd June: End of year reports out.

13th July: Years 5/6 School trip (Tate)

School Dinners: Easter Egg Prize Giveaway!

Congratulations to:

EYFS—Max

Y1—Logan

Y2—Shalom

Y3—Daisy

Y4—Molly

Y5—Leyton

Y6—Tegan



We hope you thoroughly enjoyed your prize! Thank you to the kitchen team for organizing and to Mrs Cross for kindly donating the prizes.

Uniform and Hair

Please support the school by ensuring that your child has their yellow and blue tie, suitable black footwear and hair that is in line with our policy.

Hair must not be an extreme style (such as a mohawk) and cannot be dyed an unnatural colour. If your child wears hair extensions, please ensure that they match your child's natural hair colour.

We have had particular issues with girls in key stage two attempting to wear sparkly lip gloss which we consider to be make up and not a lip balm.

We have also had children attempting to wear ear-rings and necklaces, which we cannot permit.

If you would like clarification on any item of clothing please feel free to reach out to a member of staff and we would be happy to discuss our interpretation of our policy on a specific point.

We thank you all for your support in ensuring that at St Teresas' our children look smart and ready for their learning every day.

St Teresa's Little Learners Open Morning

Saturday 29th
April 2023

9:30am -11:30am



Come along to
meet our nursery
team and explore
our wonderful pre-
school provision.

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