



**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 9th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported Walk to School Week this week and to everybody who attended yesterday morning's Bikers' Breakfast; we had a very large turnout! Thank you to Mrs Decuseara for organising this event.

Yesterday afternoon, Father John celebrated Mass for the school's feast day. We remembered Marie Therese De Soubiran, who founded the Sisters of Marie Auxiliatrice; our school is named after her. The Marie Auxiliatrice Sisters founded our school in 1966. The original site was Finchley Manor which is now the Akiva school.

Thank you to everybody for supporting "Bring-a-Bottle" day today; all the donated bottles of drink will be used for the bottle tombola stall at the summer BBQ on Saturday 24th June.

Next Tuesday, 13th June, the whole school will be celebrating "This is Us" Day. We are inviting the children to come in dressed either in traditional dress from the countries that their parents, or grandparents, are from – or dressed in the colours of their national flag. This is, as always, entirely optional. The idea behind the 'This is Us Day,' is to celebrate the diversity within our school and to get the children to learn a little more about their heritage.

A reminder that next Thursday (15th June) at 3.45pm in the school hall, we will be holding a meeting for all the current Reception parents. This meeting will give you information about your child's transition into Year 1 in September. Please make the effort to attend this meeting as routines, procedures, curriculum content and the learning environment in Y1 are very different to the provision in Reception. Your child's time in the EYFS is coming to an end and it is important for you to understand how different the teaching and learning in Key Stage 1 (Year1 and Year 2) will be. A crèche will be available during the meeting should you wish to use it; if your child does stay in the hall for the duration of the meeting please ensure they remain seated and quiet.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

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.

Message from the Friends of St. Theresa's

HAPPY BAGS raised £143.00 - thank you to everyone who contributed!

CUDDLY TOY TOMBOLA: could you please start to bring into school (at drop off) your pre-loved cuddly toys from Monday 12 June until 23 June 2023. There will be a clearly marked box when you come through the main school gates by the the lost property area to leave your cuddly toys.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated bottles for the bottle tombola this morning - we hope that the children enjoyed wearing their own clothes!

WINKWORTH ADVERTISING BOARDS: The estate agent's boards will not be going ahead this year as we did not receive the required quota of willing families.

NEW FRIENDS' COMMITTEE: We are still on the lookout for volunteers to take over from the existing committee - please speak to the office if you are interested.

VA – School Building Fund

Thank you to everyone who, following the letter sent out on Friday 26th May, contributed to the building fund. Over the years, this money has contributed to the cost of various building projects – our current one being the redevelopment of the Reception outdoor area. If you have not yet made a donation, and would like to, please do so via SchoolMoney, or pop in to see the office staff. We are suggesting a donation of £60 for one child, or £100 for two or more children. However, all contributions, however big or small, are very gratefully received.

Friday after school Ice-Cream Sales start today!

The Friday after school ice-cream sales are back today – perfect for the summer months. All money raised from the ice-cream sales will go towards the cost of the Y5 residential trip to Kent later this year in October. Please do support us!



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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	94.9%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y5 is still 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

“Jesus is the Bread of Life for our families. Let us be united to Jesus, nourished by daily prayer, by listening to the Word of God” *Pope Francis*

What did Jesus call himself? To nourish means to feed and help grow. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is offering to nourish us. Jesus continues to nourish us through the Church today. He offers us eternal life through the gift of himself which we receive in Holy Communion. Ask your child what the word 'nourish' means to them. Then, each of you talk about something, other than food, that nourishes you and helps you grow. Perhaps it is: a special friendship, being praised, praying, your faith, the love and care you receive, a hobby or sport, the Church and the sacraments. Who gives you these things?

