



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

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**AUTUMN TERM 2023**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who supported this morning's Macmillan's Coffee Morning. A special thank you to Mrs Muci and her band of helpers for organising the coffee and cakes for the parents and carers in the MPR. We will let you know next week how much money we raised.

A reminder that on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, at 3.45pm in the hall, we will be holding a parents' meeting around the teaching of phonics. In June 2024, all Year 1 children will be taking the national Year 1 Phonic Screening Test – the results of which will go home to parents at the end of the Summer term. We will be talking to parents about how best to help children at home and the expectations of children's phonic knowledge by the end of Reception, Year 1 and Y2. **This meeting is for Reception and Y1 parents and I strongly encourage you to make the time to attend this meeting.** A crèche will be available for the younger children if you wish to use it. If your child stays in the meeting, it remains the responsibility of the parents to ensure your child remains seated and quiet.

You will see from the attendance box below, this year we are again rewarding the class with the highest attendance with a non-school uniform day in the summer term. It has been proven that children who achieve well at the end of Y6 have higher attendance rates than those who do not achieve well; all parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly. The school expects all pupils to attend school at least 96% of the school year and we ask parents to support us in achieving this for the children in our care. Therefore, if your child has a cold, or a mild cough, or they are tired – they should be at school; absences for these reasons will not be authorised. The Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) visits the school every half term to monitor the children's attendance and parents whose children have high unauthorised absence rates could be fined.

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

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa



### SAVE THE DATE – HALLOWEEN DISCO, THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER!

The Y6 Parents will be holding a Halloween Disco for all pupils at school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October (6-8pm). Food and drink will be available on the night and there will be plenty of entertainment and fun to be had! There will also be a prize for the spookiest fancy dress so it's time to get planning! Please put this date in your diaries and do come along to support the fundraising efforts for the school!

### St Philip the Apostle, Finchley Church End First Holy Communion 2024

Children in Year 3 and above, whose family attend St Philip's Church, are invited to register for the First Holy Communion programme.

There will be an introductory meeting for parents on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm, with the children's first workshop on the following Saturday. Application forms are available at the church, and must be returned by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at the latest, together with a Baptism Certificate for those who were not baptised at St Philip's.

### Parent Governor Vacancy at St. Theresa's

A vacancy has arisen for one Elected Parent Governor of St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School. We therefore invite nominations for parents or carers who would like to join the Governing Body. Should there be more than one candidate, we will hold an election. The nomination form has been emailed to all parents a second time; if you would like to nominate yourself, please complete and return the form to The Clerk to the Governors via the school office, by 3.30pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**October Camp 2023!** Non Stop Action are looking forward to October 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 6 weeks, from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**. Bookings made before **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October** 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 **£109** for a week! Head to our website to book now: <https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>

### St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for 2023-2024 is 96%

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	97.4%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y1 is currently in the lead with 98.5% attendance so far but Y2 is close behind!

*At the end of the year, in July 2024, the class with the highest record of attendance will win a non-school uniform day!*

### The Wednesday Word

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

St John Henry Cardinal Newman

Ask your child what the word 'change' means to them. As a family, share any positive changes which have recently taken place at home, at school or within the community. Let your child know about at least one way in which they have changed for the better and grown in goodness over the past months (e.g. in behaviour, in attitude, in helpfulness). How does your child think that changing in that way has helped them? How has it helped the family or their friends?

"We all can improve and change for the better." Pope Francis

Each of you share something about yourself that you would like to change – and say why. Perhaps it is: trying to listen better at school; being more patient; helping out more at home; always remembering to say your daily prayers. How can you make that change? Do you need anyone's help? Are there any other ways to make a change for the better over the coming days? You may also like to choose something new to do together that will make life better for the family.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&cv=104.8>

### Year 6 Secondary Transfer Information

The online application system for our Year 6 parents is now open at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

All parents must apply online. If you need support please feel free to contact the school for support, or call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 020 8359 7651.

Parents of children in Y6 who have an Educational Health Care Plan will need to complete a different form – this will have been sent to you by the Barnet SEN team.

The deadline for submitting your application is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Applications received after 31<sup>st</sup> October will be treated as late. Late applications will not be considered until after the on-time applicants have been allocated their school places. This means that late applicants are unlikely to be offered one of their preferred schools. If there is a good reason as to why your application is late; for example you moved to the area after the closing date, you must contact the admissions department by 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at the latest.

For further information about the secondary school application process please read the "A Guide to Secondary Education in Barnet 2023" which can be found here: [Barnet - Guide to Secondary 2023 FINAL.pdf](#)

The 2024 brochure is being prepared and will replace the 2023 version soon.

### 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>



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Sebastian</b> for being a Have-a-Go Mo and for his unique ability to make different structures (construction). <b>Gabriel</b> for concentrating during his lessons and working hard.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>JP</b> for being a great punctuation detective and identifying the full stops and capital letters that were in the wrong place. <b>Zema</b> for her enthusiasm for learning every day.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Levi</b> for having such a great attitude to school and learning and always giving 100% in all he does! <b>Ryan</b> for writing an interesting description of Jim Lad; he always has great ideas to share with the class.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Katy</b> for her great learning and enthusiasm in her Stone Age topic work. <b>Emily</b> for working hard in all subjects.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Malaika</b> for settling into Y4 really well and becoming part of the St. Theresa's community. <b>Rafael</b> for making a great effort in his Maths and English learning.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Jonathan</b> for excellent work and a good attitude to learning. <b>Elizabeth</b> for persistently working hard in Maths and having a good attitude towards her learning.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Amelia</b> for your fantastic understanding of our current RE topic. Very well done. <b>Olivia D</b> for your engaging and thoroughly well written non-chronological report.
<p><i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i>  <b>Kimberley Y4</b>  <b>Katie Y3</b></p>	

### Little Saints After School Club

Where? St. Theresa's School multi-purpose room

When? Every day after school until 6pm

Please contact Vicky for further information.

Email: [Vicky\\_avraam@Hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Vicky_avraam@Hotmail.co.uk)

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### Dates for your diary

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct Y6 Residential trip to Grosvenor Hall

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Y1 Trip to National Transport Museum

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct Y1 and Y2 at St. Phillip's Church for 10am Mass

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.45pm The teaching of Phonics meeting for Parents

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct Y3 and Y4 at St. Phillip's Church for 10am Mass

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct Y5 Trip to British Museum

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.45pm Wellbeing workshop for parents

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 6pm-8pm Halloween Disco**

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct Y6 trip to National History Museum

**Mon 23rd Oct to Fri 27th Oct inclusive – Half Term**

**Mon 30th Oct Staff Inset Day**

**Mon 30th Oct Online Parent Consultations (more details to follow)**

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Oct Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation (Rec-Y6)**

**Thurs 21st Dec Last day of Autumn Term – 1pm finish**

**\*New dates in bold**