



**St Teresa's Catholic Primary School**  
*"With Jesus we live, love and learn"*

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 Spring 1 Week 5

Dear St Teresa's community,

As we embark on another exciting chapter in our school's journey, I'm thrilled to share with you some of the remarkable events and achievements that have been shaping our vibrant learning environment. It's moments like these that remind us of the incredible spirit that flows through the halls of St Teresa's Catholic Primary School.

## The Jubilee Year Begins!

I'm delighted to announce that we've entered a truly special period in our faith journey. Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year, with the inspiring theme "Pilgrims of Hope". We marked this momentous occasion with a special launch assembly, where our pupils were encouraged to reflect on the profound meaning of being a pilgrim and the vital role hope plays in our lives.

As I stood before our school community during this assembly, I couldn't help but be transported back to my own days as a Year 6 pupil at St Teresa's during the last Jubilee Year in 2000. The memories of those extraordinary experiences and the wealth of learning from that time remain vivid in my mind, serving as a testament to the lasting impact such celebrations can have on young minds. It's a reminder of the beautiful continuity in our school's history and the enduring power of our shared faith.

Throughout 2025, we have an abundance of enriching opportunities planned to help our pupils grow spiritually as these "Pilgrims of Hope". I'm eager to see how this theme will inspire and guide our school community in the coming months, fostering a deeper understanding of our faith and our place in the world.



### Upcoming Dates:

4th February: Y4 School Trip

17th February: Half Term

7th March: Mid-Year reports to all parents

19th March: Year 5/6 Athletics event

28th March: Year 5 School Trip

1st April: Hot Cross Bun Run (Catholic school event. Selected pupils only)

3rd April: Y1 School Trip

4th April: Last day of term.

23rd April: Children back for summer term.

1st May: May procession

5th May: Bank Holiday (No School)

9th May: Y1 Class Collective Worship

12th May: Y6 SATS Week

23rd May: Last day of half term.

2nd June: Non-Pupil Day.

3rd June: Children return from half term.

20th June: Early year's collective worship.

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## Girl's Football Debut

Switching gears, I'm thrilled to share a landmark achievement in our school's sporting history. This half term saw the debut match of St Teresa's girls' football team. While victory may not have been on the cards this time, the spirit and camaraderie displayed by our young athletes were truly inspiring. Despite the opposition finding the back of the net, our girls' morale remained high, and their teamwork was commendable.

This match represents more than just a game; it's a significant step forward in promoting inclusivity and equal opportunities in sports at St Teresa's. We've never before



had a girls' team compete at this level, and I couldn't be prouder of these trail-blazing young women. A special mention must go to Coach Rhys, whose dedication to promoting competitive sports has been instrumental in creating these opportunities for both our boys and girls. Rest assured, this is just the beginning – we have more exciting football fixtures lined up for both our girls' and boys' teams in the near future.

## St Francis' Class Collective Worship

In our spiritual life, Year 3 (St Francis class) recently led a beautiful collective worship, open to both parents and pupils. The theme of "journeys" provided a poignant opportunity for reflection on the paths our lives take and how they shape us. The children drew inspiration from St Paul, whose life journey serves as a powerful example of transformation and faith. It was particularly fitting that this worship aligned so well with our Jubilee theme of "Pilgrims of Hope", offering everyone present a chance to contemplate their own personal journeys.



## Artwork in St Joseph's Class

Our school continues to be a hub of creativity and cultural exploration. Year one have been learning about primary colours, mixing colours and various techniques in creating printed art.

Emma has produced some truly stunning artwork. Using an innovative technique involving Lego bricks and cotton reels dipped in paint, she created a series of beautiful prints. The results are nothing short of fantastic, showcasing the boundless creativity and imagination of our pupils when given the right tools and encouragement.



## Chinese New Year!

Lastly, our celebration of Chinese New Year brought a burst of colour and flavour to St Teresa's.

Our special themed lunch was a roaring success, with the dinner hall bustling with excitement. Pupils savoured a delicious spread of sweet and sour chicken, noodles, and an array of crunchy fresh vegetables. It was heartening to see so many children not only enjoying a nutritious meal but also broadening their cultural horizons through this culinary adventure.



As we move forward, I'm filled with optimism for what lies ahead. The

## Final Thoughts

Jubilee Year promises to be a time of profound spiritual growth and reflection for our entire school community. Our sports teams are breaking new ground and fostering a spirit of healthy competition and teamwork. Our classrooms continue to be spaces of creativity, learning, and cultural appreciation.

Each of these experiences – from spiritual reflections to sporting endeavours, from artistic creations to cultural celebrations – contributes to the rich tapestry of life at St Teresa's. They embody our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who are not only academically capable but also spiritually grounded, culturally aware, and ready to face the world with hope and determination.

Here's to the exciting times ahead, in this year of Jubilee, and the countless opportunities that await us. May we approach them with the same spirit of enthusiasm, curiosity, and hope that makes our school so special.

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