



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

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AUTUMN TERM 2024

Friday 18th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday afternoon, all parents were sent the link to the online booking system for the Parent Consultations on Monday 4th November. On Monday 4th November, the school will be closed to the children. The online booking system will close at 6pm Wednesday 30th October; parents will not be able to book an appointment or amend an appointment after this time. Once the booking system closes, all parents will be sent the link to the meeting, a nine-digit ID zoom code and a 6-digit passcode. Parents MUST NOT share the zoom log-in information with anybody other than the parents in the same class. If you are unable to book an appointment at a convenient time, please contact the class teacher directly. Please do contact the school should you have any problems booking an appointment.

Governors play a key role in the leadership of the school and raising of standards including the appointment of key staff, overseeing the budget and monitoring progress in the curriculum. We are looking for two parents/carers to join the school governing board as Parent Governors. If you are interested, please see the letter that was emailed to all parents on Wednesday.

Next Thursday, 24th October 6pm – 8pm, the PSA will be holding their ever popular Disco. This event is always a favourite with the children and we do hope that many of you are able to support it.

A reminder that next Friday 25th October, we will be celebrating *Be Bright Be Seen Day* to spread awareness of road safety. We are inviting all children to come to school wearing bright and high visibility colours. This day is a non-school uniform day and the children can wear whatever bright clothes they wish – the brighter the better; there will be two £20 vouchers for the two brightest children! Mrs Decuseara, as part of the event, is also inviting children to design a *Be Bright Be Seen* poster; there will be a £10 voucher for the best poster. Posters need to be submitted to Mrs Decuseara by Tuesday 5th November 3.15pm. The winner will be announced in that week's newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Birthday Treats

Please note that if it is your child's birthday, we ask that, rather than bringing in sweets or treats, a book or book token is donated to the school. Please note that the staff have been told not to hand out any birthday sweets or treats.

Safeguarding at St. Theresa's

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/2024/10/Child-Protection-and-Safeguarding-Policy-September-2024.pdf>

Applications for Nursery January 2025

Applications are invited for the new **Nursery** for January 2025 – this is for children who are 3 by 31st December 2024). Children who will be 3 by 31st March 2025 can also apply and will be admitted in the summer term. The application forms are available to download from the school website.

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Nursery-School-Application-Form-2024-2025.pdf>

Please return your completed application forms to the school office.

Applications for Reception September 2025

Applications are invited for the **Reception Class** for **September 2025** – this is for children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. The deadline to return this to the school office is 15th January 2025. 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: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for 2024-2025 is 96%

Period	Whole school attendance
From 3/9/24 - now	95.8%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 are still in the lead with 97.9% attendance and Y6 are in 2nd place!

At the end of the year, in July 2025, the class with the highest record of attendance will win a non-school uniform day!

The Wednesday Word

“Doing little things with a strong desire to please
God makes them great.” St Francis de Sales

What did Jesus say he had come to do? It's natural to want to be great. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches the disciples how to be truly great. Being kind, self-giving, thoughtful and helpful are great qualities. It's not always easy to live our lives in this way but it is the way that God want us to live, to become the best that we can be. Ask your child what the word 'greatness' means to them. Who does your child know at home, at school or in the community who shows true greatness by putting others' needs first? It may help your child if you tell them about someone you know to be 'great'.

God is great and He made us to be great too. Through spending lots of his time serving others Jesus shows us the way to true greatness. Each of you share one thing about other family members which you think makes them great. Then choose a way in which you can be 'great' for each other this week. Perhaps you can: look for new ways to serve someone at home or at school; offer help at mealtimes, preparing the food and clearing up afterwards; avoid being bossy; resist pushing in and let others go first instead; give your time or money where needed.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=152.3>

October Camp 2024!

Non Stop Action are looking forward to October 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 over the October Half term, from **Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November**. Bookings made before **Saturday 5th October** will automatically get our Early Bird discounts applied, you can also save money by booking week blocks - book from as little as **£29** for a day, or **£106** for a week!

Head to our website to book

now: <https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Information

The online application system for our Year 6 parents is now open at www.eadmissions.org.uk
All parents must apply online. If you need support please feel free to contact the school for support, or call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 020 8359 7651.

Parents of children in Y6 who have an Educational Health Care Plan will need to complete a different form - this will have been sent to you by the Barnet SEN team.

The deadline for submitting your application is Monday 31st October 2024. Applications received after 31st October will be treated as late. Late applications will not be considered until after the on-time applicants have been allocated their school places. This means that late applicants are unlikely to be offered one of their preferred schools. If there is a good reason as to why your application is late; for example you moved to the area after the closing date, you must contact the admissions department by Thursday 12th December 2024 at the latest.

