



**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 25<sup>th</sup> October**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who supported the Friends' Disco yesterday; it was very well attended. We will let you know how much was raised after the half-term break.

A reminder to all parents that on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, the school will be closed to the children. The class teachers will be meeting parents online (via Zoom) for the autumn parent consultations. All parents have been emailed and/or texted the link to the online booking system to book a 10 minute appointment to speak to the class teacher. The online booking system will close at 6pm Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

A reminder to all parents that, after the half-term break, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, the school photographer is coming to take the children's individual photos. The staff will ensure siblings have their photos taken together.

Have a lovely half-term.

*Barbara Costa*

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day

We will be selling poppies, and other items, from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. After the First World War in 1921 the sale of red silk poppies raised money to help the WW1 veterans find employment and housing. The following year, the Poppy Factory was set up, employing disabled ex-Servicemen to create the poppies to sell during the appeal; today the factory still produces millions of poppies each year. We now wear the paper poppy on our chest as a symbol of Remembrance; to remember the fallen Service men and women killed in conflict. If your child would like to buy a poppy, they can bring in money from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### Price List

	Paper Poppy £1
	Reflect Poppy £2
	Festival Wristband £2
	Slap Band £3
	Wooden Cross £3

## NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

We, the Friends, wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the St. Theresa's Halloween party yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, and your presence truly made the event special!

A special thank you goes to Mrs Reimus, Ms O'Brien, Ms D and Mrs Tarrant for their support and dedication. We would also like to express our gratitude to all the parents who helped run the event, your efforts made everything run smoothly. A particular thanks to our Year 6 parents and a few from Year 5 for their extra help and support.

Thank you for making the event a great success. We look forward to seeing you at the next one!

The Friends of St. Theresa's

## 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. The deadline to return this to the school office is 15<sup>th</sup> 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	95.9%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 are still in the lead with 97.8% attendance and Y6 are in 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

“To have courage for whatever comes in life – everything lies in that.” *St Teresa of Avila*

What did the blind man do when the people told him to stop calling for Jesus? In this Sunday's Gospel, by continuing to call on Jesus, the blind man showed courage. Ask your child what the word 'courage' means to them. When was the last time they needed courage? Have they ever needed the courage to: go somewhere new or try something new; tell the truth; admit a mistake; stand up for someone; speak up for something that was right; resist peer pressure or go against the crowd and say that something was wrong? Is there anything they are afraid of right now? Who do they know who has shown or shows 'courage'?

“Be brave. Let us learn to face moments of difficulty with courage, certain that the Lord never fails to give his support.” *Pope Francis*  
The word 'courage' comes from the Latin word for 'heart' and it basically means that you are brave. Courage is a gift of the Holy Spirit – it makes us strong. Putting our faith in Jesus and his teachings gives us the courage to do the right thing. We can try to remember this Sunday's Gospel and ask Jesus to help us whenever we need courage. How can we have more courage? Perhaps we can: pray to God for more courage; support and encourage each other always to do what we know to be right – even if we are afraid.

<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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. Applications received after 31<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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?gl=1\\*1ts53of\\* gcl au\\*NjA0OTQ0MjEwLjE3MTc4NjM0NzA.\\* ga \\*MTAyMzQ0ODMzNy4xNjM0NTI3MDc1\\* ga\\_FQ5GMMMGZJ\\*MTcyNTU0MTUzOC4xMy4xLjE3MjU1NDE3NDAuNTguMCA4w](https://admin.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/024239_bc4446_barnet_guide_to_secondary_2025_hg5s_3.pdf?gl=1*1ts53of* gcl au*NjA0OTQ0MjEwLjE3MTc4NjM0NzA.* ga *MTAyMzQ0ODMzNy4xNjM0NTI3MDc1* ga_FQ5GMMMGZJ*MTcyNTU0MTUzOC4xMy4xLjE3MjU1NDE3NDAuNTguMCA4w)



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Joel</b> for working hard on learning his sounds and tricky words. <b>Kyro</b> for trying his best all of the time.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Whole class</b> for their beautiful behaviour on our trip to the Transport Museum.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Karin</b> for making good attempts with her reading. She is working hard to master more complex sentences. Good work! <b>Asante</b> for being a quiet achiever who is an absolute pleasure . Not only does he produce constant good level of work, he is also a caring and friendly classmate.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Whole class</b> for successfully completing their first half term in year 3! Well done!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Alma</b> for always working hard in lessons to produce her best work. <b>Max</b> for being a kind and helpful member of the class.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Malaika</b> for ensuring her work is well presented. She is working hard to ensure she produces great work. <b>Evan</b> for always participating and putting in lots of effort into all lessons. He always shows a positive attitude.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Alan</b> for producing a good persuasive piece of writing about our residential trip to Kingswood. <b>Francesco</b> for always making sure his presentation is impeccable in all his learning.

### *The Golden Ticket Winners are:*

*Daiwik (Y6)*

*Cagan (Y6)*

### **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.

### **Dates for your diary**

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

\*New dates in bold