



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

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AUTUMN TERM 2023

Thursday 21st

December

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday evening the Y5 children had their carol concert and we were delighted with their beautiful singing. Thank you to Mr Roberts for preparing the children for this festive event.

Tuesday was our annual Christmas jumper day in support of The Passage. The Passage offers a wide range of services, all year round, to meet the needs of homeless and vulnerable people; their aim is to help people to address the issues that have contributed to them becoming homeless, and to enable them to move on to live safe, happy and fulfilling lives. A huge thank you to everyone for supporting this cause – we raised **£181.35**.

We also had our Christmas Lunch day – thank you to all of our kitchen staff - and our class Christmas parties this week; there was also a surprise visit from Santa! I know the children have had a really enjoyable week with all the festive activities.

A reminder to all parents and carers that the school will be closed to the children on Monday 8th January for staff training; the school will re-open for the children on Tuesday 9th January.

Wishing you all a very safe and joyful Christmas - see you all in January.

Barbara Costa



Match Funding from your Employer

Match funding is a fantastic scheme whereby employers provide funding for organisations such as primary schools. It is a very simple and easy means of extra funding. As an employee, it doesn't cost you anything, except maybe a little help at an event but could mean *hundreds of pounds* of extra money for the Friends of St. Theresa's, which directly benefits the children.

In many cases it is as simple as approaching your HR department and finding out about their scheme (the name of the scheme may differ depending on the company).

If you think you may be able to help us, then please do contact the school office and you will be put in touch with the Friends of St. Theresa's.

Applications for Reception

Applications are invited for the **Reception Class** for **September 2024** – this is for children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020.

The deadline to return this to the school office is 15th 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.

NEWS from the FRIENDS

We are delighted to report that the Jingle Mingle was a great success and the school raised an amazing **£1370!** Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the volunteers, teachers, and staff whose teamwork made this event possible. It's gratifying to conclude the year on such a high note.

A recap on The Friend's Committee below.

Chair - Ms Cristina Ihiri Haswani (Year 2)

Deputy Chair - Mrs. Olamide Ogunbanjo (Year 2 parent).

Treasurer - Miss Charlotte Fraser (Year 4)

Operations Executive - Mrs. Joanna Malecka (Year 5 & Year 3 parent)

We welcome Ms. Cliona Rushe as the new class representative for Reception.

We are still seeking a new Secretary to join our team. If interested, please contact Ihiri on 07742755993.

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our warmest wishes to all families for a blessed Advent season and a joyous Christmas.

New Girls Football Sessions taking place in Barnet

In partnership with Barnet Council and Middlesex FA, local football clubs across Barnet are delivering new football sessions for girls.

Weetabix Wildcats and Squad Girls sessions are a non-competitive environment, with sessions aimed at making friends, having fun and playing football.

Further information on the above programmes can be found via the links below –

<https://www.EnglandFootball.com/play/youth-football/weetabix-wildcats>

<https://www.EnglandFootball.com/play/youth-football/Squad-Girls-Football>

All clubs have FA Qualified and DBS checked coaches who have taken additional FA training to deliver these football programmes. Parents are asked to contact clubs directly to find out further information on sessions days and times.

The above sessions are part of a wider World Cup Legacy project that Middlesex FA are delivering to get more girls playing football.

If you would like any further information please contact

Participation Development Officer, Andy Perren at

andrew.perren@middlesexfa.com or call 02085151926.

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

| Period | Whole school attendance |
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| From 5/9/23 - now | 96.4% |

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 is still in the lead with 97.1% attendance so far and Y3 remains 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

“Mary is the one who says “Yes”. Mary’s life shows that God accomplishes great deeds through those who are the most humble.” *Pope Francis*

What did Mary say just before the Angel Gabriel left? Each year on the last Sunday of Advent, we look to Mary, our heavenly mother. In this Sunday’s Gospel, the Angel Gabriel announced God’s will, and Mary accepted it and put her trust in God. Ask your child if they know the ‘Hail Mary’, the prayer based on the Angel Gabriel’s greeting in this Sunday’s Gospel. Ask your child what else they know about Mary. It may help your child to tell them something you know about Mary, or the Rosary.

“Let the model of Mary be reflected in our lives.” *Pope Francis*
Mary is a perfect example for all people – someone full of love and kindness. How can you show love and kindness in this final week of Advent? Perhaps you can: support a charity that helps to feed some of the poorest children in the world (e.g. www.marysmeals.org.uk, www.missiontogether.org.uk or www.cafod.org.uk); help someone who may be struggling in some way. What other ways can you think of? You may like to finish your time of prayer by saying together, on behalf of another person, a ‘Hail Mary’ (please see below) or find out more about the Rosary: cbcew.org.uk/category/prayer/rosary/
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&p=5&v=114.2>

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/>

St. Theresa’s School on Instagram



You can follow St. Theresa’s School on Instagram! Please search **st.theresas.n3** on the platform and you should find updates on the activities the school and our pupils have been involved in lately. Mr Troy adds content to our account regularly so please do have a look.

School Policies

If you are looking for any of the school policies, please visit the School Policy page of the school website. You can find it by following this link: <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/school/policies/>

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/2023/10/Child-Protection-and-Safeguarding-Policy-September-2023.pdf>

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| Reception | The Reception class for all their hard work during their first full term in Reception. Well done and keep it up! |
| Year 1 | The whole Y1 class for their Christmas Nativity performance. Well done! |
| Year 2 | The whole Y2 class for a fabulous Nativity! Year 2 worked so hard to learn all their songs, and their many lines, to share the Christmas story with the whole school and their family members. |
| Year 3 | The whole Y3 class for successfully completing their first full term in Year 3 and always trying their best. |
| Year 4 | Maya for working so hard on the character description about a gladiator. Natan for doing so well in learning his times tables and getting a high score in the test. |
| Year 5 | Alan for his consistent hard work in Maths and English. Joelle for excellent concentration and hard work throughout rehearsals for the Christmas carol. |
| Year 6 | Lilla for your fantastic balanced argument. Your writing is very impressive. Brendan for the sensible behaviour you display in class. You have great listening skills and are very well mannered. Well done. |

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:
Hudson Reception
Anduena Y1*

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

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| Thurs 21st Dec | Last day of Autumn Term – 1pm finish |
| Mon 8 th Jan | INSET Day – school closed for children |
| Tues 9 th Jan | Children return to school |
| Wed 24 th Jan | Year 6 trip to RAF Museum |
| Wed 31 st Jan | Year 1 trip to Science Museum |
| Wed 31 st Jan | Year 2 trip to Tower of London |
| Thurs 1 st Feb | 4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face) |
| Tues 6 th Feb | Safer Internet day |
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| Mon 12 th -Fri 16 th Feb | Half Term |
| Thurs 22 nd Feb | 3.45pm Online Safety Workshop for parents |
| Thurs 22nd Feb | Y3 trip to British Museum |
| Wed 7th March | World Book day |
| Fri 15th March | Red Nose Day |

***New dates in bold**