



**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 12<sup>th</sup> May

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to Year 4 for coming 11<sup>th</sup> out of over 1000 schools across the country in the EMILE Multiplication Competition! Jonathan came 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally which is remarkable since over 100,000 children took part. He will be presented with a prize to mark this achievement.

Next Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension and Father John will be coming to school to celebrate Mass at 9.15am. You are all welcome to attend.

A reminder that on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 3.45pm in the school hall, we will be holding our secondary transfer meeting for the current Year 5 parents (Y4 parents are also welcome to attend). Parents will be given important information regarding the application process to secondary schools for the current Year 5 children. Please be aware that some of the deadlines for applications to sit entrance exams, or aptitude tests, are approaching; this information has already been sent out to all the Year 5 parents.

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, in preparation for the Friends' Summer Fair and BBQ, we are inviting all the children to come to school in non-school uniform clothes in return for a bottle of drink. The bottle can contain either an alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink.

Next week (Monday to Friday) the Year 6 pupils will be going to Grosvenor Hall in Kent for their 5 day residential trip; Miss Georgious, Miss O'Brien, Mrs Reimus and myself will also be there and we are all hoping for good weather!

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

## 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 days etc.). 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**

Don't forget to bring in your filled bags at drop off on Thursday 25 May 2023

### **SUMMER FAIR & BBQ - Saturday 24 June 2023 from 2.00pm to 4.30pm**

Each class will be running/manning a stall for the duration of the fair and the allocation is as follows:

Reception: Hook a duck stall

Year 1: Cuddly toy tombola

Year 2: Teacher Tin Can Alley

Year 3: Bouncy castle

Year 4: Ice cream stall

Year 5: Bar

Year 6: the parents get the year off to enjoy their final fair though if you can volunteer an hour of your time, please let Halina know.

The class Reps will be contacting their classes for volunteers nearer the time

## **Kaishi Karate**

Kaishi Karate School has returned for a new term from 24<sup>th</sup> April through until 17<sup>th</sup> July for an after-school karate class. This is for years 1-6.

Please make payment by bank transfer to Monica Makosza.

Account number 42117939, sort code 23-05-80. Please use your child's name as a reference when completing the bank transfer.

The cost for the rest of the term is £63.00.

There is opportunity to sit tests to move up the belt system at the end of the term. Please contact us if you'd like further information.

Sheena Amin

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## 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!

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

God sends the Holy Spirit, our helper,  
to teach us and to be with us always.

Ask your child who has helped them recently. What did that person do that was such a help to your child? You may want to share an experience of being helped by your children, other people, or directly by the Holy Spirit, and describe the difference that this help made to your life. Then each of you talk about an occasion when you went out of your way to help someone. What does your child know about the Holy Spirit (the third Person of the Holy Trinity), our helper?

“Happy the person whose words come  
from the Holy Spirit.” *St Anthony of Padua*

We can ask the Holy Spirit to guide and help us to do and say the right thing. As a family, discuss and choose special ways in which you can be helpful to each other in this coming week. Perhaps you can: make your bed and keep your room tidy; use kind words; set the table and help each other with the dishes. Are there any vulnerable or lonely people in your community who may especially need your help right now? What could you do to help?

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/helper?pid=MTA101634&cv=92.5>

### 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-competition>

**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/>



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Kimi</b> for her growing confidence when approaching tasks. <b>JP</b> for using the 3D shapes to build a nice model.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Kaci</b> for being a Have-a-Go Mo. <b>Jason</b> for his improved attitude towards writing.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Roksana</b> for improved attitude and confidence in learning. Keep it up! <b>Rayan</b> for perseverance in assessment week – striving for excellence.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Samuel</b> for settling into St. Theresa's School so well. <b>Emily</b> for trying her best in all subjects.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Lucas</b> for making a great effort with his handwriting when using a pen. <b>Elizabeth</b> for making a fantastic attempt in learning her times-tables.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Christina</b> for showing dedication and hard work, and for demonstrating her confidence when sharing ideas in a whole class environment. <b>Maia</b> for being motivated and focused on tasks. Maia is always developing her perseverance and strives for excellence.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Axel</b> for your mature behavior in and outside the classroom. <b>Zoe</b> for participating well in lessons. Very well done.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:*

**Pania Y4**  
**Chisom Y4**

### 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.

### Dates for your diary

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 Residential Trip

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am Ascension Thursday Mass

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May Y4 trip to National Maritime Museum

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May 3.45pm Secondary transfer meeting for Y5 parents

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May-Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June inclusive – Half term

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June Inset Day – school closed to children

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June Bikers' Breakfast (more details to follow)**

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm St. Theresa's Feast Day Mass

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June "Bring-a-Bottle" Non-School Uniform Day

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> June This is Us Day (more details to follow)**

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June 3.45pm Reception to Y1 transition meeting for Reception parents

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June Art Week**

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June 2pm New Reception Parent meeting

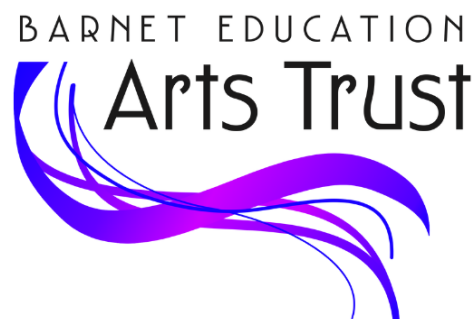
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June Summer fair and BBQ 2pm-4.30pm

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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](https://tinyurl.com/47pkfzdb)

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

12.15 - 12.45 (key stage 3/4 (age 7-14)      [tinyurl.com/3kv85hw9](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](mailto:kerry.reid@beatrust.org.uk)**