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SPRING TERM 2024

Friday 22nd March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who entered the Science Poster competition; well done to Leona (Y5) who won 1st prize and Olivia (Y5) and Miki (Y6) who were our runners up.

Thank you also to everyone for supporting Red Nose Day last week – we raised **£547!!**

On Saturday 20th April, 20 pupils from St. Theresa's School will be joining runners from Our Lady of Lourdes School and participating in the London Mini Marathon (this is the day before the main adult London Marathon) - in support of the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children). Our schools' team is hoping to raise £2200. If you would like to sponsor the team's marathon effort, please visit our Just Giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/barbara-costa-1710682859687?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fbarbara-costa-1710682859687&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

On Wednesday evening, our Y3 and Y4 pupils will be retelling the Easter Story – you are all welcome to come and watch; the show starts at 6pm.

A reminder that next Thursday (28th March) is the last day of the Spring term and school will finish at 1pm on that day; there will be no after school clubs that Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Ofsted ParentView



A reminder to all parents that St. Theresa's is expecting an Ofsted inspection in the coming months and 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 in preparation for the inspection. 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.

2024-2025 Term dates

Next year's term dates are now available to view on the school website:

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/calendar/>

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

| Period | Whole school attendance |
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| From 5/9/23 - now | 95.98% |

Class with highest attendance to date - Y3 is now in the lead with 97% 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!

The Wednesday Word

"God is full of love: to him be praise forever!" *Pope Francis*

Why were the people shouting? This coming Sunday is known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It is the start of Holy Week. Palms will be handed out in Church in remembrance of the welcome and great praise that the people gave to Jesus when he entered Jerusalem. As we grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus, it's natural to want to praise God. Ask your child what the word 'praise' means to them. Ask who regularly praises them and lets them know how good they've been. How does your child feel when they receive praise? Does your child praise anyone - and why? How does your child feel when they praise someone? It may help to share an example of someone you feel deserves praise.

"Praise God always, no matter the time of day." *St Benedict*

In this Sunday's Gospel, the people praised Jesus. There are many things for which we can praise God (e.g. a loving family, good friends, caring teachers and for always having a good friend - Jesus - who loves us and never forgets us). Praising God brings happiness; it's what we were made for. How can we praise God this week? Perhaps we can: think of all the good things that we have received from God (like the beauty of nature and all creation, for our homes and for each other) and say a quiet prayer of thanks and praise; regularly pray the 'Glory Be' - a simple prayer of praise.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/easter-special?pid=MTA101634&p=3&v=124.6>



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| Reception | Kayden for making a concerted effort to learn his sounds and practice his reading. Kalindi for her beautiful handwriting and for her independent writing this week. |
| Year 1 | JP for his effort in all his learning. Well done JP! Thalia for her wonderful progress in phonics. I am so proud of you! |
| Year 2 | Kaci for being a happy, kind and gentle friend to all and for working cooperatively with your learning partner. Liliana for working well to master sharper editing skills. |
| Year 3 | Phoebe for settling in at St Theresa's so brilliantly and putting up her hand to answer questions! Mia for learning her lines for the school play perfectly and for her confident singing. |
| Year 4 | William for producing a great story about a mountain and using good vocabulary like glimpse and destination Shervin for working so hard in learning his times tables. |
| Year 5 | Lucas for presenting good research for our Beast Creator topic. Albert for excellent input in lesson and classroom discussions. |
| Year 6 | Amelia for the excellent progress you are making in maths. You should be very proud of yourself. Erin for consistently challenging yourself in all areas. Very well done. |

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Kimberly (4)

Krissy (Y6)

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.

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-%20DIGITAL.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.

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/>

Dates for your diary

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| Fri 22 nd March | Y4 Mountain Day |
| Fri 22 nd 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 |
| Tues 30th April | Y3 River Cruise |
| Thurs 2nd May | After school International Food sale (change of date) |
| Thurs 2nd May | Reception class trip to Kentish Town Farm |
| Mon 6 th May | Bank Holiday Monday – school closed |
| Thurs 9 th May | Ascension Day Mass (time to be confirmed) |
| Mon 20 th May | Y4 at Greenwich Museum |
| Mon 20 th May | 3.45pm secondary transfer meeting for current Y5 parents |
| Tues 11 th June | Y5 performing at the Barnet Schools' Music Festival at the Arts Depot |

***New dates in bold**

Term Dates 2024/2025

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

Autumn Term 2024

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |