



A welcoming family of God.  
Growing and achieving together with Jesus by our side.  
"I am the vine, you are the branches".

## Newsletter 14th March 2025

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Congratulations to **YEAR 2** amazing attendance this week!!!

**136 PUPILS** achieved 100% attendance this week – keep up the good work!!

School Target – **96%**

School Attendance – **95.3%** - A great improvement this week for the whole school!

### Uniform

Can you please ensure that your child has the appropriate school uniform, including footwear. Trainers are not school uniform and should only be used for outdoor sporting activities. Non-school logo jumpers and cardigans are allowed but must be **navy blue** & no other colours. Until Easter we are still in winter uniform, Grey school trousers/Navy skirt, pale blue shirt, **school tie**. Children are expected to attend school in correct uniform unless previously agreed by Mrs Brookes, e.g. adapted for sensory needs.

We have a stock of really good quality, clean pre-worn uniform, which has very kindly been donated by our parents, please contact the school office. There has been an increase in beauty products and jewellery, lip gloss, bracelets, etc please leave them at home.

Thank you to the vast majority that already adhere to our uniform policy.



Congratulations to our amazing Year 5 & 6 football team. After winning every match of the competition at Ruskin Drive, they were presented with the school trophy!!! #TeamTeresa

This week saw our 12 of our wonderful Year 2 readers visit De La Salle school. The children were very excited to be collected by the school minibus. They spent the hour in the school library listening to stories, reading books, and playing games. The children had a fabulous time as did the De La Salle pupils. Every week, Year Two love Wednesday mornings when De La Salle pupils come to visit us, but it was extra special this week that we got to go to their school.



We are looking for some parent volunteers to help our Reception class update our garden area. Tidying, planting, and painting. If you are able to lend a hand, please let Mrs Wright or the Office staff know.

Thank you so much to the parents who have already committed to helping us. #TeamTeresa



**We are excited to announce that bingo at St Teresa's is BACK!!**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 6pm in the school hall. Bingo tickets should be purchased prior to the event and books will be given out on arrival. You can either order your books through the School Money app, or in person at the school office.

To raise funds towards prizes we will be having 2 non-uniform days.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March & Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. We ask that you either donate an Easter egg or make a £1 donation.

**We're continuing The Big Lent Walk, please don't forget to sponsor us!**



Well done to our wonderful walkers this week. We are still aiming to beat last year's total of £50!!!

You can use the link below for any donations, or alternatively donate by cash during the walk.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-teresas-devon-street-st-helens>



There are still some places available for private guitar tuition. Lessons are Tuesday's during lunchtime at the cost of £5 per lesson, payable weekly.

## 500 WORDS Story Challenge

In celebration of World Book Day, we are launching a new competition for our inspiring, young writers. We want children to have fun writing their stories, be as creative as they can and make us laugh, cry or just be blown away by what we are reading.

**Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves.**

There are very few rules on 500 Words but a few points to remember:

All the stories **must**:

- **Be 500 words or less** (title is not included in the number)
- Be written by an individual and not a group
- Be a child's own original idea

**All stories** will be judged on the following criteria:

- Characterisation
- Plot
- Originality
- Language
- Enjoyment



Reception and Year 1 children are invited to participate. Parents and carers can scribe the younger children's original ideas.

There will be 3 age categories: KS1 (including reception); lower KS2 (y3 & 4) and upper KS2 (y5 & 6).

Finalists will be invited to share their short stories in assembly and winners will receive a prize.

This is an exciting opportunity for children write about what they know and love. All stories to be submitted to Mrs Helsby by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

## May the Month of Mary – Church procession

As part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Teresa's Parish this year, we are delighted to be contributing to the celebrations by participating in the May Crowning of Mary procession. This is a traditional event that school children would join in with each spring and may be something you remember doing yourselves!

The procession will be held at the beginning of the **11am mass on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. All children from any age group ( preferably at least 6 from each) are invited to come along with their families for this mass.

There will be a short procession around Church , finishing with the crowning of Mary's statue on the altar. The children will be learning the traditional May Hymn "Bring flowers of the rarest...."

There is no need for the children to wear any special clothing as sashes will be provided for the day. We hope to see as many families as possible for this special anniversary event. There will be a small treat in school the following week, for the children that attend .

Ongoing Sessions		
	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Fencing Yrs 3,4,5 & 6
Tuesday		Yr 5 Dance class (4:30pm)
		Yr 6 Booster (4:15pm)
Wednesday	Yr 6 Booster (8am)	
Thursday		Sports Club Yrs 3 & 4
Friday		

The Easter Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) will be running from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April for all eligible children, young people, and families.

Bookings links will go live on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm for families to book their Easter activities. Please note that activity places are subject to availability. More information can be found by clicking the link below.

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/4060/Holiday-activities-and-food-programme>