



The Little Way -18 November 2024

Dear parents/carers

Please find below the latest edition of our school newsletter -a week later than I had planned on publishing it, but a busy week for me last week prevented me from finding the time to work on it.

In the next few weeks, our school website will be changing. We will let you know as/when this happens and hope you like the changes.

Please do check the diary dates at the end of the newsletter. Any changes, or new dates will be in **bold**, if they have been added or changed since the last newsletter. We have a Christmas Carol Service on Monday 16 December, at 4pm, in church. It would be great to see as many children there as possible (as well as family members). Key Stage 2 (Year 3-Year 6) will be leading it for us and it is an annual event that is always special.

Looking ahead, we have Mass in church this Friday at 9.30am. This is Youth Friday and all children will find out more about this on the day, as they view the recordings from our Diocesan Youth Mission Team (YMT). On Sunday, 24 November, at 11am it will be the Family takeover Mass. We hope as many of our families can make it that morning. Children from our school will lead the Mass, with the readings, bidding prayers and offertory.

Next week, it is our autumn term parents' evenings. We look forward to welcoming you all into school for these important meetings with your child/ren's class teacher. This is an opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their new year group, as well as hear about how they are progressing academically.

Please do not forget that the school is closed on Friday 29 November to all children.

On Saturday 7 December, we will be holding our annual Christmas Bazaar in school. This is a vital way for the Friends of St. Teresa's to raise funds for our children. We hope that as many of you can support our efforts that day by coming along.

More information to follow on our plans for the run-up to Christmas in our next edition, which should be published at the start of December.

Many thanks

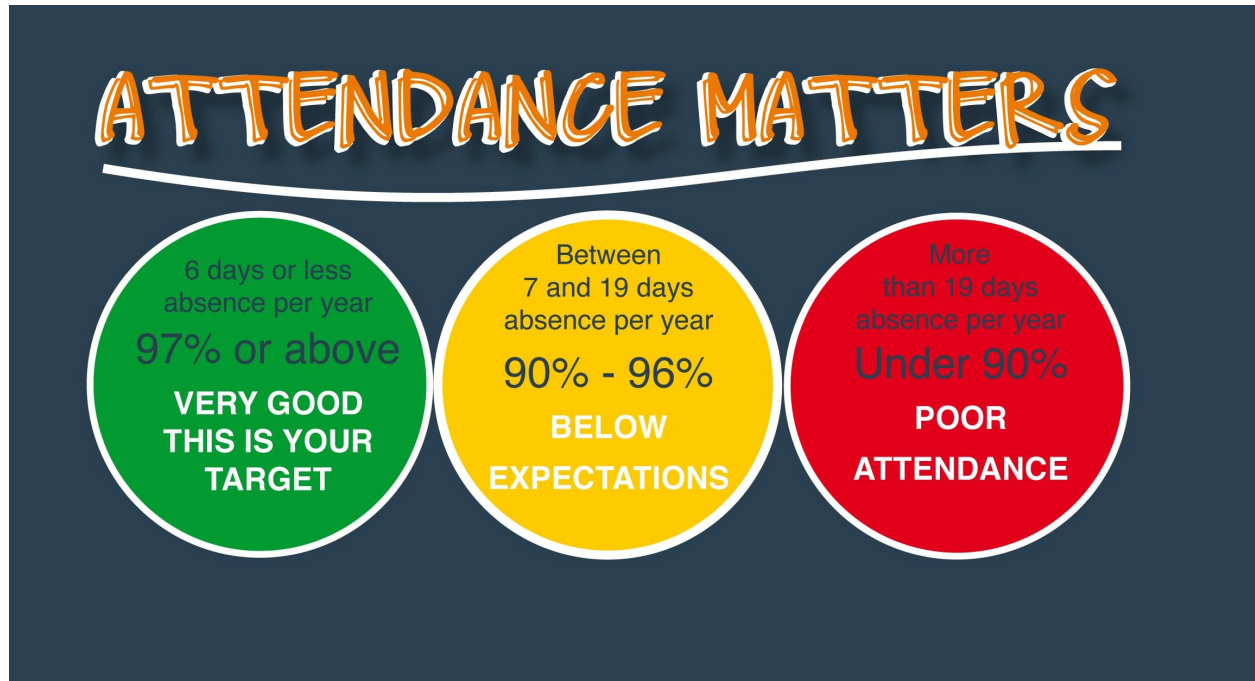
Mr. Turner

(Head Teacher)

Please find further information on:

- Attendance
- Online safety
- Anti-bullying week
- Let's Go Zero! Heroes Event
- Achievements
- Curriculum updates
- Ways to connect with us...
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Attendance



As a school, we have an attendance target of 96%. Our whole school attendance has been consistently above this since the start of the year -thank you to all parents/carers in your part in ensuring your child/ren's good attendance and punctuality.

