



Thank you for a fantastic academic year!

What a year it has been. As I sit down to write this final piece of the academic year, I find myself reflecting on the extraordinary journey we have all been on together at St Teresa's. Academic year 2025-2026 will be one we look back on fondly in years to come. We have celebrated great academic results, sporting achievements, and outcomes with OFSTED and CSI that have truly put our school in the spotlight. It has been a fantastic year, and a fantastic last week of the year to boot.

Let me start by celebrating the achievements that have defined this year. Our pupils have shown us time and again what it means to be a St Teresa's child, and I could not be more proud of each and every one of them.

First, I want to talk about our Year 6 pupils, who have given us so much to celebrate. The adventure to Island was great fun, with children enjoying the rides and the atmosphere of pure joy that comes with marking the end of their primary school journey. It is a brilliant St Teresa's tradition to celebrate post-SATs in this way, giving our pupils the chance to let loose and enjoy themselves after all their hard work. But it was not just about the rides and the laughter. The end of year mass for Year 6 was a great success, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the parents who came and celebrated mass with us. Fr Sabu delivered a powerful message to our children, reminding them that wherever they next go, they will be St Teresa's children. He told them that they can take the core values that they were taught here and make their next schools all the better for bringing those values with them. That message, I believe, captures the very essence of what we do here at St Teresa's. We are not just educating pupils; we are shaping young people who will go out into the world and make a difference.



Upcoming Dates:

**School restarts
Wednesday 2nd
September.**

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Sports Awards Evening

Our first every sports awards evening was a smashing success. The children of St Teresa's were presented various awards celebrating their sporting achievements throughout the year. Alongside our academic success and achievements in OFSTED and CSI this year, we cannot fail to recognise just how well our young sportsmen and sportswomen have done.

This academic year, St Teresa's sports stars have not failed to reach at least a bronze medal in every tournament, event and league we have entered. In many, we have come in first place. For some of these sports, such as Athletics, this is the culmination of many years development and training. In others, such as netball, we have exploded onto the local scene and performed amazingly, despite having not played competitively before.

Our sports school's PE as well as extra-curricular PE offer does so much to help develop our young people's resilience, teamwork and respectful behaviour. I am so proud of all that we have achieved in competitive sports this academic year.



Miss Sainsbury and Mrs. Garwood Achieve “CCRS”!

Two of our brilliant teachers, Mrs Garwood in Y1 and Miss Sainsbury in Y4 have completed their CCRS qualification this half term. This is the “Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies.” This is a special qualification that is open to teachers who work in Catholic education and requires no small amount of studying and essay writing. The fact that these teachers have achieved this qualification, while still delivering outstanding lessons and results in their respective classes is no small achievement. In many schools this qualification is only held by a handful of senior leaders. However, at St Teresa’s we now have over half of our teaching team qualified, with plans for more to complete this course over the next few academic years. Our teachers were presented this award by their tutor, John Adams, and Bishop Alan at a special ceremony held at Brentwood Cathedral. Congratulations to you both!



Kindness award 2026



As is tradition, at the end of the year our teachers and students vote on a student in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two who is a living embodiment of our core values: Love, Accept, Respect and Reflect.

The Malaika Adam kindness award is the most prestigious award that we give out each academic year. We remind our children that beyond academic, creative and sporting achievement being a decent person and living out Christian values is what matters the most.

This academic year Maggie was selected in Ks1. Maggie has proven herself, to children across the school to be a kind and caring child with a very mature attitude towards school life. You may recall some of the amazing charity work she completed earlier this year. In Ks2 Meicah was selected by her peers. This is particularly poignant as the award is named in honour of her sister, Malaika . Well done Meicah, your kind and giving nature has been recognised by us all over the years and you have made the whole school community proud!

Post SATs Celebration: Pool Party and Disco

Once again, our children have achieved truly brilliant results at Key Stage 2 SATs, performing better than national averages in almost every measure. This cohort have performed amazingly and continued the tradition of “strong attainment” which OFSTED recognised earlier this year.

Year 6 celebrated these results and all their other myriad achievements in style. As is St Teresa’s tradition, the children enjoyed a pool party complete with water-pistols, sunshine, and a Kentucky Fried Chicken feast!

After school, the children then enjoyed an end of year disco, turning up in their very best clothes and showing off their very best dance moves!



Pictures from the Y6 Disco



Nursery Graduation

St Teresa's "Little Learners" had their nursery graduation ceremony this week. The children sung many beautiful songs that they had practiced to an audience of their parents and teachers. The children were so confident and sung so clearly. The majority of the students who are graduating are going to be moving to our reception class next academic year where they will continue to grow. The great foundations that have been laid by our nursery team will be built on by our reception team. Well done Nursery!



Year 6: Matilda Performance

Our Year 6 absolutely blew us away with a fantastic performance of “Matilda” this week. The children performed confidently, spoke clearly, sung beautifully and the acting was outstanding.

Judith, as Mrs Trunchball, was particularly memorable. I’d like to think that my own performance as headteacher did not inspire her too much. Although the show has got me thinking...perhaps the governors and I should consider implementing a “Chokey” next year?

The show was spectacular, ending in a song and dance number that I am sure we will all remember for years to come!



End of Year Farewells

As is often the case, the last days of the academic year are times not only of celebration but also of farewells. We wish our wonderful year sixes all the best. They may have sung “Revolting Children” at the end of their show, but I assure you, they are anything but! This group have had an amazing St Teresa’s journey and achieved so much. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best for next academic year.

We must also bid farewell to Mrs Fuller, who after many years service both at this school and other schools, supporting young people and families, is beginning her well earned retirement. On a personal note I would like to thank Mrs Fuller who has been such a great role model to our students and staff and has taught me so very much over the years. You will be truly missed and are the very definition of irreplaceable.

We also wish Mrs Mena well as she begins her maternity leave next academic year and look forward to meeting the new baby when they arrive!

Thank you all for what may have been the most successful academic year that I can remember. Have a restful summer and I will see you back here on September 2nd 2026 for a new academic year!

God Bless—**Mr J.Bottjer** (Headteacher)

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