



**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 8<sup>th</sup> December

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Next 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.

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm, our Year 5 pupils will be leading a carol concert (in the school hall) and all parents are warmly invited to attend.

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.

Also on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, the classes will be having their Christmas parties; details of the Christmas parties will be posted on your class Seesaw pages.

We are looking forward to this evening's Jingle Mingle (6pm-8pm). There will be music by DJ Captain Fantastic, food and drinks and other stalls. Entry is £3 for adults and £1.50 for children. I hope to see many of 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.

## 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 - £285

KS2 Movie Night - £365

## 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 programs 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 programs.

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](mailto:andrew.perren@middlesexfa.com) or call 02085151926.



## Christmas/Red Jumper Day Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December!



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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	96.9%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y3 is now in the lead with 97.5% attendance so far and Y6 is 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

“Advent is the spiritual season of hope.”

*Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

John the Baptist brought a message of hope to the people. His message is for us too. Hope is a wonderful gift. Ask your child what the word 'hope' means to them. Can they remember a time when they faced a difficult situation and someone (or maybe their faith) gave them hope? Each of you say who or what gives you hope when times are tough. Can you remember a time when you gave hope to someone?

“Always know in your heart that God is by your side. Let us never lose hope!” *Pope Francis*

We can grow in hope through praying and learning about Jesus. As part of our Advent preparations for Christmas, let's consider if there is anyone we know who is sad or troubled and needs hope. In what ways can we bring hope to that person or those people? Perhaps we can: be a good friend and a patient listener, offer support and encouragement where needed; tell others about the hope that Jesus brings into our lives; let them know we are praying for them.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/hope?pid=MTA101634&v=113.2>

### **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 0800 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>

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Hudson</b> for making an effort to improve his handwriting independently in the home corner. <b>Livan</b> for working really hard on improving his counting and number recognition.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Jake</b> for his beautiful behaviour and effort in learning. <b>Tashinga</b> for being a very reliable shepherd in our Christmas Nativity play
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Daniel C</b> for working hard and striving to achieve his best; keep up the great effort! <b>Saniyar</b> for trying so hard in phonics.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>The whole class</b> for a fabulous trip to Westminster Cathedral and wonderful singing by all.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Kevin</b> for consistently getting his spellings correct every week and putting them into his everyday writing. <b>Shervin</b> for having a go at joining up his writing using cursive neatly and clearly.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Albert</b> for great effort in class. <b>Rachel</b> for her improved focus in lesson.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Igor</b> for challenging yourself in all lessons. You are developing a great work ethic. <b>Mya</b> for your excellent learning in Maths. You are making great progress.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:*

*William Y4*

*Ryan Y2*

### 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
<b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Year 2 Trip to Tower of London</b>
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet day
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
<b>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>3.45pm Online Safety Workshop for parents</b>
<b>*New dates in bold</b>	





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!

