



**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 1<sup>st</sup> December

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to the Year 4 pupils who have been announced as the winners of the school Dance Festival. They will be performing their "Great Balls of Fire" routine and representing St. Theresa's at the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival at the Arts Depot in March. Thank you to the parents who organised the pre-festival teas and coffees and everyone for supporting the event.

Thank you to everybody who supported the Friends' recent movie nights; they were really well attended. Please see the "News from the Friends" box (right) to see how much money has been raised.

Last week's book fair made £760 and the school earned 40% of rewards which equates to **£304**; this money will be used to buy books for the children. Thank you so much to everybody for your generosity.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am, our Y1 and Y2 pupils will be retelling the nativity story in their Christmas Show; parents are warmly invited to come and watch.

The children are invited to come to school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December replacing just the top part of their uniform with a Christmas - or red - jumper in return for a donation of £2. The money raised will be donated to 'The Passage'. The Passage runs London's largest voluntary sector resource centre for homeless and vulnerable people.

Next Friday evening (8<sup>th</sup> December) 6pm-8pm, the Friends are hosting the Jingle Mingle. There will be music by DJ Captain Fantastic, food and drinks and other stalls. Entry is £3 for adults and £1.50 for children. We look forward to seeing many families there next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa



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## NEWS from the FRIENDS

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all parents and carers for their continued support towards our school. Our mission to create a positive impact in our school through fundraising, to acquire and improve resources and facilities, requires additional volunteers to join our efforts.

Whether you have a limited amount of time to spare or are available more frequently, we welcome you to reach out to Ihiri at 07742755993 to explore how you can contribute. We look forward to hearing from you.

**New Chair of The Friends is Ms Cristina Ihiri Haswani (Year 2)**

**New Treasurer of The Friends is Miss Charlotte Fraser (Year 4)**

Please see the total money raised for the school from recent events below:

Pre-Dance Festival coffee morning - £202.86

KS1 Movie Night - £235

KS2 Movie Night - £315

## 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.

## Message for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parents

As part of the school's policy on teaching the children how to read, we use the Big Cat Collins reading books – which are matched to the Little Wandle phonics scheme. These reading books are sent home to reinforce the phonics the children are learning in school. Unfortunately, we are finding that these reading books are not being returned to the school; these books were a significant cost and for this reason, we have decided to stop sending these books home with the children. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	97.2%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 is still in the lead with 97.8% attendance so far with Y3 still 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

"The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of prayers."

St Thomas Aquinas

Ask your child what the word 'prayer' means to them. Does your child like to pray aloud or quietly, alone or with others? What is their favourite prayer? It may be a well-known prayer or one that they have made up by themselves. You might like to share one of your favourite prayers with your child. Each of you name your favourite Christmas carol. Why not come along to church to join in this Advent? All are warmly invited.

"Dear young people, Christ asks you to be wide awake and alert, to see the things in life that really matter." Pope Francis

Advent is a time to get ready to welcome Jesus – to draw closer to God. Prayer helps us to do this. We can pray anywhere, at any time. Each say where you like to pray. Maybe at home, in bed, at church, at school, outside or elsewhere? What would you like to pray and ask God for this Advent? Who will you pray for? It could be your family, a friend, a teacher, your priest, or maybe someone in need, near or far. Besides praying, how else might you help them?

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=112.2>

### New Year Camp 2024!

Non Stop Action are looking forward to **New Year Camp 2024!!!** 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 2nd January – Friday 5th January**. Bookings made before **Saturday 16th December** 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/>

### Message from Public Health Barnet

MMR vaccine rates are still worryingly low in Barnet. Protect your children against measles and prevent disruption to school attendance.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Cases of measles are rising in London, and with around 75% of 5-year-olds fully vaccinated in Barnet, we are well below the World Health Organisations target of 95% needed to prevent an outbreak.

Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days.

Vaccination can help prevent outbreaks and protect against serious illness. Any child identified as a close contact of a measles case without satisfactory vaccination status may be asked to self-isolate for up to 21 days.

Hear from Dr Colin Campbell on the importance of the MMR vaccine:

•<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xe7FPKZgNgw>

Read more about the importance of ensuring your child is up to date with their childhood vaccinations here.

Check your child's red book and contact their GP to make sure they are up to date on their routine vaccinations.

If your child has missed the vaccine as a baby or pre-schooler, contact your child's GP to make an appointment or visit a catch up clinic:

•Mill Hill Clinic, Hartley Avenue, Mill Hill, NW7 2HX

Phone: 0208 447 3622

Email: [clcht.barnetimmunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:clcht.barnetimmunisationteam@nhs.net)

For more information

visit: <https://nclhealthandcare.org.uk/keeping-well/baby-and-childhood-vaccinations/>



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Chloe</b> for continuing to work hard on improving her handwriting. <b>Erin</b> for being so enthusiastic about her learning and applying her learning in other situations.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Iliad</b> for his wonderful attitude towards learning. <b>Asante</b> for great reading, well done!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Kaci</b> for his insightful comments and contributions to class discussions. <b>Ednaida</b> for exhibiting a consistently responsible approach to all tasks that she has experienced this term.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Jasu</b> for settling in at St. Theresa's and working confidently in all of her lessons. <b>Arllys</b> for his hard work in mathematics and helping friends if they need it.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Frank</b> for making a great effort in his maths learning and being a Have-a-Go Mo with new concepts. <b>Emily</b> for trying so hard in learning her spellings using them in everyday writing.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Joelle</b> for excellent work in lessons. <b>Anita</b> for persistently working hard in maths.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Jhan</b> for a great first week. Keep it up! <b>Ava</b> for your positivity and enthusiasm. You are a delight to have in the class.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> <b>Liana Y2</b> <b>Armanis Y4</b>	

### Breakfast Club

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.

Please ring the doorbell labelled "Breakfast Club" when you get to school in the morning, and a member of the breakfast club team will let your child in.

### Dates for your diary

Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm-8pm Jingle Mingle
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am Y1 and Y2 Christmas Show
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm Y5 Carol Concert
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper day
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch day
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Last day of Autumn Term – 1pm finish
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day – school closed for children
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 6 Trip to RAF Museum
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Year 1 trip to Science Museum
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet day
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Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term

**\*New dates in bold**





THE FRIENDS OF ST THERESA'S  
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO THE

# CHRISTMAS JINGLE MINGLE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
DECEMBER 8TH  
AT THE SCHOOL HALL  
FROM 6 TO 8 PM

- ★ GREAT MUSIC WITH LIVE DJ
- ★ FULLY-LICENSED BAR AND HOT FOOD
- ★ BOTTLE TOMBOLA AND OTHER FESTIVE STALLS

CALLING ALL KIDDOS, GROWN-UPS,  
AND YOUR BESTIES!  
THE ENTRY FEE IS JUST £3 PER PERSON  
(£1.50 PER CHILD)  
SO LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!

