



## School Fete Success

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful few weeks we have had at St Teresa's! I am absolutely delighted to share with you the fantastic achievements and memorable moments that have filled our school with joy and pride.

Our school fete was nothing short of spectacular, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who turned out, took part, and supported this truly wonderful community event. The atmosphere was joyous, and it was incredible to see our entire school family come together in such a celebratory way. I must give special thanks to the amazing members of FOST and Mrs Gilbert, whose tireless efforts and dedication made this event possible. Their hard work behind the scenes was absolutely invaluable. I am also deeply grateful to the many local businesses who stepped forward to support us – it really demonstrated what a strong, caring community we are part of. A special thanks to the ladies who ran the very popular African food stall and Hannah in year 6 who ran the badge stall, who donated all or their proceeds to the school. Such a beautiful gesture. And yes, I must confess that being in the stocks, for the second year running, while children gleefully threw wet sponges at me was an experience I won't forget in a hurry!



### Upcoming Dates:

4th July: New class teachers announced and letters out to parents.

7th July: Transition days begin new classes.

9th July: Sports day (See letter for details)

**10th July: Film Night Fundraiser** (see letter for details)

11th July: End of year reports out

16th July: Y6 production to parents 6pm.

17th July: Year 6 "Pool Party" reward day.

17th July: Year 6 Disco 4.30-6

**18th July: Last day of school (Half day)**

**2nd September: First day back** for students after Summer Holidays.

25th October: Half term.

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## Photos From the Fete



## Leaver Hoodies

This year our year six have leaver's hoodies. They look fantastic! What a great keepsake for our students to remember their years at St Teresa's.



## Good Luck Miss O'Hart!

One of our wonderful Year 2 Teachers, Miss O'Hart had her final day before taking maternity leave today. We wish her the best of luck and hope to have a visit from her, babe in arms, very soon. Well done Miss O'Hart! An absolute trooper, teaching on some of the hottest days we've ever had whilst really very pregnant! I think we can all agree these past couple of weeks cannot have been very comfortable! Your dedication to our children never ceases to

amaze me. However, you have now reached the correct time to step away for a while and be there for your family. We look forward to hearing from you, meeting your new baby and welcoming you back.



## Adventure Island Trip

Our Year 6 pupils have been absolutely incredible this year, and they thoroughly deserved their reward trip to Adventure Island in Southend. Despite the weather not being particularly kind to us, nothing could dampen their spirits as they enjoyed the rollercoasters and various rides. These children have worked exceptionally hard in the lead-up to their SATs, showing determination and resilience that makes us all so proud. Treats like these are well-earned recognition of their fantastic efforts throughout the year.



## "Girls Can Build!"

We were also privileged to welcome the 'Girls Can Build' team to our school, who delivered an inspiring session for our young ladies about the rewarding careers available in the construction industry. This visit perfectly aligns with the nationwide push to help female pupils understand that no industry, especially those in STEM areas, are off limits to them. The practical learning was fantastic, the teamwork was brilliant, and the inspirational talks from real women working in this industry were truly motivating. It was wonderful to see our girls engaging so enthusiastically with these possibilities for their futures.



## Academic Excellence at St Teresa's

I am bursting with pride when it comes to celebrating our recent academic achievements. Our Year 4 pupils have delivered fantastic results in their multiplication check, with an impressive 80% of pupils achieving 20 or more marks out of 25. Many pupils achieved outstanding scores of 24-25 marks, and every single child showed excellent progress. I want to thank these hardworking pupils for their dedication and effort. Huge praise must go to Miss Joyce, Miss Carr, and the entire Year 4 team for their exceptional teaching and support. I also want to thank all the parents who have spent time practising with their children and using TT Rockstars – your support at home makes such a significant difference.

Our Year 1 phonics screening has been an outstanding success, demonstrating the amazing progress our pupils have made since beginning Early Years. We have genuinely surpassed what we thought was possible this year in phonics achievement, and we are incredibly proud of our children. Mrs Garwood and the Year 1 team deserve enormous praise for their dedication and expertise. Once again, I must thank the parents who read with their Year 1 child every week – this consistent support has a profound impact on their development.

And if you want to hear how our year six performed in their key stage two SATs tests...well, so do we! But unfortunately we have to wait a little longer for those results. Expect them to be shared in a future communication before the end of the academic year.

## Nursery Graduation

The nursery graduation ceremony was a heartwarming event, beautifully attended by parents who came to celebrate this important milestone. The children sang a brilliant song, and it was so wonderful to see how grown up they all looked. They are clearly ready for their next adventure in EYFS. My sincere thanks go to the nursery team for their dedication and for helping our children become truly school-ready.



## District Sports

At the district sports competition, St Teresa's absolutely excelled! We are eagerly awaiting the results to find out where we placed, but we feel confident that we have performed brilliantly against many other local primary schools. Thank you to Coach Rhys for his dedication in getting our children ready to compete outside of school. The children looked incredibly professional in their new matching athletics kits, and despite it being a scorching hot day, they still performed exceptionally well.



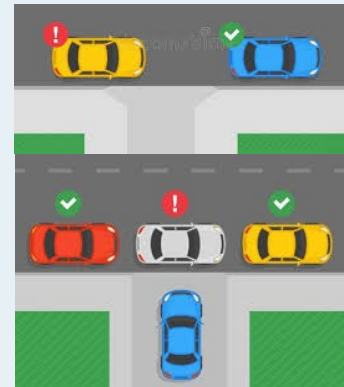
## Safe Drop Off and Safe Parking

I do need to address a couple of important notices regarding safety and parking. We have noticed that quite a few children are arriving at school exceptionally early, around 8:10am onwards. **Please remember that children are not supervised while waiting outside the school gate, and this is a safeguarding concern we must take seriously.**

Additionally, our parking situation continues to cause issues, with multiple residents complaining about inconsiderate parking, including blocking driveways. **The school is not responsible for how you park, and residents will be encouraged to take down number plates and contact the police or council if they complain to us.** We would much rather a child arrive slightly late than have parents park inappropriately or block someone's driveway.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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