For further information about the secondary school application process please read the "A Guide to Secondary Education in Barnet 2025" which can be found here:

https://admin.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/024239_bc4446_barnet_guide_to_secondary_2025_hg5s_3.pdf?gclid=1*1ts53of*gcl_au*NjA0OTQ0MjEwLjE3MTc4NjM0NzA.*_ga*MTAyMzQ0ODMzNy4xNjM0NTI3MDc1*_ga_FQ5GMMMGZJ*MTcyNTU0MTUzOC4xMy4xLjE3MjU1NDE3NDAuNTguMCA4w



Reception	Aaron for listening well and enjoying his learning. Armelio for having a go in all of his lessons.
Year 1	Livan for representing his addition in writing and using the correct mathematical language to explain his work. Alison for being a motivated and independent student with a great love of learning. Well done Alison!
Year 2	Anduena for being a kind and responsible member of Year 2! Zhan Pier for having such a great attitude to school and learning and always giving 100% in all that he does!
Year 3	Daniel C for trying really hard in English and maths Vivaan for his fantastic cricket skills in PE and his beautiful manners.
Year 4	Shazia for working hard to include descriptive language in her writing. Nyara for her excellent use of time adverbials in her recount.
Year 5	Emily for trying really hard on her assessments and pushing herself to complete questions. Well done! William for being a role model with his kind and respectful attitude. William also tries really hard in lessons.
Year 6	Olivia for making a fantastic effort in her story about dinosaurs. Karo for showing a good understanding in his maths learning this week in particular factors and multiples.
The Golden Ticket Winners are: <i>Florence (Rec)</i> <i>Ednaida (Y3)</i>	

Dates for your diary

Wed 23 rd Oct	Y1 trip to London Transport Museum
Wed 23 rd Oct	Y2 Pirate Dress Up day
Thurs 24 th Oct	6pm-8pm Friends School Disco
Fri 25 th Oct	Be Bright, Be Seen Day
Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov	Half term
Mon 4 th Nov	INSET day (school closed for pupils)
Mon 4 th Nov	Online parent consultations
Tues 5 th Nov	Children back to school
Thurs 7 th Nov	Individual pupil photos
Tues 12 th Nov	Rec-Y6 Flu vaccination
Wed 13th Nov	Rec, Y1 and Y2 visiting Our Lady of Lourdes for theatre performance
Fri 15th Nov	1.30pm Y2 at Infant Music Festival (Brookland Infants School)
Mon 18th Nov	Y6 Bikeability
Week of Mon 18th Nov	Travelling Book Fair
Tues 19 th Nov	9.30am/1.30pm and 7pm Prospective parent tour
Wed 20 th Nov	Y5 trip to the Charterhouse Museum
Wed 27th Nov	Y6 visiting Church End Library
Fri 13th Dec	9.30am Y1 and Y2 Christmas Show
Fri 20 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term - 1pm finish

*New dates in bold

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Meet the Friends of St. Theresa's School

Hello, I'm Jyoti Bhachu, mum of Simran in Reception, and I am delighted to be the new Chair of the Friends of St. Theresa's. Being part of this wonderful school community and raising funds to support our children's growth is a real privilege. Our aim is to organise some fantastic events during the school year that will enrich our children's social experiences and to create a strong sense of community.

Supporting the school and enhancing the children's experience is at the heart of what the Friends of St. Theresa's is all about, and we would love to have your support in making this possible. If anyone is interested in joining or learning more, please do email the school directly.

We're also pleased to introduce Orla O'Donnell, mum of Dara in Reception, who previously had Darcy and Erin at the school. Orla is also passionate about building a sense of community and bringing families together to support St. Theresa's.

Additionally, we have Joanna Malecka, mum of Albert in Year 6 and Radek in Year 4, who brings great energy, passion and enthusiasm to our team.

Together, we are looking forward to creating exciting and memorable experiences for our children and families throughout the year.

****Reminder****We're excited to invite you to our Halloween Disco Light Party on Thursday 24th October, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the school hall with fantastic prizes awaiting the best costumes! 🎁 🎁 🎁 The evening will include a DJ and activities, along with delicious food and refreshments for everyone to enjoy.

We kindly ask for donations of sweets, lanterns and fairy lights, which can be dropped off in each class where a donation box is provided, and doughnuts on the day of the event. The deadline for donations is Monday 21 October, thank you in advance for your generosity. Your support will help us create a wonderful night of fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your class representative. We can't wait to celebrate with you! 🌟

Warm regards,
The Friends