



**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 11<sup>th</sup> November

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It has been a very busy week here at St. Theresa's. Last Friday, Y5 went to the Charterhouse Museum to enhance their learning on the Tudors; they enjoyed a hands-on workshop. On Monday morning, our Y2 pupils took part in the Barnet Schools' Infant Music Festival and sang a selection of songs with other local primary schools at Tudor School. On Tuesday, the Y6 children went to London Zoo as part of their learning on Charles Darwin and his theory of Evolution. We would like to thank all the adult volunteers who supported these trips by helping to accompany the children.

A reminder to all parents that next Wednesday - 16<sup>th</sup> November - the school photographer is coming to take the children's individual photos. The staff will ensure siblings have their photos taken together.

On Wednesday (16<sup>th</sup> November) 3.30pm-5pm in the school hall, the Friends are holding the Infant Movie Night; all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited (the Junior movie night is the week after on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November). For £5, the children will watch "Minions: the Rise of the Gru" (certificate U) and be given a snack of crisps, sweets and biscuits. If you would like your child to attend, please ensure you complete and return the permission slips which were sent home to parents earlier this week. I hope that many children will be able to attend the event.

Over the past couple of months, the children in Y1-Y6 have been having weekly dance lessons with the Non-Stop Action dance teachers. Each class has been practising a choreographed routine and will be performing it to the rest of the school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. All parents are warmly invited to attend this Dance Festival. The best routine (as chosen by myself and Mr Troy!) will go on to represent St. Theresa's at the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival in March.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

**School Attendance and Punctuality**

It is important for all children to attend school. Parents and carers commit an offence if their child does not attend school regularly or if the absence is not agreed by the school. A Fixed Penalty Notice costs £60 per parent and per child, if payment is made within 21 days. £120 if paid after the 21 days, but within 28 days. Please visit the school website to read the school's Attendance Policy:

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Attendance-and-Punctuality-Policy-February-2021.pdf>

**Applications for Reception**

Applications are invited for the **Reception Class** for **September 2023** – this is for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

The deadline to return this to the school office is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The forms are available to download on the school website. Please also be advised that you must also complete a CAF (Common Application Form) from Barnet.

The on-line system is already open.

**Message from the Friends of St. Theresa's**

The Friends' Elves are busy organising the Christmas Jingle Mingle which takes place on 1 December from 6-8pm. Get ready for a fun-filled evening which includes a Christmas disco, lucky dip stall, glitter tattoos and much, much more. Information about each class' donation has been shared by your class representative - all donations are to be brought to school by Wednesday 30 November 2022 (except for doughnuts which need to be brought in on 1 December).

Happy Bags will be sent home next week for you to fill up with your unused / unwanted items. Details of what is accepted will be shared via email. Please only bring your bags to school at drop off on 1 December (more bags are available from the office).



**Anti-Bullying Week**

**Odd Socks Day – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**



Anti-Bullying Week is taking place next week, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November and this year's theme is "Reach Out". It is co-ordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at the National Children's Bureau. The theme "Reach Out" is a positive message about it always being possible to reach out and ask for help if you are worried about bullying.

Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless - but if we challenge it, we can change it and it starts by reaching out.

To mark the start of anti-bullying week we are inviting the children to come to school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November wearing odd socks. Odd Socks Day is about fun and laughter but more importantly, they deliver a message of individuality, acceptance and tolerance.

We will also be participating in the Odd Socks Day school competition by sharing a photo of the day on Twitter; the winning school will receive a visit and performance from Andy and the Odd Socks in 2023 - stars of the CBBC comedy drama Andy and the Band.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	96.7%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y4 is now in the lead with 98.4% attendance and Y2 is 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!*

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/>



### The Wednesday Word

“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.” *St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)*

Ask your child what the word ‘faithful’ means to them. To be faithful is to be true to someone or something. Does your child know someone who is a faithful friend – someone who keeps their promises? What is it like to be in the company of a faithful person? It may help your child if you can talk about a person you know to be a faithful friend, and say why.

“Let us ask then for the grace to remain faithful to God and to listening to his Word.” *Pope Francis*

How can we grow in faithfulness to God and to each other? Perhaps we can: spend time with God and listen to him through daily prayer; follow the teachings of Jesus by always trying to love our neighbor as ourselves; remember to put others’ needs before our own needs; make sure that if we tell someone [or we tell God] that we will do something, we do it!

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/faithfulness?pic-MTA101634&v=74.6>

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Ryan</b> for putting in effort to learn how to spell his tricky words and write independently. <b>Emmanuel</b> for improved listening and for working hard in all his lessons.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Ted</b> for facing every task with a positive mindset. <b>Gabriela</b> for being a wonderful partner during partner work.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Kamo</b> for his eagerness to learn and achieve his best. <b>Laura</b> for being a friendly classmate and good learner in the classroom.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Emmanuelle</b> for producing a great diary entry for her cold task about Halloween. <b>Francesco</b> for showing great confidence in subtracting 4 digit numbers with more than one exchange.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Erin</b> for consistently working hard and listening attentively during whole class discussions. <b>Shirley</b> for approaching all tasks with enthusiasm and producing quality work in her subjects.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Nea</b> for your improved focus and concentration. Keep it up! <b>Jeremiah</b> for consistently challenging yourself. Well done!

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:*

**Joelle Y4**

**Lucas Y4**



### Excerpt from *For the Fallen* by Laurence Binyon

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.

### 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.

### Safeguarding at St. Theresa's

A reminder to all parents that if you have any concerns about the safety of your child, or the safety of another child, you can call the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) for support and advice on 0800 800 5000. Alternatively, parents can ring the Barnet Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0208 359 4066 or speak to the school. Miss Costa is the Designated Safeguarding Lead at the school; Mr Troy and Mrs Folan are members of the safeguarding team. However, safeguarding and child protection at St. Theresa's is everyone's responsibility and is taken extremely seriously. Parents can find the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy on the school website:

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Child-Protection-and-Safeguarding-Policy-September-2022.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.**

### 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](mailto:Vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk)  
Telephone: 07968 498 364

### Dismissing children from After-School Clubs

All after school clubs (e.g. Karate, Football, Art, Lemon Jelly, Maths etc.) with the exception of Little Saints, dismiss the children from the main office entrance. The side gate now remains closed. We ask parents/carers who are collecting their child from an after school club to wait outside the main school office entrance.

### Dates for your diary

Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	*Open Day tours for prospective parents (9am, 1.30pm, 7pm)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual pupil photo day
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Infant Movie Night (more details to follow)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Junior Movie Night (more details to follow)
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	*9am Rec-Y6 Dance Festival
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.45pm Trumpet concert for Y3 parents
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	*6pm-8pm Jingle Mingle
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	*9.30am Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas show
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm Year 5 Christmas Carol Concert
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch Day</b>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class party day
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term 1pm finish
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Staff training day – school closed to pupils</b>
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>

**New dates in bold**

\*All parents welcome

Supporting  
local charities

11th Annual

# Frost Fair



Over 30 stalls...

Local honey, jams, homemade cakes,  
gifts, arts and crafts, jewellery,  
face painting, hair braiding  
*and so much more...*

**Sunday 27th November 2022**

**10.30 am - 5.00 pm**

Avenue House at Stephens House & Gardens  
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