Week 1 September attendance = 97.5%

Week 2 September attendance = 98.4%

Week 3 September attendance = 94.9%

Week 4 September attendance = 96.8%

Week 5 October attendance = 96.9%

Week 6 October attendance = 96.8%

Week 7 October attendance = 96.1%

Week 8 October attendance = 94.2%

Week 9 November attendance = 94.9%

Week 10 November attendance = 96.1%

Sickness bugs can be common-place at this time of year. If your child suffers from sickness or diarrhoea, please ensure they are off school for 48 hours after the last symptoms.

Please do try to keep holidays to the school holidays. Any request for holidays will be unauthorised and your child will miss out on vital education time. The school will not supply work for your child if you choose to take them out of school in term time.

Did you know?

90% attendance sounds good but means that your child misses on average:

- One half day every week.
- Nearly four weeks every school year.
- Over one school year in a school career.

2 weeks holiday in term time every year with no other absences means that your child:

- Can only ever achieve 95% attendance
- Will miss about two terms in a school career

Being just 5 minutes late every day adds up to missing about 3 days of school every year.

Online Safety

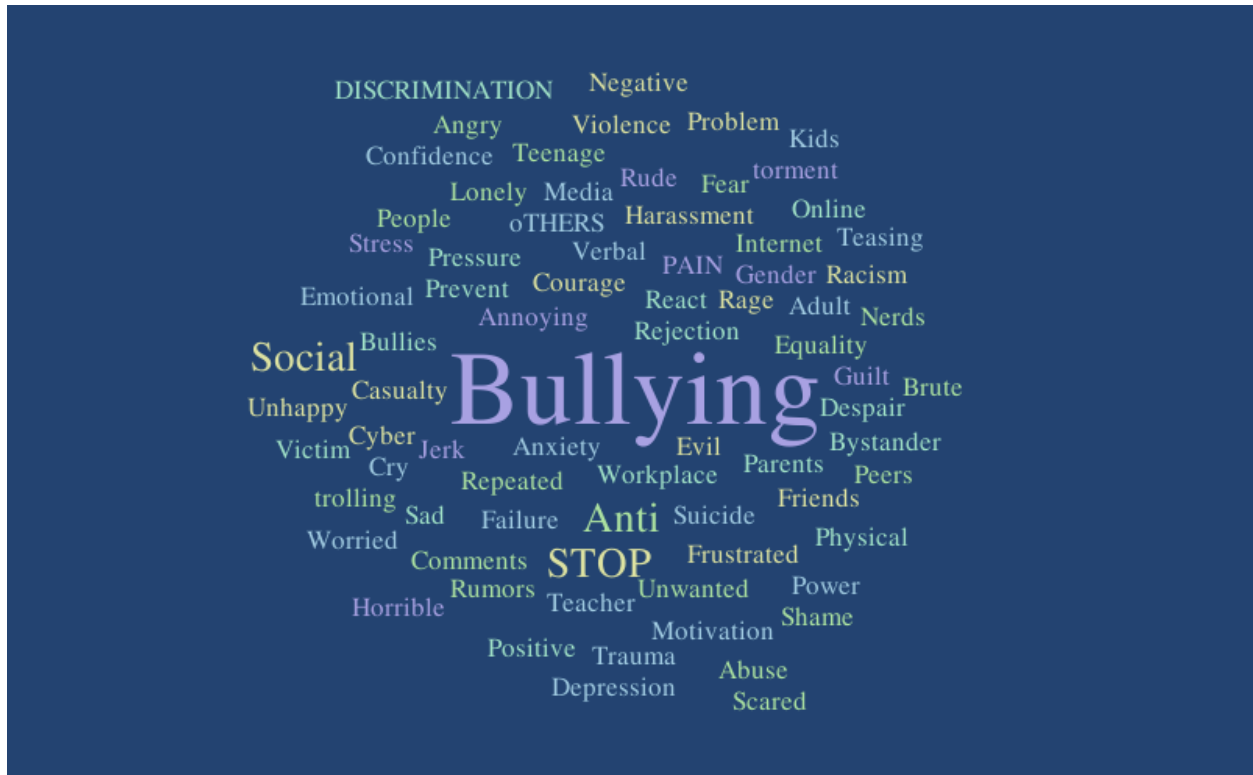
Cyberbullying

Last week was anti-bullying week. To coincide with what children learned about then, please find more information on cyberbullying and how to approach these matters with your child/ren:

[Cyberbullying facts and advice | Internet Matters](#)

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” – Nelson Mandela.

Anti-bullying week



Last week marked the annual anti-bullying week promotion that the school cover, as part of our work with our Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) curriculum.

