



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

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**SUMMER TERM
2023**

Friday 19th May

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 have had an amazing week away at Grovenor Hall getting up to lots of exciting activities such as fencing, climbing and of course the much anticipated visit to the tuck shop. The children have all been wonderful ambassadors for the school and have behaved really well and truly deserved the experience after a year of hard work and dedication towards their end of Key Stage Assessments. Thank you to Miss Georgious, Miss O'Brien, Mrs Reimus and Miss Costa who have ensured the children have all been looked after and been able to have memories they will cherish forever.

Last Friday, Year 5 had an exciting day out visiting the Natural History Museum and Science Museum for their topic 'Stargazers'. Whilst at the Natural History Museum the children got the opportunity to take part in a workshop designing, coding and making Mars Rovers out of Lego. Thank you to all staff and parents who accompanied the children.

Yesterday the Feast of the Ascension was celebrated with Father John coming to school to celebrate Mass. Thank you to all those who could join us.

In the week ahead, we have trips planned to the Maritime Museum for Year 4 and a special maths trip for some students in Year 5 and Year 6 to the British Museum, whilst the girls football team have their semifinal of the Jack King Trophy. Good luck!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Troy

St. Theresa's School Attendance Policy

Authorised and Unauthorised Absences

Examples of authorised absences

- Proof of illness from GP/Hospital provided
- Phone call from parent / carer explaining that their child is ill
- Proof of medical appointment
- Permission given from Headteacher following a written request for exceptional leave of absence (i.e. Religious daysetc.). All requests for exceptional leave of absence must be made in writing to the Headteacher. Request forms are available from the school office.

Examples of unauthorised absences

- Holidays
 - Days out
 - Birthdays
 - Parent / carer or sibling unwell
 - Tiredness
 - No reasonable explanation received from parent / carer
- Could parents/carers please ensure that any absence is reported to the school office by 9am.

Message from the Friends of

St. Theresa's

HAPPY BAGS COLLECTION: Thursday 25 May 2023 at drop off from 8.30am to 9.00am. Please support us by bringing in your unwanted clothes, etc. Every little bit helps!

SUMMER FAIR: Saturday 24 June 2023 from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. Please remember to let your class rep know if you can help man a stall. Without volunteers, we cannot put on events at our school for the whole community and raise the much needed funds to enrich the lives of our children.

NEW FRIENDS COMMITTEE WANTED!

Please let the office, Ms Costa or the current committee know if you would be able to help next year run the Friends' events.

Secondary Transfer Evening

A Reminder that on Monday 22nd May 3:45pm there will be our secondary transfer meeting for the current year 5 parents (Year 4 parents are welcome to attend). Parents will be given information regarding the application process to secondary schools for the current year 5 children. Please be aware some of the deadlines for applications to sit entrance exams, or aptitude tests, are approaching; this information has already been sent out to year 5 parents.

Birthday Treats

Please note that if it is your child's birthday, we ask that, rather than bringing in sweets or treats, a book or book token is donated to the school. Please note that the staff have been told not to hand out any birthday sweets or treats.

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 - Y5 is in the lead with 96% attendance and Y4 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!

The Wednesday Word Is

Friendship

"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship." St Thomas Aquinas

Jesus needed friends to help him with his mission, just like we need friends to help us in our daily lives. Through friendship, we can show that we are part of God's family, loving and working together to make the world a better place. Ask your child what the word 'friendship' means to them. Which friends do they spend the most time with? What is it that they like about them? Who is their best friend?

"Jesus' friendship with us is a priceless gift." Pope Francis

As a family, name ways in which you can deepen your friendship with Jesus, who loves and supports us always. Perhaps it's through: reading the gospels; receiving the sacraments; sitting with Jesus in prayer, alone or with others. Share any stories of when you felt loved and supported by your friends and talk about the qualities that make a good friend (e.g. kindness, honesty, trust, loyalty). In what ways can we be a better friend to others this week – could you reach out to someone who may be feeling lonely? Which friends can you especially

Enter Ford RideLondon FreeCycle!



Ford RideLondon FreeCycle is the ultimate ride for cyclists of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. Set on a traffic-free route, the event is a unique opportunity to explore central London by bike – it's completely free to take part and you can register your place now!

What's more, the first 4,000 people who register will receive a free Ford RideLondon FreeCycle tabard, designed to make you feel safe and seen while out cycling on Event Day and beyond.

- **Date:** Sunday 28 May 2023
- **Time:** the route is open from 10:00 until 15:00
- **Cost:** nothing – it's free!
- **Route:** a landmark-laden loop on traffic-free roads in the heart of central London

The Ford RideLondon FreeCycle route

The 2023 Ford RideLondon FreeCycle route will pass some of London's most famous locations, from St Paul's Cathedral and Somerset House to world-famous Buckingham Palace and The Mall.

This year's event will also include two Festival Zones, located at Bank and St Paul's, where riders can stop for mechanical help, food and drink and enjoy activities such as music, games and face painting!

