



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

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AUTUMN TERM 2022

Friday 7th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

We raised a wonderful £390.50 last week at the Macmillan Coffee Morning – thank you to everyone for your generosity.

On Wednesday, the Year 4 children visited the London Mithraeum. The London Mithraeum, also known as the Temple of Mithras, is a Roman Temple that was discovered in London during excavations in 1954. This Year 4 trip was organised to further enrich their Roman topic learning. Thank you to the staff and parents who accompanied the pupils.

On Wednesday evening, we held an extra Year 6 SATs information meeting for the Year 6 parents. Thank you to everyone who attended; we hope you found it useful. A copy of the presentation can be found on the Year 6 page of the school website: <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Year-6-SATs-meeting-Wednesday-5th-October-2022.pdf>

Last week, all parents/carers should have received an email from the school regarding the upcoming Parent Consultation evenings (Thursday 13th October 4pm-6.30pm and Tuesday 18th October 4pm-6.30pm). You should have also received a link to the online booking system; if you are not able to access the online booking system, please contact the school office and we will make an appointment for you. Please note that the online booking system for the first consultation evening (Thursday 13th October) will close the day before on Wednesday evening (12th October) at 6pm. After this time, any further appointments for Thursday 13th October will need to be made via the school office. The online booking system for the second evening will remain open for a while longer. Parents/carers will be meeting and talking to their child's class teacher in the hall, but will also be able to look at their child's books in their child's classroom.

A reminder to all parents that St. Theresa's School is a nut free school and therefore **packed lunches must not contain any nut products; this includes Nutella**. The school requests that all parents adhere to the school packed lunch guidelines; a copy has been added to the end of this week's newsletter.

A reminder to all parents/carers that the Friends of St. Theresa's are holding a used uniform sale on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October after school.

Congratulations to our new Mini Vinnies: Zoe Y6, Genevieve Y6, Evie Y5, Erin Y5, Ola Y5, Chiamaka Y5 and Callum Y3. The new Mini Vinnies will join the existing group of children who are dedicated to making a positive difference to the world.

Congratulations also to the school football team who won their match against Holy Trinity last week with a very impressive 6-0! Very well done boys, and to their coach too, Mrs Espinosa.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

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/>

Message from the Friends of St. Theresa's

New to St Theresa's: we are starting an initiative whereby every first Friday of the month, a class will be running a stall to raise funds for its own class to help with costs for trips or additional resources. The first stall will be organised by Year 2 this afternoon (Friday 7th October) at pick up.

A reminder that the Friends of St. Theresa's are organising a used-uniform sale **on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October after school**.

This is a really good way to get uniform at a much lower cost and most items will cost no more than £1!

Non-School Uniform Day Friday 21st October

All children are invited to join in with our non-school uniform day on Friday 21st October for a donation of £1. All money will go to the Friends of St. Theresa's who organise fun events for the children over the year.

School Attendance

You will see from the attendance box below, this year we are rewarding the class with the highest attendance with a non-school uniform day. It has been proven that children who achieve well at the end of Y6 have higher attendance rates than those who do not achieve well; all parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly. The school expects all pupils to attend school at least 96% of the school year and we ask parents to support us in achieving this for the children in our care. Therefore, if your child has a cold, or a mild cough, or they are tired – they should be at school; absences for these reasons will not be authorised. The Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) visits the school every half term to monitor the children's attendance and parents whose children have high unauthorised absence rates could be fined.

St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for 2022-2023 is 96%

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	96.8%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y4 is now in the lead with 98.5% attendance with Y2 now in second place!

At the end of the year, in July 2023, the class with the highest record of attendance will win a non-school uniform day!

The Wednesday Word

"In all things recognise the care and wisdom of God, and give God thanks." St. Teresa of Avila

Ask your child what the word 'thankfulness' means to them. You may want to help your child understand what the word 'thankfulness' means to you. Can your child remember a time when they felt really thankful to someone? How did they show their thanks to that person? Each of you name one or two things that (as well as your family) you are most thankful to God for.

"Be thankful for the smallest blessings, and you will deserve to receive greater blessings." Thomas à Kempis

Remembering to say 'thank you' to God regularly throughout the day helps love to grow. Who else will you remember to thank this week? Perhaps a parent or carer, a family member, a teacher or a friend. How will you do this (e.g. with a hug, kind words, a thank-you note, a prayer, a gift, or by offering them your help)?