[Celebrating Anti-Bullying Week in Year 3: Building Kindness and Connection Together! | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School](#)

[Anti Bullying Week | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School](#)

[Reception-anti bullying week | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School](#)

Let's Go Zero! Heroes Event

ECO FRIENDLY



Six of our Eco Club members had the chance to attend an event promoting sustainable living just after half-term. To read more about it, follow the link below:

[Let's Go Zero! Heroes Event | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School](#)

Achievements



Please do encourage your child/ren to bring in their out of school awards/achievements. We like to celebrate these, as well as in school awards, in Celebration Assembly every other week. Our next assembly is this coming Friday.

Both the girls' and boys' football teams have played at Cochrane Park this past week in the NU Foundation Competition. A great experience for both teams and the first time we have been able to compete in these competitions, since having the NU Foundation in school delivering PE lessons.

Children with out of school awards/successes were presented with these in Friday's Celebration Assembly. Well done to Joseph, who was presented with a football certificate.

Lily was awarded her Bronze Award in swimming -well done!

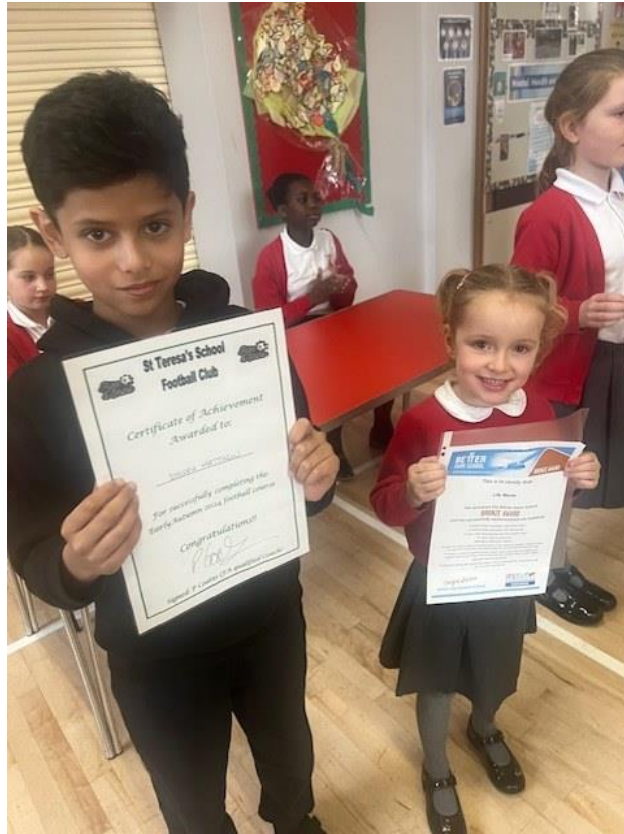
Amelie has achieved her Level 9 at Tumble Gymnastics -keep up the hard work!

Tommy had various football medals that he was proud of -great work from you!

Well done to Annabelle, who has received various horse riding rosettes for her efforts -keep up the good work!

Eva participated in a Space Camp over the October half-term and was awarded for her participation. Good work Eva!

Emily has had another busy time with her gymnastics and has won various medals for her efforts -well done!





