



Remembrance at St Teresa's

This week, our school came together to observe Remembrance Day, a poignant occasion that resonated throughout our halls and classrooms. The day began with thoughtful discussions in many classes, building upon the powerful messages shared during Year 5's collective worship assembly last half term.

As the haunting notes of the Last Post echoed in some classrooms, our pupils were encouraged to reflect on the significance of this solemn day. During Monday's collective worship, our Faith Council beautifully articulated remembrance-themed class prayer intentions, many of which called upon us to honour the sacrifices made by those who lost their lives in wars.

Year 1 broadened our perspective, challenging us to consider the often-overlooked animals who served alongside soldiers in world conflicts. Year 6 offered a particularly moving prayer, urging us to learn from history and strive for a peaceful future.

The culmination of our observance saw all classes lining up on the playground at 11am for a two-minute silence. I was deeply impressed by our pupils' understanding of the gravity of the occasion, as they stood in respectful silence. This beautiful moment of prayer and quiet reflection truly exemplified the spirit of our school community.

These acts of remembrance not only honour the past but also shape our pupils' understanding of the world. They remind us of the importance of peace, empathy, and the value of every life. As we move forward, let us carry these lessons with us, fostering a community of compassion and understanding.

Is your child making their First Holy Communion?

Is your child making their First Holy Communion this year? If so, could you please let the school office know. We maintain a register of students who have taken their First Holy Communion on our databases to ensure that only children who have taken this sacrament take the Body and Blood during mass. However, due to GDPR laws the church is unable to easily pass this information onto us.

Please contact the school office if your child is attending the course in preparation for this sacrament.

Could you help to organise school fundraising events?

We're currently seeking volunteers to join F.O.S.T. (Friends of St Teresa's), our dedicated group that organises fundraising events for the school. F.O.S.T. has already made a significant impact in 2024, orchestrating our successful Summer Fete and September uniform sale.

Now, they're turning their attention to our upcoming Christmas Bazaar! (See overleaf).

If you're interested in becoming part of this team, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We're not looking for specific experience or skills – just a "can-do" attitude and a desire to help. Your involvement, no matter how big or small, can make a real difference to our school.

FOST embodies the spirit of our school community – working together to create wonderful experiences for our pupils and families. Whether you can spare an hour or take on a more regular role, your contribution will be valued.

If interested, please contact the school office.

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**Our Lady
& All Saints**



Upcoming Dates:

29th November: Y4 Class Collective Worship 9am (Parents invited)

10th December 2pm: KS1 Nativity

11th December 9.15am: KS1 Nativity

11th December: Christmas Jumper Day

11th December: School Christmas Dinners

17th December: Singing event at De La Salle (Invite only)

17th December: After school carol concert at St Basil's.

18th December: Christmas Bazaar (Organised by F.O.S.T.)

20th December: Last day of term. (School closes early. Please collect at 1.15pm)

6th January: First day back.

24th January Y3: Collective Worship 9am (Parents invited)

4th February: Y4 School Trip

17th February: Half Term



Upcoming Christmas Events 2024



Dear St Teresa's Community,

As we approach the festive season, I'm excited to share some important dates and events with you. Our school calendar is brimming with Christmas cheer, and I want to ensure you're all in the loop.

Our KS1 pupils are working tirelessly on their Nativity performance. While parents aren't invited to the dress rehearsal on 9th December, we warmly welcome you to attend the performances on 10th December at 2pm and 11th December at 9:15am.

The 11th of December is set to be a day of celebration. We'll be donning our festive knitwear for Christmas Jumper Day and enjoying a delicious Christmas dinner together.

For some of our KS2 pupils, we have a special singing event at De La Salle on 17th December. This is by invitation only, and we'll provide more details soon. Later that day, we'll gather for our after-school carol concert at St Basil's.

The Christmas spirit continues with our School Christmas Bazaar after school on 18th December. It's a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together.

Finally, please note that our last day of term, 20th December, will be a half-day.

Let's embrace this joyous time together, celebrating the warmth and unity of our St Teresa's family.

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**St Teresa's
Christmas Bazaar**
*Wednesday 18th
December 3.15 till 5 pm*
**Come along and enjoy
the Christmas fun**

Stalls included

- Santas Grotto
- Lucky Dip
- Face painting
- Santa's Christmas Lolly lights
 - Hot Dogs
- Cakes/Biscuits sale
 - Hot Chocolate
 - Archery

And many more

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Harvest Food Drive Success at St Teresa's

I'm filled with immense pride at the remarkable spirit of generosity that our pupils have demonstrated. Our recent Harvest Food drive has been nothing short of inspiring, with every class contributing wholeheartedly to this vital cause.

The outpouring of support from our families has been truly overwhelming. Your donations will make a significant difference to local families in need, embodying the very essence of our Catholic life and mission. It's heartening to see our community come together, living out our values in such a tangible way. I'd like to extend a special thank you to our Faith Council for their exceptional organisation of this initiative. Their leadership and dedication have been instrumental in the success of our food drive.

The sheer volume of food collected is a testament to the compassion and care that defines our school community. It's moments like these that remind us of the positive impact we can have when we work together.

Your generosity has not gone unnoticed, and on behalf of all those who will benefit from your kindness, I offer my deepest gratitude. You've truly exemplified what it means to be part of St Teresa's Catholic Primary School.



Kitchen Relaunch Success!

School dinner numbers have sky-rocketed and children have been reporting on how much they have been enjoying the new school menu. If your child has not tried the new school dinners yet, we urge you to give them a go!

Here are some testimonials from last week's menu:

"That was the best pasta of my life!" - Y3 Child

"The Jelly has never tasted better! I love it." - Year 4 Child

"The new table decorations make me feel like a businessman in a fancy restaurant." - Year 5 Child

"I love it all." - Year 6 Child

"My child used to have packed lunches but now she wants the dinners every day." - Y3 Parent

Well done Miss Ellis and Mrs Heard! What a great first week for our new menu!



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