



**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 15th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

The consultation on the shortening of the school day has now closed; thank you if you responded. I will be writing to parents with the outcome in the coming weeks.

This week we celebrated British Science Week and the theme was 'Time'. The children were invited to design a poster around the theme; the rules and conditions of entry were posted onto the class Seesaw pages. The deadline for handing in the posters is today – the winner and the two runners up will be announced in next week's newsletter. The children have also been involved in various science activities including our Key Stage 2 classes visiting local secondary schools for science lessons and the ever popular Dr Szydlo returning soon for Year 1 and Year 2. Thank you to Miss Georgious, the school Science Leader, for organising these activities.

On Wednesday, speakers from Show Racism the Red Card (SRTTC) visited St. Theresa's; SRTTC is the UK's leading educational anti-racism charity. The children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 participated in workshops that have been designed to give our young people: a better understanding of what racism is and how it impacts on individuals and society; an increased awareness of the responsibility to challenge racism & how this can be done; and an increased awareness of critical thinking and its usefulness in challenging stereotypes and recognising media bias.

Parents may be aware that schools are subject to Ofsted inspections (Ofsted being the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills). Ofsted inspects schools to provide an independent assessment of the quality and standards of education in schools, and check whether pupils are achieving as much as they can; the inspections are required by law and take place every 3-5 years. St. Theresa's was last inspected in March 2019. We are therefore expecting our next Ofsted inspection in the coming months. When we are notified of the Ofsted visit, the inspectors will want to gather the views of the parents. We are therefore asking parents to please complete the online Ofsted parent survey. It can be accessed here:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>. You will need to register with an email address first; once you are registered you will need to search for our school and then answer the 14 questions. The survey is anonymous.

The school term dates for 2024-2025 have now been finalised; they are on the 3rd page of this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dates for your diaries:

Wed 20th March KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Movie Night

Fri 3rd May After school International Food sale

Money raised at recent events:

Garage Sale £155.35

Valentine's cake sale £156.36

Thank you for your continued support.

Is Whatsapp safe for my child (part 2)

Tips to help keep your child safe on WhatsApp

Get to know privacy settings

There are four main settings that you can use to help your child control who can see their information:

1. Everyone – allows all users to see your profile photo, about or status.
2. My contacts – only allows people from your phone contacts to see your profile photo, about, status, last seen and online.
3. My contacts except... – allows you to exclude certain people in your phone contacts from seeing your information.
4. Nobody – doesn't allow anyone to see your information.

The default setting on WhatsApp is 'everyone' but you can help your child to set their privacy controls by clicking the 'settings' cog and selecting 'privacy'. Here you can select each type of information and change it to the setting that you want.

To prevent children being added to groups by people they don't know, we recommend changing the group settings to 'My contacts except' and using the tick icon to select all contacts. This option means only your child's phone contacts, except those you exclude, can add your child to groups. But by selecting all contacts, it means that nobody can add your child to a group chat without first sending them an invitation.

In the same section, you can also switch off 'read receipts', which means other people cannot see when you have read their message. This might help if your child is feeling under pressure to respond to messages.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	96%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y3 is now in the lead with 96.9% attendance with Y6 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!

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/>

The Wednesday Word

"Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus." *Pope Francis*

Following Jesus includes respecting and caring for those who sometimes may be rejected or neglected. Ask your child if they know what 'to follow someone' means. Who impresses them? Who sets them a good example which they would like to follow? How has that person made things better for someone, for a family, for friends or for your school? It may help your child if you can talk about a person whose example you follow, or have followed.

"Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds." *Pope Francis*

We can follow Jesus in the simple things we do in our lives every day, and make life better for all the family and everyone around us. In this coming week, how can we follow Jesus, even in little ways? Perhaps you can: be a good listener if someone is sad and wants to share their problems with you; find regular time to pray for others; be kind and generous; go out of your way to support anyone who needs your help.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/follow?pid=MTA101634&cv=123.5>

Bookings for the Non Stop Action Football after school club are **OPEN!**

The KS2 Football club will be running every Tuesday from 16th April - 23rd July from 3.30-4.30pm. The clubs will be run by one of our FA qualified football coaches and involve a variety of fun games based around different topics, as well as opportunities to learn through matches! Please book online at www.NonStopAction.co.uk to confirm your child's space for this term - **please note that you must be logged in to an account be able to see after school clubs for your child.** Please ensure to book in advance, in order to secure your child's space. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact david@nonstopaction.co.uk or call the office on 0208 446 0006. Thank you!



