



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

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SPRING TERM 2024

Friday 19th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday all parents/carers should have received the link to the Parent Consultations booking system. If you did not receive the link or are not able to access the online booking system, please contact the school office and we will make an appointment for you. Please note that the online booking system for the first consultation evening (Thursday 1st February) will close the day before on Wednesday evening (Wednesday 31st January) at 6pm. After this time, any further appointments for Thursday 1st February will need to be made via the school office. The online booking system for the second evening will remain open for a while longer. Parents/carers will be meeting and talking to their child's class teacher in the hall, but will also be able to look at their child's books in their child's classroom.

You may be aware from current news coverage, that the government has launched a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance.

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And 36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.

And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

- More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.

But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

- Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

The NHS "Is my child too ill for school" guidance gives clear advice for when your child feels unwell; you can read it here <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please be aware that the Barnet Educational Welfare Officer visits the school every half-term and monitors all children's attendance. Children are expected to attend at least 96% of the school year; any child whose attendance falls below 96% may be highlighted as a possible concern. Any child whose attendance falls below 90% is considered a persistent absentee and may trigger formal monitoring from the Educational Welfare Officer

"Moments matter, attendance counts." (DfE)

Have a lovely weekend

Barbara Costa

Please visit our website where you will find our weekly newsletter, diary dates, curriculum information and lots more! <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/>

NEWS from the FRIENDS

The Friend's Committee

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 are delighted to have Mrs Stanislava Simova continuing to help as the new Class Representative of Year 2, together with Mrs Maria Rosolowska.

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

February Camp 2024!

Non Stop Action are looking forward to **February 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 in February half term, from **Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February**. Bookings made

before **Saturday 27th January** will automatically get our Early Bird discounts applied, 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/>

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/>

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.



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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	95.9%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 is still in the lead with 96.6% attendance so far with Y4 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

"Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God are to be shared with the entire community." *St Baldwin of Canterbury*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus starts to form a community. Ask your child what the word 'community' means to them. Which communities do they belong to (e.g. family, cubs, brownies, football, etc.)? Another word we could use for our school is 'community'. What does your child enjoy most about their school community? Can they remember who made them feel really welcome when they started school.

"The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us." *Pope Francis*

Each of you name at least one thing that other family members are good at, which could help strengthen the family community. Without our own unique contribution to our community, something valuable will be missing. How can we also use our gifts for the good of the different communities we belong to? Perhaps we can: join a school team; welcome new people into our community; volunteer to use a gift or skill to help out with a project; join with others to support an online fundraising event.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/community?pid=MTA101634&cv=116.3>

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.

Early Years SEND Conference

The Early Years SEND Conference is taking place virtually on Wednesday 24 January. Please do sign up to attend.

You will need to register by Monday 22 Jan on https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0w6jyBP_A1ksPZqELn2oj-IABNdXRuGPQx3L3fmixE8uqW-A/viewform to get the joining link.

The session has a mixture of webinars and will be a really helpful day for families and staff.

Barnet SENDIASS Information Session

Barnet SENDIASS is pleased to announce an in-person information session event for Barnet resident parents/carers of children and young people with special educational needs or disability.

This is a free event where you will have an opportunity to meet with other parents/carers and young people. Barnet Inclusion Advisory Team will be giving a short presentation on what is ordinarily available in schools and will be available to answer any questions that the attendees may have.

Date: Wednesday 28 February 2024

Time: 10am – 12.30pm

Location: Colindale Office, 2 Bristol Avenue, NW9 4EW

Presenters: Barnet Inclusion Advisory Team (IAT)

Theme: What is Ordinarily Available? A guide to the provision that should be ordinarily available in state funded schools in Barnet.

To register please click here:

<https://admin.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-01/09%20SENDIASS%20Information%20Session-%20Feb%202024.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact: sendiass@barnet.gov.uk



Reception	Jesvin for really making an effort with his learning. It has been wonderful to see him participating more! Sara for sounding out and blending the sounds together carefully when she read this week. Well done Sara!
Year 1	Jake for writing a beautiful character description of his alien. Theo for naming the days of the week correctly.
Year 2	Omakaree for settling into her new school and class brilliantly. Turhan for working really hard to develop his writing skills.
Year 3	Maria for your perseverance in maths challenges and always presenting your work beautifully. Gabriela for an amazing piece of homework advertising the Ancient Greek Olympics.
Year 4	Laura for making a great effort in her writing and adding detail Armanis for showing a great understanding in our science lessons especially on Teeth.
Year 5	Leona for an excellent travel brochure for science and really informative research on planet Earth for her homework. Francesco for a well-researched travel brochure in Science. His brochure was both informative and engaging.
Year 6	Oliwia for your excellent letter as an evacuee during WW2. It was fantastic. Lily for your excellent home learning this week! You clearly put a lot of effort into it.
The Golden Ticket Winners are: <i>Natan (Y4)</i> <i>Sebastian (Y2)</i>	

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

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 22 nd Feb	Y3 trip to British Museum
Wed 7 th March	World Book day
Fri 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Tues 19 th March	Class Photos
Wed 27 th March	6pm Y3/Y4 Easter Show
Thurs 28 th March	Last day of term 1pm finish

***New dates in bold**