



**We learn together, we play together, we pray together,
we grow together in the love of God**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who supported the Macmillan coffee morning last Friday; the school raised a very impressive £375.32!! We would like to especially thank Mrs Gibson for running the whole event for our school community.

Unfortunately, the school is receiving complaints from local residents of parents parking across their drives. Please park with consideration; not doing so can put the school's good name at risk.

Another reminder that on Wednesday 13th October, we will be celebrating Harvest at school and are therefore appealing for food donations (tins, jars or dried food) which will all be given to the local Finchley Food Bank; any donations of toiletries are also welcome. Please ensure all food is unopened, in date and in its original packaging. Please drop off any donations, at the school office.

Please note that once the morning bell has been rung at 8.40am, we ask that all parents and children make their way to their classrooms; lessons start promptly at 8.50am. Once your child has entered their classroom, parents need to walk around the school building to exit. The side gates are locked at 8.55am; if your child arrives after this time, they will need to enter the school by the office entrance.

At this time of year, the local secondary schools are hosting their open days for prospective parents and we understand that Year 6 pupils will be visiting schools or sitting entrance exams in preparation for their applications to Year 7. The school is happy to support this and will authorise these absences for the Year 6 pupils. However, the school asks that any Year 5 parents, who are starting to think about secondary schools, visit the schools out of school time; we will no longer be authorising absences of this nature for our Year 5 pupils.

A reminder for our Y4 pupils that on Wednesday 6th October, they will be participating in a TT Rockstar Day! All children in Y4 may come to school dressed as a rock star on that day – the rockier, the better!

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

The Wednesday Word

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shows us that the Kingdom of God is open to everybody, to people of all cultures and backgrounds – and that includes you and me too!

Jesus puts forward a child as an example of how to enter God's kingdom. Why a child? Could it be a child's simplicity or dependency – or a child's openness to God?

God wants us to accept him and to trust him always to be there for us. God has a great plan for each of our lives, and we can discover what it is when we are open to God.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word which is **openness**.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/serving?pid=MTA101634&v=37.18>

Friends of St Theresa's News

Dear Parents / Carers

A warm welcome back to the start of a new school year at St Theresa's from The Friends. We would like to welcome all the new staff, children and parents/carers who have joined St Theresa's and we hope that you enjoy being part of our community.

The Friends of St Theresa's play a vital role in fundraising for the school and with school budgets being cut, it is ever more important that we try to help our children by buying the things that the school cannot. We will provide more details in next week's newsletter about what are fundraising priorities are over the coming school year.

We are very excited that we are able to hold our first in-person fundraising event in a long time. Our Halloween family disco will take place on Thursday 21st October from 6pm-8pm. Please book this date in your diaries and get ready for some spooky spectacular fun!

We are also pleased to announce that we are planning a school movie event in November and a Christmas Jingle Mingle event in December. More details of these events will be made available over the coming weeks, but for now, please book these dates in your diaries:

Monday 15th November: Infants School Movie Night (timings tbc)

Monday 22nd November: Juniors School Movie Night (timings tbc)

Friday 3rd November: Christmas Jingle Mingle (timings tbc)

Please contact your class rep, if you are interesting in becoming a Friend of St Theresa's member or volunteer. We are always looking for people to help out with the set up and smooth running of events. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you at the Halloween family disco!

The Friends of St Theresa's

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Routines

The pedestrian gate will open at 8.30am.

You and your children may walk down the path straight into the playground.

You may wait in the playground until 8.40am.

At 8.40am, a member of staff will ring the bell and your child may then access their classroom.

Parents are then asked to walk all the way around the back of the school building, to exit the premises.

Children (and adults) should not be riding their scooters in the playground.

At home-time, parents and carers are again asked to use the pedestrian path to enter the playground. You may wait in the playground. At 3.30pm the class teachers will dismiss their children directly to parents from the classroom doors. Please refrain from waving through the windows, or distracting your child at the end of the day when the teacher is still addressing the class.

Please do not use the car park as a pedestrian route.

Please visit our website where you will find our weekly newsletter, diary dates, curriculum information and lots more! <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/>



Year 1	Mia for doing great work and pushing herself to do challenging tasks. Max P for trying really hard and putting a lot of effort in his work.
Year 2	Maya for her positive attitude towards learning and beautifully presented work. Kamo for being a polite and diligent student.
Year 3	Nia for being a Have a Go Mo when working independently. Jonathan for always giving 100% all his learning.
Year 4	Lily for producing fantastic cursive handwriting in all her learning. Her presentation is impeccable! Miki for having a go at all the tasks with enthusiasm and determination. Always having a go Mo.
Year 5	Sebastian for his excellent learning in Maths. Mia for her increased confidence in class.
Year 6	Darcy for making sure every piece of learning she completes is to a high standard. Alphy for challenging himself and trying his best. Well done!

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Shirley (y4)
Brendan (y4)

Parent Volunteers

Are there any parents who would like to volunteer to come into school and hear children read? If you are interested in spending some time every week hearing children read, please do come and speak to Mr Troy. We would be grateful of any offers of help.

Non Stop Action After School Clubs

Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Football Club
Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm Y1 and Y2 Football Club

The after-school Non-Stop Action football clubs have now started.
If you would like your child to attend one of the after school football clubs please visit www.NonStopAction.co.uk to book a place. Please note you will need to be logged in, to be able to see bookings for St. Theresa's. If you haven't already created an account, you will need to create one. You can contact Non Stop Action by phone 020 8446 0006 or by email info@nonstopaction.co.uk

Members of the School Governing Body

Governors play a key role in the leadership of the school and raising of standards including the appointment of key staff, overseeing the budget and monitoring progress in the curriculum. Since there have been some changes within the Governing Body, we thought it would be useful to update parents and carers on its members (you can also find this information on the school website).

<i>Foundation Governor</i>	Fiona Kerin (Chair)
<i>Foundation Governor</i>	Gerry Costello
<i>Foundation Governor</i>	Father John Dermody
<i>Foundation Governor</i>	Christine Fleming
<i>Foundation Governor</i>	Jane Goring
<i>Parent Governor</i>	Halina Gibson
<i>Parent Governor</i>	Nick O'Donnell
<i>Local Authority Governor</i>	Liz Cormack (Vice-Chair)
<i>Staff Governor</i>	Nikki Dias
<i>Headteacher Governor</i>	Barbara Costa
<i>Clerk to the Governors</i>	Helen Holloway

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.45am - 8.30am in the school hall for £3.50. Please let the school office know if you would like your child to attend.

Little Saints After School Club

Where? St. Theresa's School multi-purpose room
When? Every day after school until 6pm
Please contact Vicky for further information.
Email: Vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk
Telephone: 07968 498 364

Dates for your diary

- Wed 6th Oct Y4 Timestable Rockstar Day
- Fri 8th Oct 10am Y1 and Y2 attending Mass at St. Philips
- Wed 13th Oct Harvest Celebration
- Fri 15th Oct 10am Y3 and Y4 attending Mass at St. Philips
- Wed 20th Oct Y4 trip Museum of London
- Thurs 21st Oct Halloween Disco (details to follow)**
- Fri 22nd Oct Y6 trip Natural History Museum
- Mon 25th –Fri 29th Oct HALF TERM
- Mon 1st Nov INSET Day (school closed for children)
- Mon 15th Nov Infant Movie Night (details to follow)**
- Wed 17th Nov Open day for prospective parents 9am, 1.30pm, 7pm
- Mon 22nd Nov Junior Movie Night (details to follow)**
- Fri 3rd Dec Christmas Jingle Mingle (details to follow)**

*New dates in bold