



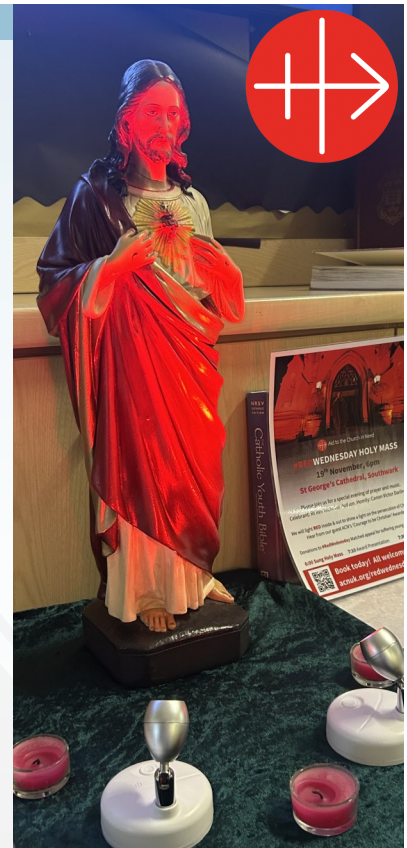
Holy Communion Enrolment Mass

Dear St Teresa's Community,

I am delighted to share some wonderful moments from our school life that truly capture the spirit of our jubilee year and our commitment to spreading joy and hope.

Our young pupils preparing for Holy Communion have begun an important spiritual journey. I kindly ask you to keep these children in your prayers as they take these significant steps in their faith. A heartfelt thank you to the staff and parents who supported the enrolment mass on Saturday morning. Father Sabu reminded us of the importance of regular mass attendance and engaging with the educational materials that will support our children.

This year, we're excited to announce a new partnership with the Holy Communion catechists. They will be sending a representative to the school several times throughout the year to meet with the children, discuss their progress, and strengthen the vital links between home, school, and parish.



Upcoming Dates:

- 25th Nov—Y5 and 2 mass
- 27th Nov—Athletics comp (select students)
- 28th Nov Y4 collective worship 9am
- 1st Dec—Pantomime in for students am
- 2nd Dec Y6 and Y1 mass
- 2nd Dec Walk Online (E-safety) sessions for Y5
- 6th Dec—Parish Christmas Fayre (Saturday)
- 8th Dec—Prospective parent's tour
- 9th Dec—KS1 Nativity 2.15pm
- 10h Dec—Rocksteady Concert
- 12th Dec—KS1 Nativity am
- 12th Dec—Christmas dinner day (Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers!)
- 15th Dec—De La Salle Nativity event (select students)
- 15th Dec—Carolling visit to retirement home (select students)
- 16th Dec: Y5/6 Christmas concert at St Basil's this evening
- 17th Dec—St Teresa's Christmas Bazaar
- 19th Dec—Last day of term (Half day)



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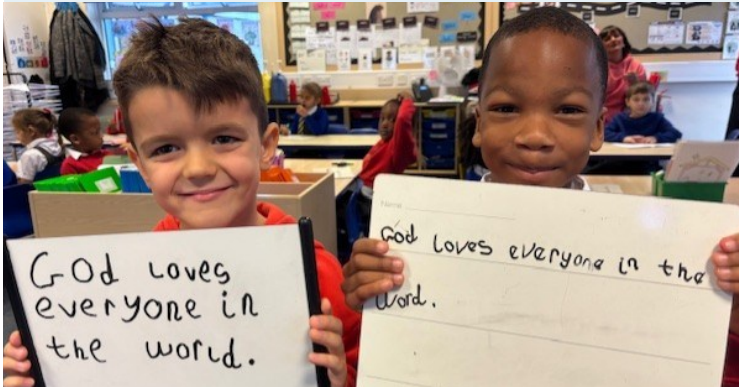


Red Wednesday



Red Wednesday was a remarkable day of solidarity and compassion. We partnered with Action for the Church in Need (ACN) to raise awareness and support for persecuted Christians around the world. Our pupils embraced the day with incredible enthusiasm - creating a beautiful chain of love using red paper, learning the powerful 'Chain of Love' hymn, and wearing red to show their support. I'm incredibly proud to announce that we raised over £200 for this important cause.

The day was made even more special by an assembly with an ACN representative who also led workshops throughout the school. Year 1 have created a lovely display commemorating the event, which you can see outside their classroom - do take a moment to appreciate their creativity and commitment when you next visit.



Netball Superstars

For the first time in many years, St Teresa's has formed a competitive netball team. Under the tutelage of Coach Rhys, this team has already seen some great success this academic year. This is a part of our ongoing push to expand competitive sports at our school for both boys and girls to engage in.

They have already had three games and three wins against Chapel Hill (13-0), Eversley (9-4) and Lyncewood (10-0).

There are still further fixtures to come and we wish our team continued success!



Mr Bottjer joins the Knights of St Columba



On a personal note, I'm proud to share that I was initiated into the Knights of St Columba this weekend. After much soul-searching and discussions with Fr Sabu, I felt called to join this organisation of Catholic men dedicated to community support through charitable works and friendship. My hope is that this involvement will create meaningful connections between our school and the local Knights council, supporting our charitable endeavours.



St Teresa's Dance Team Success

I was touched to see parents, pupils, staff, and friends of the school at my initiation mass, and I'm grateful for the warm congratulations I received.

Our St Teresa's dance team recently showcased their incredible talents at a multi-school event. Mrs Paton and Coach Rhys were immensely proud of their performance and behaviour. The children's dedication has been remarkable - many arriving early to practice their routines and even entertaining the breakfast club in the process. They truly made us proud.

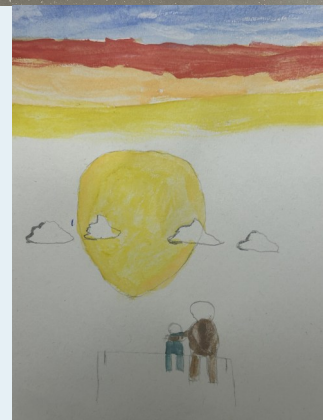


Inspirational Art

I was particularly moved by a piece of art created by Mylee, which beautifully represents God watching over us as we look forward with hope. It's a perfect embodiment of our jubilee year theme of being pilgrims of hope and a lovely message for us all to receive.

With warmest regards,

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