



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

Newsletter 4th September 2026

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all our school family, we re also offering a warm welcome to 2 new members of staff:

Miss Johnston – Year 3 Calss Teacher

Miss Carty – Year 4 Learning Support Assistant.

We are excited for next week, when our newest members will join Team Teresa!

Everyone looks extremely smart in their winter uniform. We still have lots of donated uniform in the school office, please feel to come and take anything you need. Uniform is also available from Whittakers School Wear, Bridge St., St Helens or online at [Primary and High School Uniforms - Whittakers Schoolwear](#) or [School Trends](#).

School Expectations

The children have been introduced to our new behaviour code which re-enforces our school expectations of Ready Respect Safe. We have sent home a pack with a booklet today with the children. Please support us by looking through this booklet and reminding them of our high standards in school.

The pack also includes a cope of our "Home-School Agreement" and Photo Permission slips. Please can you sign these and return to school asap.

There are some additional forms available from the school office:

Sibling Collection Form – if you need your child to be collected by older siblings.

Mobile Phone Permission Slip – for older children who may be walking to/from school and need to bring their phone to school.

New for 2026-2027!

As part of the new Government guidance for allergy management and anaphylaxis in schools, we will no longer be allowing children to bring sweets, cakes, or other treats to share with their classmates on their birthday. We appreciate your understanding and support to keep all our children safe.

Instead of bringing a treat to school children will be invited to wear their "own clothes" on their special birthday day. If their birthday falls on a weekend then they may choose wither a Friday or Monday to celebrate. If their birthday falls in the school holidays, we hope you will also allow them to choose what to wear on their special day! 😊

Physical Education: Children will continue to come to school in their PE kit on their class day for PE – Year 6 are the exception for this term as they will be attending swimming lessons.

Monday	Year 6 – swimsuit & uniform
Tuesday	Year 3 – PE kit
Wednesday	Reception – PE kit
Thursday	Years 1, 2 & 4 – PE kit
Friday	Year 5 – PE kit

Breakfast/After School Club

From 14th September places for breakfast and after school club will need to be booked through the Eduspot system. All places need to be reserved **before midnight on the previous day**. A user guide will be sent out next week to help with this new feature.

Breakfast Club - **£4** per session

After School Club - **£7** per whole session **£3.50** per half session

Official lines of communication

Phone: 01744 678667

e-mail: stteresa@sthelens.org.uk

Website: [St Teresa's Catholic Primary School - Home](#)

Eduspot: please download the Eduspot app to your phone. This will give you access to messages and e-mails from school and the facility to pay on School Money.

The school website will contain all information needed under your child's "class page". These will be updated over the next few weeks.

Newsletters are sent weekly via e-mail on Teachers2Parents and are available on the school website.

Extracurricular activity information will be sent by letter/Teachers2Parents.

The office staff are always happy to help with any general queries.

School Meals

School meals are available at the cost of £3.20 per day (£16 per week).

If you would like your child to have a school meal this can easily be ordered and paid for through School Grid.

All infant children receive a free school meal under the universal offer, however if you are eligible for benefit related free school meals you can apply at any time.

The recent changes to free school meal entitlement means that any families claiming Universal Credit are eligible to apply.

Please apply through the council website: [Applying for free school meals - St Helens Borough Council](#).

All school meals, both paid and free must be ordered through School Grid.

You can order in advance daily, weekly, monthly or even termly basis. The latest you can order a meal for that day is 8:55am.

Please remember to cancel your order if your child is absent, otherwise you may still be charged.

ATTENDANCE ★ MATTERS! ★

(Because every day in school really does count!)

Why attendance is so important:



Good attendance = better learning, more confidence, and stronger friendships.

Missing school adds up quickly — even a few days here and there can make a BIG difference.

DID YOU KNOW?



90% attendance may sound OK... but it means 1 day off every 2 weeks!

That's 19 days a year — nearly a whole month of learning lost.

Over 5 years of school, that's almost half a year missed.

DfE guidance:



The Department for Education (DfE) says good attendance is 96% or above.



Schools must work closely with families where attendance falls below this.



Parents/carers have a legal responsibility to make sure children attend school regularly.

Top tips for families:



Aim for every day, on time — small steps build great habits.



Book appointments outside school hours where possible.



If your child is worried about school, talk to us — we're here

Every school day = a learning day.