



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

St Theresa's Primary School, East End Rd, LONDON N3 2TD

Tel: 0208 346 8826

Email: [office@sttheresas.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@sttheresas.barnetmail.net) Website: <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StTheresasCath1>

**AUTUMN TERM 2023**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

## Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday we celebrated World Mental Health Day. Research shows that mental health has declined in almost 40% of school children (NHS Survey). The theme this year was "Get Britain Talking" - designed to help ease our stress and reduce our anxiety by asking what's on our minds.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Phonics Meeting on Tuesday; we hope you found it useful. A copy of the presentation can be found on the school website (<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Phonic-Meeting-10th-October-2023.pdf>) and on the class seesaw pages.

A reminder to all parents that on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 3.45pm-4.45pm, Katrina Batey will be leading free parent workshops in the school hall. Katrina has extensive teaching experience and a Master's degree in the Psychology and Neuroscience of Mental Health; she is also a certified coach specialising in Mental Health and Wellbeing, and a trained consultant in the Goulting Method. If you have a child with some challenging emotions and/or behaviour, these workshops will discuss some of the ways this can add pressure on parents, both mentally and emotionally. Katrina will be talking about some tools and information to help parents feel more able to cope, and to help your child make progress. A crèche will be available for the younger children if you wish to use it.

On Thursday the Y6 parents are hosting the Halloween Disco 6-8pm; this is always a very popular event for the children. Please do come and support the fundraising event and I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

### Applications for Reception

Applications are invited for the **Reception Class** for **September 2024** - this is for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

The deadline to return this to the school office is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

The forms are available to download on the school website. Please also be advised that you must also complete a CAF (Common Application Form) from Barnet - the on-line system is already open.

### USED SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

We will be selling the used-uniform on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### 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!

### HALLOWEEN SWEET SALE FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Y3 will be holding a Halloween Sweet sale after school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct to raise funds for their class.

### MOVIE NIGHTS

Infant (Reception, Y1 and Y2) Movie Night: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Junior (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) Movie Night: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

### Reception Parent Rep

If you are a parent/carer of a Reception child and would be interested in volunteering to be a Parent Rep, please speak to the school office. All classes have a rep and they are invaluable for passing on messages and keeping the lines of communication open for everyone.

### Treasurer for Friends Committee

The Friends, a group of volunteer parents who organise fundraising events for the school, are looking for a parent to volunteer to be the treasurer. If you are interested, please speak to the school office.

### Online Parent Consultations

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

- All parents will have received a letter yesterday regarding the online parent consultations on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.
- The school will be closed for the pupils on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.
- The meetings between parents and teachers will take place online (ZOOM).
- You will have, by now, received a booking link.
- The booking system will close on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 6pm.
- Once the booking system has closed, you cannot amend or make a booking.
- You will then be sent the Zoom meeting invite.
- Please do contact the school office if you are having any difficulties.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	97.5%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y1 is still in the lead with 98.3% attendance so far with Y5 now in second place!

*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

“Jesus invites us to build the civilization of love together.”

*Pope Francis*

Ask your child what the word ‘invitation’ means to them. Then each of you tell one another about the best invitation that you’ve ever had. What was good about it? Have you ever refused an invitation? How does it feel when you invite someone to a party? How does it feel when someone invites you for tea, to play or to a wedding? It may help your child if you tell them about an invitation which you would most like to receive, and say why.

“Dear young friends, I invite everyone to learn to pray every day.”

*Pope Francis*

Every moment God is inviting us into a loving relationship. We accept God’s invitation through loving him and all those around us. As a family, think about someone you could invite to your home for a meal or to play (when the time is right) - to make them feel especially valued and loved. This week, why not accept Pope Francis’ invitation (above) to learn to pray every day – inviting God to guide you in all you do and in all you say?

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/invitation?pid=MTA101634&v=106.8>

### 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 2024” which can be found here:

[https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-09/023809%20-%20BC3964%20-%20BARNET%20Guide%20to%20Secondary%202024%20WEB\\_.pdf](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-09/023809%20-%20BC3964%20-%20BARNET%20Guide%20to%20Secondary%202024%20WEB_.pdf)

### 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>Erin</b> for working hard and enjoying her learning. <b>Alison</b> for setting a good example for her peers and for all her hard work in lessons.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>The whole class</b> for their beautiful behaviour on both our trips.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Genelle</b> for showing great improvement in her learning and concentration in lessons. <b>Timon</b> for his enthusiasm in all his lessons.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Roksana</b> for your excellent attitude to learning, especially in Maths. <b>Melody</b> for beautiful presentation in all of her work and trying her best at all times.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Callum</b> for joining up his writing beautifully and using cursive writing. <b>Amilia</b> for working so hard learning her spellings every week.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Jonathan</b> for excellent work and 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>The whole class</b> for a fantastic residential trip! You all challenged yourselves and should be very proud!

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:*

**Radek Y3**

**Oseias Y1**

### Dates for your diary

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y5 Trip to British Museum
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.45pm Wellbeing workshop for parents
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30pm Used Uniform Sale
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30pm Used Uniform Sale
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6pm-8pm Halloween Disco
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y6 trip to National History Museum
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Y3 After School Halloween Sweet Sale (all funds raised will go to Year 3)</b>
Mon 23rd Oct to Fri 27th Oct inclusive	– Half Term
Mon 30th Oct	Staff Inset Day (school closed for pupils)
Mon 30th Oct	Online Parent Consultations
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation (Rec-Y6)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Y3 trip to Pizza Express
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Y5 and Y6 at St. Philip’s Church for 10am Mass
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y4 trip to London Mithraeum
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Day visits for prospective parents 9.30am/1.30pm and 7pm
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual photos
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Travelling Book Fair week</b>
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>3.45pm Wellbeing workshop for parents</b>
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Infant Movie Night</b>
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>9am Y1-Y6 Dance Festival for parents</b>
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Junior Movie Night</b>
Thurs 21st Dec	Last day of Autumn Term – 1pm finish
<b>*New dates in bold</b>	