



**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 9<sup>th</sup> December

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who supported last week's Jingle Mingle - £1315.00 was raised!

By the time this newsletter is published, the Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will have retold the nativity story in their Christmas Show. Congratulations to all the children (and the staff who rehearsed with them and ensured the children were ready) for putting on a show for the adults to enjoy.

A well done to Jonathan, Luca, Nathan, Genevieve and Jeremiah from Year 6, who represented St. Theresa's at the Barnet Primary Schools' Quiz at Queenswell Juniors, last week. The children had to answer questions on geography, Maths, spelling, music and general knowledge; they came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 20 teams!

On Monday, our Year 3 pupils played their trumpets in an informal concert for their parents! The Year 3 children have been learning to play the trumpet (as a whole class) throughout the autumn term. This is part of the Barnet Educational Arts Trust Whole Class Musical Instrumental Tuition project where whole classes of children learn to play an instrument for 10 weeks, at no cost to the parents. I was not at this concert but have been told that the children had made lots of progress.

A reminder that the children are invited to come to school on Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup> December) replacing just the top part of their uniform with a Christmas - or red - jumper in return for a donation of £2. The money raised will be donated to 'The Passage'. The Passage runs London's largest voluntary sector resource centre for homeless and vulnerable people.

On Thursday (15<sup>th</sup> December), the classes will be having their Christmas parties; please see the details of the Christmas parties on your class Seesaw pages.

On Monday evening (6pm 12<sup>th</sup> December), our Year 5 pupils will be leading a carol concert and all parents are warmly invited to attend; I hope to see many of you there.

A reminder to all parents and carers that next Friday is the last day of term and the school day will finish early at 1pm (after the children have had their lunch); please ensure your child is collected at 1pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

## 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.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	95.8%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y4 is still in the lead with 98% 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/>

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

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who brought in donations, to those of you who came to the Christmas Jingle Mingle and also to the volunteers and staff who helped on the night. We raised £1,315.00!

Our CHRISTMAS RAFFLE draw is on 14 December at 10am - 16 fantastic prizes to be won! Please bring in your ticket stubs and money in an envelope. If you cannot sell them, don't worry - please still return the unsold tickets so that others can buy them.

If you have an idea for fundraising, please share with the Friends' Committee.

## What do you need to know about Strep A and Scarlet Fever?

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reporting that Scarlet Fever cases are currently higher than typically seen at this time of year. Scarlet Fever is usually a mild illness that is easily treated by antibiotics, but in very rare occasions and if left untreated, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). Parents are advised to seek medical help if you think your child is showing signs of Scarlet Fever or iGAS.

Symptoms to look out for include: a rash with a sandpapery feel, sore throat, flushed cheeks, a swollen tongue, muscle ache, and high fever.

**If you're worried about your child's health, always trust your own judgement and contact a pharmacist, your GP or call 111 to seek medical advice.**

We can all reduce the risk of picking up or spreading infections by teaching our children how to wash their hands properly with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell.

For further information about Scarlet Fever and invasive Group A Strep (iGAS), visit:

- [UKHSA update on Scarlet Fever and invasive Group A strep \(prgloo.com\)](https://www.ukhsa.gov.uk/about-us/press-releases/2022/12/05/group-a-strep-what-you-need-to-know/)
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>
- <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2022/12/05/group-a-strep-what-you-need-to-know/>

### The Wednesday Word

"For those who love, nothing is too difficult, especially when it is done for the love of Jesus Christ." *St Ignatius of Loyola*

Ask your child what they think the word 'Christ' means (parent help: the word 'Christ' means 'the anointed one', the one who is sent to save the world). Ask them what they have learnt at school about Christ's birth. What do they like best about the Christmas story? It may help your child if you share something that you know about Christ and his birth.

"Christ helps and strengthens us. He is a true friend."

*St Teresa of Avila*

How can we live and love more like Christ as we journey through Advent? Perhaps we can: always try to be fair, honest, generous and ready to go out of our way to help anyone who is in need; make a special effort to let other family members know how much we love them. The word 'Christmas' comes from 'Mass of Christ'. Come and light a candle at Mass this Sunday (and on Christmas Day) - giving thanks to God for all the blessings that Christ brings to our lives. All are warmly invited.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christ?pid=MTA101634&v=78.10>

### 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. In line with Government safeguarding advice for all schools, the school will complete police checks, and request references, for volunteers before they start working with the children.

### St. Theresa's School on Instagram



You can now follow St. Theresa's School on Instagram! Please search **st.theresas.n3** on the platform and you should find updates on the activities the school and our pupils have been involved in lately. Thank you to Mr Troy who has set up our account and will be adding to our accounts regularly.

### Spare Clothing Request

We are in need of spare underwear and socks (boys and girls) for the medical room. We use them when the children have had accidents or fallen over etc. We would be very grateful for any donations of clean items.

### 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.**

### 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>



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Jake</b> for being such a kind friend to everyone in Reception. <b>Jakub</b> for his wonderful attitude towards learning.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Liliana</b> for listening carefully and trying hard in her Maths and literacy lessons. <b>Sebastian</b> for being kind, helping other children and setting a good example during lessons.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Roksana</b> for improved listening and for working hard in all her lessons. <b>Nikolay</b> for being incredibly polite and helpful.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Nikola</b> for continuously working hard and trying her best. <b>Tye</b> for continuing to be more resilient and working hard during lessons.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Joelle</b> for working so hard in identifying the features of a persuasive text. <b>Pania</b> for making an improvement in her writing and thinking about her next steps.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Maia V</b> for consistently demonstrating a diligent work ethic and taking ownership of her learning. <b>Summer</b> for pushing herself more and working hard. Summer is showing more focus in lessons.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Seamus</b> for participating well in all lessons. Your contributions are valuable. <b>Maja</b> for your fantastic report on the Galapagos Islands.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:*

**Katie Y2**  
**Evie Y5**

### Dates for your diary

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm Year 5 Christmas Carol Concert
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am Christmas Raffle Draw
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch Day
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
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Staff training day – school closed to pupils
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	*9.15am Whole school Mass to celebrate the Epiphany
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y2 trip to the Tower of London
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y6 trip to the RAF Museum
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y1 trip to Science Museum
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term holiday
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>

**New dates in bold**

*\*All parents welcome*

# Maths After School Club

**Starting In January 2023**

**All abilities welcome**

**Small group sessions of up to 10 pupils**

**From 3.30pm to 4.30pm**

**Places are limited on a first come first basis**



**For more enquiries contact Mrs Johnston on**

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**07515447693**

**Places will only be allocated to the first 10 pupils who book.**