

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

By following in the footsteps of St Teresa we share Gospel values.

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An 'outstanding' Catholic Primary School

Code of Conduct - Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Responsible

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School News



Our children are very busy at the moment preparing to share with you the true meaning of Christmas and we hope you are looking forward to seeing them.

Nativity Performance Dates :

Friday 14th December - Reception - 9.30am (School Hall)

Friday 14th December - Year 1 & 2 - 2pm (St Teresa's Church)

Tuesday 18th December - Year 5 & 6 - 7pm (St Teresa's Church)

Safeguarding

We are sure that you will want to take photographs of your children but could we please remind you that photographs must not be up-loaded on to any social media sites without the express permission of every parent. We have some very vulnerable children in our school and we cannot compromise their safety. **This also applies to any performances which take place outside school hours, especially when children are in school uniform.**

News from pupils... Football News



On Thursday 29th November, the girls 'A Team' played against Westerings and we successfully won 3-0. The goals were scored by Annabelle, Sophie and the last one was an own goal. Our Captain was Olivia and our player of the match was Connie. Overall, we played very well together as a team. At the moment it is safe to say that we are top of the league.

By Anita & Annabelle Year 6

Congratulations to **St Andrew's** who were House winners last week. Well done to all members of St Andrew's.

Governor Good to Great Awards

Year 1 - Joe	For excellent maths
Year 2 - Evie-Mae	For fantastic subtraction work, and showing a great attitude to work.
Year 3 - Stanley	For writing a fantastic non-chronological report about the volcano dragon.
Year 4 - Joseph P	For a super biography on J K Rowling.
Year 5 - Ruby	For a fantastic improvement in all areas and a good attitude to learning.
Year 6 - Praise	For producing lots of great work when writing independently.
PE - Ruby (Year 2)	For fantastic distance control in boccia

<p>Super Stars Tea Party</p>  <p>Year 1 - Joe Year 2 - Ruby Year 3 - Jessica Year 4 - Grace Year 5 - Mia Year 6 - Harrison</p>	<p>December 50 Club Draw</p> <p>1st Prize - £5.50 Mr T Mahon</p> <p>2nd Prize - £4.00 Mrs E Hennessy</p> <p>3rd Prize - £2.00 Mrs Chinnery</p>	 <p>We wish the following a very happy birthday this week Alexis & Mrs Glanville.</p>
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Message from Mrs Withams

Thank you to Southend Music Services for the loan of their sound system for the hall while we are awaiting a replacement for our faulty one. Also thanks to SEESMA for the loan of their portable sound system for our two community choir events during December

Poetry Wonderland Competition



Congratulations to the 47 KS2 children who entered the Poetry Wonderland Competition run by Young Writers. Over 20,000 poems were received and 42 children were successfully chosen to be published in a poetry book.

We are still waiting to hear back from more of our Year 4 children as well!

An excellent achievement for all children.

Well done to our little poets!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sophia Lexi Stanley Betsy Elliott Jack Jamie Harry Samuel Ethan Jessica Zak Serge Joni Preston Harrison	Lexie Joe L Joseph P	Sophie Freya Charlie Kasey Harry B-F Jessica Sara	Kieran Thomas M Connie Ewan Archie Harry James Olivia Thomas K Tom Flo Grace Matthew Matilda Caleb Jessica

Writing News

KS2 - Spooky Saga short stories deadline - 12th December

KS1 - Short story available - deadline - 12th December

See Miss Mahon for details

Handwriting and grammar revision aids are available on the school website under *About Us - Curriculum*

Attendance - Well done to Year 3 for winning the Attendance Cup this week.

School Target for 2018/19 : 96% It is very important that children miss minimal days off school as absence has a big impact on their learning.

Congratulations to Year 6 for having No Lates.

Year Group	Attendance %	Late %
Year R	91.20	2.6
Year 1	95.0	1.0
Year 2	91.6	1.5
Year 3	98.0	1.3
Year 4	95.8	2.1
Year 5	95.2	0.3
Year 6	97.4	No Lates

Diary Dates

12th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day and Hat Parade
14th Dec	Early Years Nativity - 9.30am
14th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Nativity at 2pm in St Teresa's Church
15th Dec	Breakfast with Santa
17th Dec	Flu Immunisations
18th Dec	Year 5 & 6 Nativity at 7pm in St Teresa's Church
19th Dec	Christmas Disco
19th Dec	Last Day of Term
3rd Jan	Start of New Term
3rd Jan	Year 6 - Trip to the Cliffs Pavillion 6.45pm

FoSTS - Come and have breakfast with Santa on Saturday 15th December 2018
9am - Noon Santa will be attending St Teresa's so be sure to bring the whole family.

Join Santa and his helpers for pastries, muffins, fruit, cereals and a selection of breads and jams, plus fruit juice. Tickets £5 per person ~ Please note that this event must be booked and paid for in advance.

School Admission September 2019

If you have a child due to start school in September 2019 please ensure that you complete a **Supplementary Application Form** and return to the school office before 15th January 2019. This needs to be completed in addition to the online application made to Essex County Council (Closing Date 15th January 2019).

Reverse Advent Calendar - Thank you so much to those who have returned their red heart. We have received some wonderful gifts. When your child brings home their heart please do not forget to return it (with or without a donation) so we can pass it onto the next child.

Parish News

CAROLS ROUND THE CRIB - SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER AT 6PM



Please join us for a special afternoon of carols. We have a fantastic group of musicians including a number of our pupils (past & present) and Mrs Withams! Afterwards we will be serving hot chocolate, mince pies and mulled wine. All very welcome.



We offer our prayers for all those who are poorly in our school community, remembering especially Mrs Glanville and those children who are unwell. May our Lord's loving embrace comfort them and return them to full health quickly. Amen

Thank you for your continuing support and partnership

Mrs N Paterson