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Dear Parents and Carers,



We have had an eventful week at St Teresa's with many special prayer experiences. Yr 2 had an inspiring day of prayer & reflection based on new beginnings. On Thursday we had a wonderful start of year Mass with Fr. Mario for the first time. A special congratulations to our new Avilites who will play a key role in leading prayer & worship throughout the year. Our new little Hedgehogs were welcomed officially by their Yr 5 buddies in a beautiful celebration. Such good advice given to the youngest members of our community – being brave, remembering our rules and values and always giving your best.

Coats:

We did have a problem when we walked to church on Wednesday as it was rather wet and many children did not have their coats. Please provide your child with a coat now the weather is changing!



Mobile Phones:

Just a reminder that the children should not be bringing mobile phones to school unless they are a home walker. If a mobile phone is brought into school, this must be handed into the school office on arrival.

PE Days:

Just a reminder that class PE days are as follows.

Monday - Years 2 and 5
Tuesday - Years 1 and 4
Friday - Years 3 and 6

The children should come to school dressed in their full St Teresa's PE kit which includes a **plain white t-shirt**, black or blue shorts or plain black, grey or navy-blue jogging bottoms and trainers. No other colours are permitted. Shorts should be of an acceptable length.

Earrings must be removed before the PE lesson.



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Weekly Updates and Emails to Parents:

If you are reading this newsletter – thank you! Please take a moment to read all our emails and updates as they contain important information about the school day and upcoming events. If you would like these updates delivered to you in a different format or language please let us know.

We are incredibly grateful to the parents who engage on class WhatsApp groups and remind everyone of upcoming events!

Snack-tember:

The British Nutrition Foundation are running Snack-tember again this year with the focus on healthy eating and choosing nutritious snacks:

[Snack-tember 2026 | British Nutrition Foundation](#)

Why not take a look at some of their recipes and try these at home with your children?

Wraparound Care Survey:

The Education People are currently conducting a survey on Wraparound Care for the Kent County Council and they would be grateful if you could please complete the attached survey:

[Parent and Carers School Age Childcare Survey](#)

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon - Change of Date:

As we have a very busy week ahead, we have decided to move the MacMillan Coffee Afternoon from Friday 25th September to Tuesday 6th October. More information to follow.

Secondary Schools Information for Y6 Parents:

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the meeting about secondary school this week. The start of the new chapter is beginning! If you need any advice on this journey, please feel free to chat to us. The following guide is very helpful and includes all the key dates:

[Admission to secondary school in Kent 2026](#)

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Y3 and Y6 Trips

We would be grateful if consent forms and voluntary contribution payments could be made as soon as possible, so that we may determine if the trips can go ahead or not, based on funds received.

The third instalment for the PGL trip is due by Wednesday 30th September.

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 21st September: Y6 Class Saint Assembly at 10.00am – Y6 Parents and Carers are welcome to attend, please arrive for 9.55am

Tuesday 22nd September: Y5 Class Saint Assembly at 10.00am – Y5 Parents and Carers are welcome to attend, please arrive for 9.55am. Y5 trip consent forms to be handed in.

Thursday 24th September: Whole school individual and sibling group photos. Everyone to wear a shirt, tie and jumper or cardigan please!

Friday 25th September: Selected Y6 children attending Mass at St George's Cathedral. Y3 trip payments due by today.

Monday 28th September: Y3 Class Saint Assembly at 10.00am – Y3 Parents and Carers are welcome to attend, please arrive for 9.55am.

Tuesday 29th September: Y1 Class Saint's Assembly at 10.00am – Y1 Parents and Carers are welcome to attend, please arrive for 9.55am. Y5 KCSP Mass – children to be at school for 8.15am.

Wednesday 30th September: Y6 third PGL instalment due to be paid by today.

Thursday 1st October: Autumn School Census.

Friday 2nd October: Y6 Trip payment due by today.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,

Lisa Huotari

Headteacher