St Theresa's Newsletter



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"TO DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL"

Please note we finish on Friday 16th October for 2 weeks



Attendance

St Theresa's attendance for September was 92%
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Dates for your diary

Thursday 15th October - Autumn Disco
Friday 16th October - Year 3 Assembly-Brighten up the Harvest
HALF TERM
Monday 2nd November - School reopens after half term at 8:30am
Wednesday 4th November - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
Friday 6th November - Year 4 Assembly - Remembrance Day
Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November - Parents Evening
Friday 27th November - Year 5 Assembly



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Mrs Johnson's Round Up

New beginnings

What a joyful start to the Autumn term — and what a special year ahead as we begin our centenary celebrations. As a whole school community we have been reflecting with gratitude on all those who came before us and on the dedication and faith that have shaped St Theresa's into the caring place it is today. We will be marking this milestone across the year and remembering the many small acts that built our school.

A warm welcome to all our pupils and staff returning after the summer and a particular welcome to our newest colleague, Mrs Wareing. We are delighted that she has joined our team and look forward to the energy and expertise she will bring to school life.

Our Mission Day was a lovely start to the year: pupils and staff came together to think about the year ahead and how we can live out our mission. Children spent reflective time praying in the prayer garden, painted pebbles with good intentions, made 'helping hands' and took part in other activities to focus on who we want to be. As a result of our conversations, we added to our mission statement: "To do the little things well and to do them with love."

We held our Year 6 Head Children elections — congratulations to Etta C, Lucas C, Hannah R and Penny L. We also elected our class councillors who will work alongside governors and staff to make pupils' voices count across the year.

Faith life at St Theresa's has been rich this term. We celebrated our feast day Mass in church with Fr Phil and attended Quarantore, which gave pupils a meaningful time of prayer and reflection. In the spirit of care for our wider community, we collected donations for the local Food Bank and also enjoyed an Autumn Disco that brought smiles and great community spirit.

Thank you to everyone — pupils, staff, parents, governors and parish — for a brilliant start to our centenary year. We are excited for the term ahead as we continue to live our Gospel values and do the little things well, with love.

Mrs Johnson

Highlights of the half term



Early Years

Our Reception and nursery children have settled in well to life at St Theresa's. Miss Beard, Miss Clarke, Mrs Welsby, Mrs Corbett and Miss Murtagh are so proud of the children. In Reception so far they have focused on making new friends, exploring their new classroom and started looking at their new topics.
We also welcome all parents - both new and those already part of our school community. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of staff if you have any questions.

Mission Day

We celebrated Mission Day by reflecting on our school mission, "To do the little things well, with great love" and learning more about our patron saint, St Thérèse of Lisieux. Children and staff took part in prayer stations, including activities shared with pupils from other year groups, and explored their ideas through art. It was a lovely opportunity to pause, pray and think about how we can live our mission in small, everyday acts of kindness and care.



St Cuthbert's Visits

We've been delighted to welcome colleagues from St Cuthbert's to St Theresa's several times this academic year. Mr Holland and Mrs Dawber joined a Year 6 Celebration of the Word assembly to talk with parents and pupils about life at their school. They were accompanied by former St Theresa's pupils, who shared their experiences and helped reassure our Year 6 pupils as they look ahead to their next steps.
Our link lessons have also begun. This half-term, a Design and Technology teacher from St Cuthbert's visited Year 5 to work with the pupils. We're looking forward to continuing these opportunities to learn together.

St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy
Live life in all its fullness

Highlights of the half term



St Theresa's Mass

On 1st October, we came together for a whole-school Mass in church to celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St Thérèse of Lisieux. Year 6 led the celebration, and it was wonderful to welcome so many family members to join us at the start of the academic year. We also announced this year's Head Children and introduced the School Council representatives from each class. We wish them every success as they help our pupils' voices to be heard and contribute to school life.

Fairtrade

Some of our classes enjoyed Fairtrade bananas with Fairtrade chocolate while learning how our everyday choices can affect the lives of farmers and their communities.
This links closely to Catholic Social Teaching: we are called to respect the dignity of every person, stand in solidarity with people around the world, and work for the common good.
Choosing Fairtrade is one small way to support fairer treatment and better opportunities for the people who grow our food — a lovely example of doing the little things well.

Autumn Disco

The children had a wonderful time at our Autumn Disco. They came dressed up, danced and sang with their friends, and joined in with lots of fun party games. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying time together and making happy memories.