This Lent, St. Theresa's is supporting the Catholic Children's Service (CCS) Lenten Appeal. The appeal is inspired by Pope Francis's call for young people to use their voice to make a difference in the world. Every penny raised by our school will support the CCS work with local disadvantaged children and families. Your child has brought home the CCS Lenten Appeal collection box. Please return any donations by the last day of term please, Thursday 28th March.

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/>

Spring Holiday Bookings For Children and Young People are Live - Book Now! Barnet Active Creative and Engaging Holidays (BACE Holidays) returns for the Spring Holidays 2024!

Once again, bringing a wide range of free daily activities / camps with a healthy hot lunch included for young people aged five to 16, who live in, or attend school in Barnet and are in receipt of free school meals, funded by the Department for Education.

BACE Spring Holiday dates are: Tuesday 2 April to Friday 12 April 2024

Visit <https://barnetyouth.uk/BACE-Holidays> to sign up and get more information.

There are also free Positive Activities available for all children that live or go to school in Barnet. Please see this booklet:

<https://admin.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-02/15%20BACE%20Spring%202024%20-%2020DIGITAL.pdf>

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.



Reception	Chloe for making an effort to improve her letter formation and for singing beautifully in class. Emma for working really hard to learn the names of various three dimensional shapes.
Year 1	Radvin for his wonderful contribution to our class discussions. Theo for remembering to use finger spaces and full stops when writing sentences independently.
Year 2	Levi for being a very kind and generous person in Y2. Zoe for increasing your confidence and participation in class. It is awesome to see your personality and sense of humour starting to shine through. Keep it up Zoe!
Year 3	Whole Class for their excellent learning using light and mirrors in science experiments.
Year 4	Gabriella for showing a good understanding of the features of a story. Lydia for making a fantastic effort in learning her timestables.
Year 5	Alan for good research for bug hotel in Science. Mitchell for producing excellent pieces of work in Science.
Year 6	Brendan for the amazing progress you are making with your writing. Mr Troy and I were very impressed with your most recent piece. Gabriella for accurately calculating the area of a range of triangles and complex compound shapes. Excellent!

The Golden Ticket Winners are:
Kornelia (Y2)
Maya (Y4)

Dates for your diary

Fri 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Tues 19 th March	Class Photos
Wed 20 th March	Friends KS2 Movie Night
Thurs 21 st March	Happy Bags Collection
Fri 22 nd March	Y4 Mountain Day
Fri 22nd March	Reception Hearing and Vision check
Wed 27 th March	6pm Y3/Y4 Easter Show
Thurs 28 th March	Holy Thursday
Thurs 28 th March	Last day of term 1pm finish
Tues 16 th April	Children back at school
Fri 3 rd May	After school International Food sale
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
Thurs 9 th May	Ascension Day Mass (time to be confirmed)
Mon 20th May	Y4 at Greenwich Museum
Mon 20th May	3.45pm secondary transfer meeting for current Y5 parents

***New dates in bold**

Term Dates 2024/2025

St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School Dates (September 2024– July 2025)

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 nd September	<i>School Closed for staff development</i>
Tuesday 3 rd September	<i>Children return to school</i>
Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 4 th November	<i>School closed for staff development</i>
Tuesday 5 th November	<i>Children return to school</i>
Friday 20 th December	END OF AUTUMN TERM

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 th January	<i>School closed for staff development</i>
Tuesday 7 th January	<i>Children Return to School</i>
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 24 th February	<i>Children return to school</i>
Friday 4 th April	END OF SPRING TERM

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 nd April	<i>School closed for staff development</i>
Wednesday 23 rd April	<i>Children return to School</i>
Monday 5 th May	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 2 nd June	<i>School closed for staff development</i>
Tuesday 3 rd June	<i>Children return to school.</i>
Tuesday 22 nd July	END OF SUMMER TERM

“PARENTS IN MIND”

Parents/Carer Support Programme

For Parents/carers whose young people are on the CAMHS treatment waiting list

The 8-week online Parents/Carers Support Group is a safe and confidential space for parents/carers to gain information and skills to support their young person as well as receive peer support from other parents/carers.

Open to Enfield, Barnet, Haringey, Camden & Islington borough

Eligibility:

Parent/carers whose adolescents (11-16) are on a CAMHS treatment waiting list with the main presenting concerns of:

- Anxiety,
- Depression,
- Self-harm
- And/or suicidality
- Does NOT include PTSD, an eating disorder , significant learning disability

GROUP STARTS

29/05/2024 (Wednesday) 10.00-11.30AM

or

29/05/2024 (Wednesday) 5.30-7.00PM

**Referrals are welcome from North Central London CAMHS services (Tier 2&3)
(Enfield, Barnet, Haringey, Camden & Islington)**

Need more information?
Please contact us at: 020 8343 5705
email: parentsupport@mindeb.org.uk