Curriculum updates



Some highlights of our recent curriculum work can be found below, including work on St. Teresa for her feast day, art, science and Spanish:

Reception

To find out more about Forest School lessons and what children have been learning about in RE, please click on the link below:

[Reception | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School](#)

Year 1

Click on the link below to find out what instrument Year 1 have been learning (a classic primary school instrument!)

[Year 1 | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School](#)

Year 2

Science, anti-bullying week and an experience in Forest School can be found below:

[Year 2 | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School](#)

Year 3

Spanish and PE in Year 3:

[Year 3 | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School](#)

Year 4

[Year 4 Ancient Greeks Workshop | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School](#)

Year 5

[Y5 English: Beowulf | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School](#)

Year 6

Find out what Year 6 have been learning about in science:

[Year 6 | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School](#)

St. Teresa's on social media



Please do give us a follow/like on our various social/communication platforms...

To see children's day-to-day work through the week, follow our St. Teresa's [Twitter page](#). As this page is currently locked and only for our parents/friends of St. Teresa's, **please email the office with your username** so we can accept your request.

Give our [Facebook Page](#) a like/follow to be notified of any key information via this page.

Dates for diary



Calendar dates can also be found on our website at: [School Calendar | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School \(stteresasnewcastle.org.uk\)](http://School Calendar | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School (stteresasnewcastle.org.uk))

***Please note further dates will be added as/when confirmed/organised and will be in bold**

Monday 18 November, 9.45am - **Under-11 girls' NUFC football competition**

Monday 18 November, 4pm - **Under-11 boys' Small Schools Cup**

Tuesday 19 November, 4-5.30pm - **Under-11 boys' league fixtures @Jesmond Park Academy**

Thursday 21 November, 1.30-2.30am- **Reception 2025/26 school tour**

Friday 22 November, all day - Youth Friday

Friday 22 November, 9.30am - Key Stage 2 Mass in church (all parents/carers welcome)

Friday 22 November, 7pm - **Friends of St. Teresa's Quiz Night (cancelled due to lack of ticket sales)**

Monday 25/Tuesday 26 November - **Parents' evenings**

Tuesday 26 November, 4-5.30pm - **Under-11 girls' league fixtures @Jesmond Park Academy (cancelled due to parents' evening clash)**

Tuesday 26 November, 2-4pm - **Year 6 visiting Theatre Royal for 'The Little Mermaid'**

Thursday 28 November, all day - **non-uniform day (please donate a tombola prize for our Christmas Bazaar)**

Friday 29 November - **school closed to all**

Tuesday 3 December, 9am-3pm - **Level 1 Bikeability, Year 4**

Wednesday 4/Thursday 5 December, 9am-3pm - **Level 2 Bikeability, Year 5**

Wednesday 4 December, 3.30pm - **Marrick Priory parent information meeting**

Saturday 7 December - **Friends of St. Teresa's (PTA) Christmas Bazaar in school (more information to follow)**

Monday 9 December - **Reception/Key Stage 1 Nativity (dress rehearsal)**

Tuesday 10/Wednesday 11 December, 9.30am - **Reception/Key Stage 1 Nativity performances for parents**

Wednesday 11 December, 3.20-4.20pm - **First Holy Communion in-school session with Miss McTernan**

Wednesday 11 December, 5.30-7pm - **Wreath Making Night for parents/family members and wider community**

Wednesday 11 December, 10.30-11.30am - **Choir Singing in the Grainger Market**

Thursday 12 December - **Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch**

Thursday 12 December, 3.30-5.15pm - **Christmas movie night for Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6**

Monday 16 December, 4pm - Key Stage 2 Carol Service in church

Tuesday 17 December, 6.30pm - **Year 4 First Reconciliation Service**

Wednesday 18 December, 10am - **Tyne Theatre Christmas Pantomime for whole school**

Wednesday 18 December, 6pm - Partnership Carol Service in church

Thursday 19 December, pm - **Christmas parties (More details will follow)**

Friday 20 December - **Christmas jumpers can be worn today**

Friday 20 December, 9.30am - Advent Mass in church (all welcome)

Friday 20 December, 2.30pm - **Carols in the Forest School (all welcome)**

Friday 20 December, 3.20pm - **break up for Christmas holidays (return on Tuesday 7 January)**