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With Jesus' love we will always be nourished. Just as we eat bread to nourish our bodies, Jesus (in Holy Communion) nourishes our souls – to help us to keep growing in goodness and love. Who else should we remember to thank for nourishing us? Perhaps parents, carers, teachers, priests, grandparents or friends. Which people can we nourish in this coming week and how can we nourish them? Perhaps we can: encourage someone; give hugs to parents or carers; give something to a food bank; help and offer hope to others.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&cv=94.6>

School Uniform

There are a number of pupils attending school wearing the incorrect uniform. Could I please remind all parents that the school uniform is a crucial part of our identity and is communicated to parents when children join the school. The uniform has not changed and all parents are expected to ensure their child is wearing the correct items. Parents can visit the school website for a complete uniform list (<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/school/uniform/>). If any parents is struggling, for whatever reason, to purchase the uniform, please do speak to a member of staff and the school will try and support you in whatever way it can.

Finchley Fire Station Open Day

Come along and meet the firefighters at our open day.

Date: 15 July 2023

Venue: 227 Long Lane, Finchley, London, N3 2RP

We'll be there to offer safety advice, talk about our work show you around. Each open day is individual to the station, but there will be a fire engine on display for everyone to have a good look at, and may be even get in. We want our fire station to be at the heart of our community, so come along, bring the whole family and let's enjoy the summer together!



School Attendance

Term Time Holiday Requests

We receive a number of requests for leave of absence during school time. Please can we remind you that term time holiday requests will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.

Please ensure your child is present the last day of the term and the first day of a new term.

Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

Please note that children are expected to attend school for at least 96% of the year. Attendance is regularly checked by the EWO who may fine parents for any unauthorised absence.

Illnesses that will not prevent your child from coming to school

- Mild cough
- Cold/Sneezes
- Tiredness

Packed Lunch Guidelines

A reminder to all parents that St. Theresa's School is a nut free school and therefore **packed lunches must not contain any nut products; this includes Nutella**. The school requests that all parents adhere to the school packed lunch guidelines; please see below.

Packed lunches should include	Packed lunches should NOT include
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetable or salad every day • Meat, fish or another source of non-dairy protein, every day. Non-dairy sources of protein include lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus and falafel • An oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks • A starchy food, such as bread or pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other cereals, every day • A dairy food, such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard every day • Water, still or sparkling, fruit juice, semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, yoghurt or milk drinks and smoothies • Acceptable snacks includes: seeds, vegetables and fruit (with no added salt, sugar or fat). Savoury crackers or breadsticks served with fruit, vegetables or dairy food are also a good choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisps • Confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits and sweets • We are a nut free school – please do not send in any food containing nuts. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads.

You may also include:

- Cakes and biscuits are allowed but these should be part of a balanced meal
- Meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat and sausages / chipolatas should be included only occasionally

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.**

Dates for your diary

Mon 12 th June	Y5 visit to Houses of Parliament
Tues 13 th June	This is Us Day
Thurs 15 th June	3.45pm Reception to Y1 transition meeting for Reception parents
Mon 19 th June	Art Week
Wed 21 st June	2pm New Reception Parent meeting
Sat 24 th June	Summer fair and BBQ 2pm-4.30pm
Mon 26 th June	Y4 visit to Sea Life
Thurs 29 th June	*9.15am Saints Peter and Paul Mass
Thurs 29th June	1.30-2.30pm open afternoon for new Reception starters
Thurs 6 th July	6pm Y6 Show
Thurs 13th July	6pm Y6 Leavers' Mass
Fri 21 st July	Last day of term 1pm finish

New dates in bold

*All parents welcome



2023 St Theresa's Summer Fair and BBQ!

Please join us on **Saturday 24th June**
at the:

St Theresa's Summer Fair and
from:

2.00pm - 4.30pm



ENTRANCE £2 per person (Under 3s are FREE!)

There will be lots and lots of fun and games and
different stalls and activities for the whole family!

We'll also have a delicious BBQ menu and drinks
available for the whole afternoon – DON'T MISS OUT!

Please do come along and support us and bring your
friends, family and cousins along too!!

*We are looking forward to
seeing you there!*