



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

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**SPRING TERM 2023**  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to Jennifer in Y6 who won the Name the Bear fundraiser; we raised a total of £200! Thank you to everybody for your support.

Thank you to all the Y5 parents who attended the information meeting about the Y6 (October 2023) residential trip to Grosvenor Hall in Kent. Copies of the presentation have been uploaded onto the Y5 page of the school website (<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Y6-Grosvenor-Hall-Jan-2023-meeting-for-trip-in-October-2023.pdf>) and the Y5 Seesaw page. If you did not receive a letter with all the information about the trip, please speak to a member of the office team.

All parents should have now received an email from the school regarding the upcoming Parent Consultation evenings (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 4pm-6.30pm and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 4pm-6.30pm). You will 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February) will close the day before on Wednesday evening (1<sup>st</sup> February) at 6pm. After this time, any further appointments for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 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 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, St. Theresa's will be partially closed due to the NEU teacher strikes. If your child is in Reception, Year 4 or Year 6, their classes will be closed – do not send your children into school on that day. If your child is in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 or Year 5, they must come to school as normal.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

### Parents/Carers/Visitors at St. Theresa's School

To ensure that every adult in the school building is accounted for, all parents/carers/visitors etc. must sign in at the school office.

If parents/carers need to search lost property for something, the lost property bin will now be positioned outside the school building (by the Y5/6 toilets); this way, no adult will need to enter the premises without the staff knowing.

Thank you for your kind attention to this.

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

**MOVIE NIGHTS - £5 per child (3.30-5.15pm):**

**KS2** - Wednesday 8 February 2023, Lightyear (PG)

**KS1** - Wednesday 1 March 2023, Sing 2 (U)\*

**\* CHANGE OF DATE FOR KS1's MOVIE NIGHT DUE TO NEU STRIKE ACTION**

Movie flyer/permission slip will be sent home with your child. Please ensure that you put your fully completed permission slip and money in an envelope and clearly add your child's name and class on the front.

### St. Theresa's School Attendance Policy

Can I please remind all parents that you must ask permission from the school if you want to take your child out of school during term time. Leave during term time is not permitted unless there are exceptional reasons. Absences will be marked as unauthorised, if holidays – which have not been agreed by the school – have been taken in term-time.

Other reasons for unauthorised absences include: birthdays, routine medical or dental appointments, oversleeping/tiredness, if a sibling is unwell or when children are kept off school unnecessarily or without reason.

The expected attendance for each child is 96%; if your child's attendance falls below 90%, for whatever reason, they will be considered a "persistent absentee" and will trigger formal monitoring from the Barnet Educational Welfare Team. It is important for all children to attend school. Parents/carers commit an offence if their child does not attend school regularly or if the absence is not agreed by the school; parents can be fined and/or prosecuted.

Parents can access the school's attendance policy on the school website here:

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

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	94.8%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 is still in the lead with 95.8% attendance and Y5 is 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!*

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

“The goal of our life is to experience God’s own happiness - a gift to every person.”

*Adapted from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (nos 1718-1719)*

Ask your child what they think true happiness is. When or where are they usually most happy? What is their happiest memory? When did your child last make someone truly happy? It may help your child if you can tell them when they most recently made you happy (or when you are most happy). True happiness comes from knowing and loving God. Sharing God’s love is the happiest way to live.

“Whoever possesses God is happy!” *St. Augustine*

Jesus’ disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them. “Happy are people who know they need God, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them. Happy are people who are gentle. Happy are people who show mercy, for they will have mercy shown to them. Happy are the people whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. Happy are people who make peace, for they will be called children of God. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” Who did Jesus say the kingdom of heaven belongs to? Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? Each of you choose some little, simple thing to do which will help to create a better atmosphere of happiness in school, the community, or at home this week. Perhaps you can: volunteer to give someone a helping hand; serve your parents and teachers by cheerfully doing what you are asked to do at home and at school; forgive someone who has upset you, and make a fresh start with them; give someone a kind message or a gift.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&cv=82.5>

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Jakub</b> for his wonderful attitude towards learning. <b>Kimia</b> for her great understanding of number 5.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Levi</b> for settling in so well to his new class and enjoying his learning. <b>Ryan</b> for trying really hard with his writing.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Cece</b> for always working hard and involving herself in whole class and group discussions. Cece has been a superstar in Maths and has displayed excellent problem solving. <b>Radek</b> for always putting 100% in everything he does. Radek is always organised and ready at the beginning of every lesson.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Kevin</b> for working consistently hard in his learning. <b>Amilia</b> for always trying her best throughout the school day.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Albert</b> for showing fantastic improvement in learning his times tables. <b>Olivia</b> for showing increasing confidence in her Maths learning and working so hard.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Gabriella</b> for always focusing on tasks and having a positive attitude. Gabriella always works very hard! <b>Lilla</b> for putting effort into her work. Well done for focusing on developing perseverance and time management skills.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Elizabeth A</b> for your growing confidence and your “have-a-go” attitude. <b>Gabriel</b> for your fantastic work ethic and wonderful manners.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:*

**Elizabeth Y4**  
**Gabriella Y5**

### Non Stop Action February Camp!

Non Stop Action are looking forward to **February Camp 2023!** We are running **Multi Sports** at Moss Hall Junior School (N3 1NR) and **Football and Dance** at Millbrook park school (NW7 1JF)!

We will be running for 1 week, from **Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February**. Bookings made before **Saturday 28th January** will automatically get our Early Bird discounts, and you can also save money by booking week blocks - book from as little as **£27.50** for a day, or **£99** for a week!

Head to our website to book now: <https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>

### Used-Book Sale – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 3.30pm

After school, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we will be hosting a used-book sale. If you have pre-loved books you do not need anymore, and are happy to donate them to raise money for the school, the Y6 pupils will be collecting them from the week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at drop-off and pick up times. All funds will go towards the cost of the Y6 residential trip to Grosvenor Hall.

### 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 0808 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>

### Dates for your diary

<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Reception/Y4/Y6 classes closed</b>
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	3.30pm Used Book Sale
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y3 Ancient Greece workshop
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y4 1066 History workshop
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day workshops
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Junior Movie Night
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term holiday
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Ash Wednesday
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Infant Movie Night</b>
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Class photos</b>
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>6pm Y3 and Y4 Easter Play</b>
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Last day of term 1pm finish</b>

*New dates in bold*

*\*All parents welcome*

**FINCHLEY**  
**Foodbank**  
**FOOD FOR PEOPLE IN NEED**  
Foodbank shopping list

Collection Box is located at office entrance

• Cereals	• Soap
• UHT milk	• Baked beans
• Tea	• Tinned tomatoes
• Tinned meat – corned beef, pies, ham etc.	• Tins of custard/rice pudding
• Tinned fruit	• Pasta
• Tinned vegetables	• Pasta sauce
• Toilet rolls	• Biscuits
• Rice	• Soup
• Tuna, sardines & mackerel	• Washing tablets/capsules
• Jars of coffee	• Oil
• Sugar	• Honey & jams etc.
• Crackers	• Sanitary wear
• Toothpaste	• Deodorant
• Shampoo (2in1's)	• Shower gel
• We also need empty egg boxes (only 6/12 egg size boxes)	