



Ks1 and EYFS Nativity

Our KS1 and Early Years nativity was a resounding success, filling us all with pride and joy. Noura's portrayal of the "Sleepy Shepherd" was excellent, while Aizah and Max impressed us all as Mary and Joseph. Evelyn shone brightly as the star! All our Year 2 actors and singers made us proud! It was particularly delightful to see how much our Year 1 pupils have grown since their Early Years, demonstrating their progress through brilliant signing and performances. The wise men, in particular, spoke their lines so clearly! And of course, the Early Years children were simply amazing, learning the songs and looking adorable as barnyard animals. Their confidence and joy on stage were a testament to their development and the nurturing environment we strive to provide at St Teresa's.



The nativity is more than just a performance; it's an important tradition that reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas. As a Catholic community we like to remind ourselves that the tinsel and turkey is only one part of Christmas. The story of Jesus coming down to us is the reason why we celebrate and our children helped us to remember that this week.

I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our staff, parents, families, governors, representatives of the parish, and members of our trust who came to support both the morning and afternoon performances. Your presence and encouragement mean the world to our young performers and contribute significantly to the warm, supportive atmosphere we cherish at St Teresa's.



Christmas Dinners at St Teresa's

Another highlight of our festive celebrations was our Christmas dinner. Following the successful relaunch of our school kitchen, the Christmas meal was truly spectacular. The kitchen staff outdid themselves, preparing a delicious feast for a record number of children. The festive atmosphere was palpable, with Christmas music playing, children wearing their colourful Christmas jumpers, and the excitement of pulling Christmas crackers.

I was particularly impressed by the community spirit on display during this event. Many of our staff and governors joined in, eating their dinners alongside the pupils. Our Year 6 students showed great maturity and leadership, helping to set tables, pour drinks, and ensure the event ran smoothly. Their assistance was invaluable and demonstrated the caring, responsible attitudes we aim to foster at St Teresa's.



Upcoming Dates:

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

17th December: Year 5/6 carol concert at St Basil's. (6pm)

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

7th March: Mid-Year reports to all parents

19th March: Y5 School Trip

4th March: Last day of term.

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REMINDER: Bazaar Next Week!



(Do not forget that raffle tickets for the bazaar can be purchased in advance through parent mail!

We have a bottle raffle for adults and a toy raffle for children.

There are many spectacular prizes to be won!)



Primary School Applications for Reception September 2025

If you are the parent of a Baptised Catholic child applying for a Reception place at St Teresa's September 2025, then there is an additional form called a "Certificate of Catholic Practice" for Fr Sabu to sign. This form is not available from the school or in advance. To complete it please see Fr Sabu at one of the times below. It is essential that this form is completed before 15th January.

Tuesday 7th January at Holy Trinity Church, 3pm until 4pm

or

Thursday 9th January at St Basil's Church, 3pm until 4pm

Please ensure that you take your child's Baptism Certificate with you.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ATTENDING OUR NURSERY DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY GET YOU A PLACE IN OUR RECEPTION CLASS. ALL FAMILIES MUST APPLY!

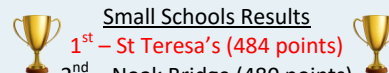
St Teresa's Success at Indoor Athletics Competition



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School performed amazingly at the Basildon indoor athletics competition. The schools were split into two groups "Large Schools" and "Small Schools". This meant that we competed against schools of a similar size to ours. Our talented sportsmen and sportswomen achieved such great results that we came number one in our category and actually scored more points than any of the larger schools as well, making us number one overall!

St Teresa's have now qualified to compete against schools across Essex in a competition in the new year! Well done all and well done to our coach, Rhys, for helping these children achieve their potential!

INDOOR ATHLETICS RESULTS



Small Schools Results

- 1st – St Teresa's (484 points)
- 2nd – Noak Bridge (480 points)
- 3rd – Laindon Park (428 points)
- 4th – Ryedene (400 points)
- 5th – Chapel Hill (374 points)

Larger Schools

- 1st – Lee Chapel (482 points)
- 2nd – Janet Duke (418 points)
- 3rd – Northlands (410 points)
- 4th – Whitmore (364 points)
- 5th – Phoenix (362 points)
- 6th – Merrylands (352 points)
- 7th – Greensted (310 points)

St Teresa's Nursery Students Perform Carols

The youngest members of our school community sang a selection of Christmas carols in front of their parents this week.

The children performed beautifully and all who attended were amazed. It is fantastic that we can begin these Christmas traditions and begin to learn songs of praise at such an early age, ensuring that our children begin to learn the true meaning of Christmas right from the beginning of their St Teresa's journey!



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