St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

"With Jesus we live, love and learn"

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Autumn 1 Week 7

Harvest Time at St Teresa's

As we celebrate Harvest at St Teresa's, we are reminded of the importance of being thankful for the gifts we have received and of our responsibility to share these gifts with others.

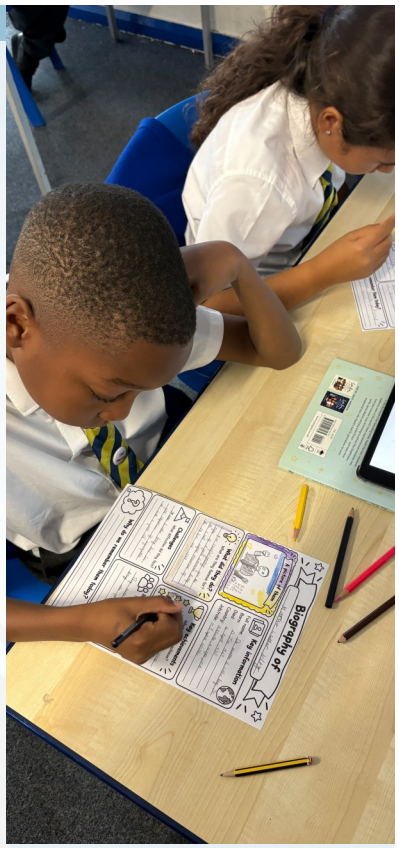
Harvest is a particularly special time in our Catholic school calendar. It gives us an opportunity to put our faith into action by showing generosity, compassion and love towards those who may be less fortunate than ourselves.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families and staff who have generously contributed to our Harvest collection this year. I would also like to thank our parish community, particularly the LiveSimply team and Basildon's Catholic Women's Organisation (CWO), for their continued generosity and support.

The food and other essential items donated are redistributed within our local community to individuals and families who need them most. This is a wonderful example of our Catholic life and mission in action, reminding us that our responsibility to care for others extends well beyond the school gates.

At St Teresa's, we encourage our children to recognise that even small acts of kindness can make a real difference. Thank you to everyone who has helped us live out our school motto: "With Jesus we live, love and learn."





Upcoming Dates:

Wed 21 Oct: Last day of half term.

Wed 21 Oct: Small School Athletics.

Tues 3rd Nov: First day back from half term break.
Wed 4th Nov: Y6 Residential.
Tue 10th Nov: Flue Jabs

Mon 16th Nov: Book fair in this week
Tues 17th Nov: Y5/2 mass.

Tues 1 Dec: Y 6/1 mass.

3rd Dec: School Pantomime

7th Dec: Some 3/4 children invited to De La Salle Nativity

10th Dec: Ks1 Nativity Performance

11th Dec: Christmas Dinner

15th Dec: Christmas Bazaar

16th Dec: Rocksteady Christmas Concert.

16th Dec: Y5/6 Christmas performance.

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Curriculum Council Launches Black History Month at St Teresas



The 2026-27 Curriculum Council

We are delighted to announce that our new Curriculum Council has been selected, and its members have already been busy making their mark on school life!

One of the first decisions made by the Council was that St Teresa's should mark Black History Month in a meaningful and engaging way. The children challenged every class to undertake learning and research celebrating Black history, achievements and culture.

Our Curriculum Council also helped select a wonderful new collection of books for our school, featuring authors of colour and stories that celebrate Black history, heritage and experiences. These books will provide exciting opportunities for our children to broaden their understanding of the world around them.



The children attended a special launch assembly, which helped kick-start a fantastic range of learning activities across the school.

In Year 4, children have produced some brilliant work inspired by their research into Black history. Meanwhile, in Year 2, children have created beautiful watercolour artwork inspired by the achievements of Sir Mo Farah. Across the school, it has been lovely to see children engaging so enthusiastically with their learning.

Of course, Black History Month is just one part of our wider commitment to celebrating the many cultures, histories and traditions that make up our school community. Our Curriculum Council has already begun suggesting further multicultural celebrations and special days throughout the academic year.

At St Teresa's, we are incredibly proud of the rich tapestry of cultures and backgrounds that make up our wonderfully diverse community. Giving our children opportunities to share, explore and celebrate this diversity is an important part of preparing them to be thoughtful, respectful and informed citizens.

A huge well done to our Curriculum Council for such a positive start to the year. We look forward to seeing what they come up with next!



Year 4 share their Black History Month Research

Breakfast Club Reminder



A quick reminder to parents and carers that our Breakfast Club opens at 7.55am each morning. Children are welcome to arrive at any point after this time. However, please be aware that breakfast is only served until 8.15am.

Children arriving at 8.15am or later are still very welcome to attend Breakfast Club and join in with the games and activities, but food service will have finished and breakfast will have been packed away.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

St Teresa's turns 70 next year!

Next year is going to be a very special one for St Teresa's, as 2027 marks the 70th anniversary of our school!



Having attended St Teresa's myself as a pupil, I have particularly fond memories of celebrating the school's 50th anniversary. It is quite something to think that we are now approaching another significant milestone in our school's history!

For seven decades, St Teresa's has been at the heart of our community, educating generations of children and families. We have so much to be proud of, and this anniversary will be a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our history, celebrate our achievements and look forward to the future.

We are already beginning to think about how we can mark this special occasion, and we will be sharing plans for a range of celebrations and activities with families over the coming months.

Keep an eye out for further announcements – we hope to make this a truly memorable year for our whole school community!

Reminder—Next Wednesday is the last day of half term.

A reminder to all parents and carers that Wednesday 21st October is our final day of school before the half-term break. Our term dates for the 2026–2027 academic year were originally shared with families back in February. However, we understand that some parents may have missed this information.

For convenience, we have attached another copy of this year's term dates at the bottom of this newsletter. Please remember that our term dates are also available on the school website throughout the year.

We hope all our children and families enjoy a restful and happy half-term break! - Mr J.Bottjer (Headteacher)

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Academic Year 2026-2027

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= Schooldays

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= Weekends

= Inset (non pupil day)