To register for your free place:

<https://in.londonmarathon.events/2023-ridelondon-freecycle1658413034227?currentPage=select->

May Camp 2023! Non Stop Action are looking forward to **May 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 **Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June**. Bookings made before **Saturday 13th May** 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/>



Reception	Jake for writing some beautiful sentences during his choosing time. Riyanne for using finger spaces when writing sentences.
Year 1	Sebastian for working diligently in all his lessons. Narvin for working hard on his statements and questions in his literacy lessons.
Year 2	Shazia for her super reading. Taybah for doing some super writing.
Year 3	Ameila for making a great effort with all her work. Kevin for displaying a positive attitude towards all his work.
Year 4	Nia for your great work in spelling. Jonathan for coming 2 nd nationally in the EMILE Multiplication Competition.
Year 5	Lilla for displaying a positive and responsible attitude in her learning. Lilla is pushing herself to do better every time. Shirley for being an inspirational learner who is always eager to aim high. Shirley is an imaginative and creative member of the class.
Year 6	The whole class with the fantastic effort and attitude towards their end of Key Stage Assessments.
The Golden Ticket Winners are: Callum Y3 Shianne Y5	

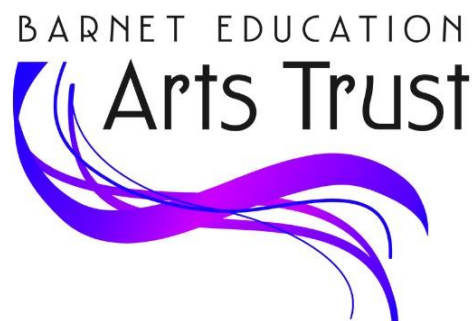
Dates for your diary

Mon 22 nd May	Y4 trip to National Maritime Museum
Mon 22 nd May	3.45pm Secondary transfer meeting for Y5 Parents
Mon 29 th May-Fri 2 nd June inclusive	– Half term
Mon 5 th June	Inset Day – school closed to children
Thurs 8th June	Bikers' Breakfast (more details to follow)
Thurs 8 th June	2.30pm St. Theresa's Feast Day Mass
Fri 9 th June	"Bring-a-Bottle" Non-School Uniform Day
Tues 13th June	This is Us Day (more details to follow)
Thurs 15 th June	3.45pm Reception to Y1 transition meeting for Reception parents
Mon 19th June	Art Week
Wed 21 st June	2pm New Reception Parent meeting
Sat 24 th June	Summer fair and BBQ 2pm -4.30pm
Thurs 6th July	6pm Y6 Show

New dates in bold

**All parents welcome*

BEAT Half Term Workshops



Tuesday, 30th May, 2023

At these workshops, led by our expert BEAT teachers, your child will have the opportunity to learn new skills and build upon prior musical experience in a fun and supportive environment, with other like minded individuals. To enrol, please follow the links below.

Djing - £15

11.00 - 12.00 - Key Stage 3 (age 11 - 14) tinyurl.com/mwt6h999

12.15 - 1.15 - Key Stage 2 (age 7 - 11) <https://tinyurl.com/yjenke5p>

Learn to mix and manipulate music, using a broad range of tracks. No prior experience necessary - all equipment will be provided.

Djembe - £5

11.00 - 11.30 (Parents/Carers!) tinyurl.com/47pkfzdb

11.30 - 12.00 (Key Stage 3/4 (age 7 - 14) tinyurl.com/fx72kmbm

12.15 - 12.45 (key stage 3/4 (age 7-14) tinyurl.com/3kv85hw9

An introduction to West African Drumming. Your child will experience the benefits of making music with others in a fun and stimulating environment. All levels and abilities welcome.

Foundation Stage - £7.50

Nursery & Reception - 10.00 - 10.45 tinyurl.com/y3zmavwz

An introduction to practical music making, which aims to develop musicianship skills from the earliest possible age. Children will learn to sing and play percussion instruments, and share their love and enthusiasm for music.

Year 1 & 2 - 11.00 - 11.45 tinyurl.com/yymxs6ux

An opportunity for children to further develop their musicianship skills. Children will learn through singing, playing percussion instruments and have a taste of learning another musical instrument such as the ukulele or recorder.

Mixed Ensemble - £20

Beginner to Grade 3 - 10.00 - 12.00 tinyurl.com/yc8kebud

Suitable for woodwind, brass, string and percussion instrumentalists. An opportunity to learn and develop ensemble skills with other, like minded individuals.

Come & Try an Instrument - £10

10.30 - 11.45 tinyurl.com/5n6fb2nm

An opportunity to have a taste of learning a woodwind, brass or stringed instrument in a group setting.

Venue: East Barnet School, Chestnut Grove, East Barnet, London, EN4 8PU

To enrol, please follow the links above. If you would like more information about these workshops, please contact kerry.reid@beatrust.org.uk