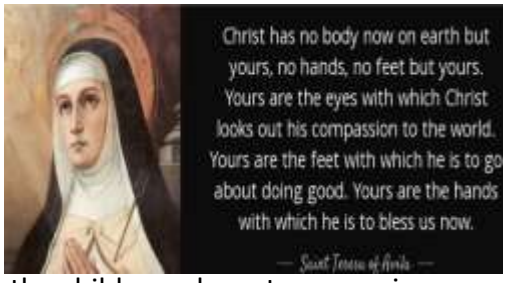
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16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week we celebrated St Teresa's Day with a special mass here at school. The children learnt about our patron saint, learning that she teaches us the importance of prayer in our daily lives. We also joined many schools across the dioceses to say the rosary with Bishop John Wilson. I was very proud of the children who set an amazing example! St Teresa taught us about the importance of using our hands and feet to do God's work and this is what you all did this week, bringing in lots of food donations to share for our Harvest Assembly. The children sang beautifully, thanking God for the sunshine, the rain and all our lovely food. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Chartwells' New Menu:

Please find attached the new Autumn/ Winter menu from Chartwells - we shall return to the week one menu.

Year 6 Secondary School Places:

Year 6 Parents and Carers - please remember to register your choices of secondary school for September 2027 at the attached link by Monday 2nd November 2026:

Secondary school places - Kent County Council

Reception Class Places for September 2027:

Just a reminder - if you have a child who is due to start school next September 2027, the online portal to register your choices of school opens on Friday 6th November 2026 at the following link:

Primary school places - Kent County Council

We will be having an open morning on Tuesday 3rd November and again on Thursday 12th November and everyone is very welcome to attend!

Information flyers from KCC are attached for more information about the process.

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Please remember that you **must** register your choices online with KCC, even if you have a child at St Teresa's already.

Christmas Card Competition:

Christmas will soon be upon us and The Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership are running a Christmas Card competition, more information is attached.

Christmas Jumper Competition:

Price and Buckland (our uniform suppliers) are inviting our pupils to get creative this Christmas and create a Christmas Jumper design for their Christmas range! This will be printed on their sweatshirts, t-shirts and hoodies.

They are looking for great ideas, not great drawing skills. The winning design will be chosen for its creativity and festive concept, so please encourage your child not to worry about how artistic their drawing is. Their entry is simply a way of showing Price and Buckland their idea. Their design team will then develop the winning design ready for print, so the finished design may look slightly different from the original drawing.

How to enter:
Pupils have a few weeks to come up with their Christmas jumper design. We have attached a template that they can use, or they can just design on a plain piece of paper if easier. Entries can be made as follows:

Take a clear photo or scan the design and email it to us, or post the original to: Price & Buckland, Benneworth Close, Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, NG15 6EL.

Don't forget to include our school name and class/year group with your entry.

Please remember to submit your entry by Monday 16th November. They will be choosing their winning design by the 18th of November.

All of the Christmas designs can be personalised, and the whole class behind the winning design will receive their very own personalised Christmas sweatshirt featuring the design! PLUS, the winning design will be turned into a real product in their personalised Christmas range!

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Winter Uniform and Coats:

Kindly please ensure that your child is in their full winter uniform next term (no summer dresses please) and that they bring a coat to school **every** day.

The Royal Legion Poppy Appeal:

St Teresa's will be supporting the Poppy Appeal again next term and snap bands and accessories will be on sale for a cash donation of your choice. Kindly note that the suggested donation for a snap band is £1.50 per band.



Epipens and Asthma Pumps:

EpiPens and asthma pumps will be sent home today, please remember to send these back in next term.

A very big well done for a fabulous first term with lots of amazing learning!

We wish you all a very happy half term and look forward to seeing you again on **Monday 2nd November.**

Lisa Huotari

Headteacher