



A Month of Celebration and Community

As we approach the end of May, I find myself reflecting on what has been a truly remarkable month here at St Teresa's. There is something quite special about this time of year—the sun is (finally) shining, the school is buzzing with energy, and our community is coming together in ways that remind us exactly why we do what we do. I wanted to take a moment to share some of the wonderful things that have been happening across our school, because they speak volumes about the spirit and character of our pupils, families, and staff.

Year 1 Class Collective Worship

This week, our Year 1 class led a collective worship that was nothing short of beautiful. The focus was on Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the session captured something truly engaging that resonated with everyone present. May, of course, is a month when we particularly think about Mary in our Catholic tradition, and it was moving to see our youngest pupils engaging so thoughtfully with this important aspect of our faith. What struck me most was witnessing our children growing in their understanding and appreciation of our Catholic values. It made us all incredibly proud. These moments - when you see pupils and parents connecting with something deeper, something meaningful - are precisely what Catholic education is about.



Upcoming Dates:

Fri 22nd May: Half term begins

Mon 1st June: Children back after half term.

Thur 4th June: Year 5/6 Rounders event (invite only)

Tuesday 9th June: Year 5/2 attend mass.

Wednesday 10th June: School Summer fete: **Details tbc**

Thurs 16th June: Year 6/1 attend mass.

Thurs 25th June: Fustal year 5/6 event (invite only)

Thurs 2nd July: Year 5/6 Athletics event (invite only)

Wed 8th July: Y6 Adventure Island trip.

Thurs 9th July: Y6 Leavers Mass

Thurs 9th July: Y3/4 District Sports
Friday 10th July: End of year reports out to parents.

Wed 15th July: Rocksteady Summer Concert.

Thurs 16th July: Y6 Pool party/Disco

Friday 17th July: Last day of school
(Half day)



Year 1 Trip to Barleylands

Hot on the heels of that reflection came our Year 1 trip to Barleylands. Now, I have to say, there is something magical about watching children experience the natural world firsthand. They saw a wonderful variety of animals and had the opportunity to pet some of them, which was a highlight for many. But the real moment of wonder came when they spotted the newborn piglets. Beyond the animals, the pupils also had a pizza-making experience, which combined learning with the simple joy of creating something they could eat and enjoy. It was a thoroughly enjoyable trip from start to finish, and I want to extend my thanks to all the staff who made it happen. The pupils represented St Teresa's exceptionally well throughout the day, showing respect and enthusiasm in equal measure.



Maggie is completing "Race for Life".

RACE FOR Life

*I Race for
THOSE WE LOVE,
THOSE WE'VE LOST,
AND THOSE STILL FIGHTING.*

Maggie

IS RUNNING THE
RACE FOR LIFE
13TH JUNE

Every step
I take is
for hope,
for strength,
and for
a cure.

*I may be
little, but
TOGETHER
we can
achieve
BIG
things!*

SCAN TO SPONSOR ME

Let's beat cancer
TOGETHER

One of our Key Stage 1 pupils, Maggie, is currently taking part in Race for Life and I wanted to highlight her efforts in this newsletter. What Maggie is doing embodies something at the very heart of our Catholic ethos: the call to support those in need and to work together for a good cause.

Through Race for Life, Maggie is not only challenging herself physically but also raising vital funds for cancer research. It is this kind of commitment to helping others, this willingness to make a difference in the world, that we actively encourage and celebrate at St Teresa's.

We are all incredibly proud of Maggie for taking on this challenge, and we wish her every success.

If you wish to support her, please scan the QR code on this newsletter or [follow this link](#).

May Procession

The month of May also brought us our annual procession (the crowning of Mary) and what a success it was. This is always a special event in our calendar, a beautiful community occasion where we come together to venerate Mary and celebrate her place in our faith. I was delighted by how well our children behaved throughout the event and by the quality of their singing. But what made this year's procession particularly special was the wonderful support we received from our wider community. Parents and parishioners came together to make the day meaningful, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated flowers. These contributions transformed the procession into something truly memorable, and they demonstrated the strength of the bond between our school and our parish community. Events like this remind us that we are part of something larger than ourselves—a community united by shared values and a commitment to our Catholic faith.



Sportshall Athletics

In other exciting news, I am delighted to report that we have continued to excel at competitive sports. Recently, our pupils took part in the Sports Hall Olympics, and I am thrilled to share that we brought home a bronze medal. But beyond the medal itself, what I want to highlight is something equally important: our children were awarded a special certificate for sportsmanship. This recognition means as much to me as any medal. It reflects the values we work so hard to instil, and the understanding that how we compete is just as important as the result we achieve. Our pupils demonstrated these values brilliantly, and they should be tremendously proud.

As we head into half term, I want to wish everyone in our school community a lovely break. You have all earned it. I hope you make the most of the sunshine and the opportunity to recharge. Our pupils have worked hard this half term, and they deserve to enjoy some downtime.

Enjoy the sun, and have a wonderful half term.

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