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/thankfulness?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=71.3>



Year 1	Jason for always doing his best and never giving up. Helenka for concentrating during lessons and enjoying her learning.
Year 2	Katy for working incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum. Melody S for being a supportive member of Y2. She is always eager to help her friends and involve herself in whole class discussions.
Year 3	William for consistently trying his best in all subjects. Maya for always supporting her teacher and classmates.
Year 4	Leona for producing a good biography in her English lesson. Filipa for working really hard in her maths learning.
Year 5	David for having a great first two weeks of school. David has contributed in lessons every day since day 1! Nathaniel for making an effort in lessons and focusing more on completing his work. Keep it up!
Year 6	Mia for persevering and always trying your best! Well done. Joshua for your excellent problem solving in maths. Well done.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Tomas (y6)

Erin (y5)



Come to the fantastic St Theresa's Halloween disco!

**Thursday 20th October 2022
from 6 - 8pm!**

All Children, brothers, sisters, cousins etc are welcome
(children must be accompanied by an adult for the evening)

- Entry fee £3 per person (3's and under free!)
- **PRIZE** for the best Halloween costume!
- Disco with DJ Captain Fantastic!!!
- Fun disco accessories for sale
- Sweet shop
- **FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT**

We look forward to seeing you there!



Year 6 Secondary Transfer Information

The online application system for our Year 6 parents is now open at www.eadmissions.org.uk
All parents must apply online. If you need support please feel free to contact the school for support, or call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 020 8359 7651.

Parents of children in Y6 who have an Educational Health Care Plan will need to complete a different form - this will have been sent to you by the Barnet SEN team.

The deadline for submitting your application is Monday 31st October 2022. Applications received after 31st October will be treated as late. Late applications will not be considered until after the on-time applicants have been allocated their school places. This means that late applicants are unlikely to be offered one of their preferred schools. If there is a good reason as to why your application is late; for example the serious illness of a close relative, or you moved to the area after the closing date, you must submit a Reason for Late Application Form at www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions by 9 December 2022 at the latest.

For further information about the secondary school application process please read the "A Guide to Secondary Education in Barnet 2023" which can be found here:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-09/Barnet%20-%20Guide%20to%20Secondary%202023%20FINAL.pdf>

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. **Please ensure you pay for breakfast club charges in advance of your child attending, or on the morning.**

Dates for your diary

Tues 11 th Oct	3.30pm Used-Uniform Sale
Wed 12 th Oct	3.30pm Used-Uniform Sale
Thurs 13 th Oct	4-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Tues 18 th Oct	4-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Wed 19 th Oct	Y5 Trip to Petrie Museum
Thurs 20 th Oct	6pm-8pm Halloween Disco
Fri 21st Oct	Non-school uniform day
Mon 24 th -Fri 28 th Oct	Half term holiday
Mon 31 st Oct	INSET day – school closed
Tues 1 st Nov	Flu vaccination (Rec-Y6)
Thurs 3 rd Nov	3.45pm Phonic Meeting for parents in Reception, Y1 and Y2
Tues 15 th Nov	Open Day tours for prospective parents (9am, 1.30pm, 7pm)
Wed 16 th Nov	Individual pupil photo day
Wed 16 th Nov	Infant Movie Night (more details to follow)
Wed 23 rd Nov	Junior Movie Night (more details to follow)

*New dates in bold

Good Practice Packed Lunch Guidelines

Packed lunches should include	Packed lunches should NOT include
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetable or salad every day • Meat, fish or another source of non-dairy protein, every day. Non-dairy sources of protein include lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus and falafel • An oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks • A starchy food, such as bread or pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other cereals, every day • A dairy food, such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard every day • Water, still or sparkling, fruit juice, semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, yoghurt or milk drinks and smoothies • Acceptable snacks includes: seeds, vegetables and fruit (with no added salt, sugar or fat). Savoury crackers or breadsticks served with fruit, vegetables or dairy food are also a good choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisps • Confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits and sweets • We are a nut free school – please do not send in any food containing nuts. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads.

You may also include

- Cakes and biscuits are allowed but these should be part of a balanced meal
- Meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat and sausages / chipolatas should be included only occasionally