



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported the Travelling Book fair this week; it is open for the last day today after school. We will let you know how much was raised in next week's newsletter.

This week the children in Reception thoroughly enjoyed their animal workshop; they saw a "real life" snake, an owl, a bearded dragon and a skunk! On Wednesday, the Y5 pupils went to the Charterhouse Museum to learn more about the Tudors to support their history topic learning. Thank you to the adults who accompanied the children on this trip.

Congratulations to Lydia in Y5 who won a model London Air Ambulance; we raised £70 for the charity – thank you.

Have a lovely weekend. *Barbara Costa*

## Barnet Young Carers

Young carers are children or young people aged between 5 and 17 who provide regular care to a family member, or are affected by the needs of a relative they are living with.

These often include:

- Illness
- Mental health illness
- Substance misuse
- Physical disability
- Learning disability

Young carers often take on practical and / or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.

These can include:

- Practical tasks – cooking, housework and shopping
- Physical care – lifting or helping someone use the stairs
- Personal care – dressing, washing, helping with toileting needs
- Emotional support – listening, calming, being present
- Managing the family budget, collecting benefits and prescriptions
- Medication management
- Looking after younger siblings
- Helping someone communicate

Barnet has over 6,500 young carers. The tasks and level of caring undertaken by Young Carers can vary according to the nature of the illness or disability, the level and frequency of need for care, and the structure of the family as a whole.

With the right support, most young carers can thrive and live the lives they want to. Barnet's Young Carer programmes provide great activities for young carers of all ages during the school holidays and some really special opportunities. Their education support includes free tutoring in all subjects and can really help your child get back on track if their caring role has had an impact on their school work.

Please do speak to your child's class teacher, or myself (Miss Costa), Mr Troy or Mrs Folan if you feel that your child is a young carer and we can make a referral for you.

## NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends are delighted to invite you to the St. Theresa's Christmas Jingle Mingle! Join us on Thursday 5th December from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm in the school hall for a festive evening full of joy and Christmas spirit. This family-friendly event will feature:

- Live DJ providing great music to get everyone dancing
- Hot food to keep you warm and satisfied
- Fully licensed bar
- Festive stalls for a bit of seasonal shopping and fun

Mark your calendar, and don't miss out on this wonderful event, perfect for children and families to come together and celebrate the Christmas season.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Friends of St. Theresa's

## 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	95.8%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 are still in the lead with 97.7% 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

"When Jesus dwells in us as our friend and leader, we can bear all things." *St Teresa of Avila*

Ask your child which people they know to be good leaders – in the family, at school or in the community. What is it that makes those people good leaders? It may help your child if you can talk about the qualities which make a person a good leader (e.g. trustworthy, inspiring, supportive, a good role model – someone who is wise, truthful and uses their authority to help others).

Jesus leads us in the ways of truth and love. True leaders always help people to follow good and right ways. Each of you name a special leader that you are grateful for (perhaps a family member, a teacher, a priest, Jesus). Think of a way in which you can help that leader (e.g. by praying for them or by listening to what they have to say and trying to follow their leadership). Choose one way in which you will try to be a leader in this coming week, setting a good example for others – showing them good and right things.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/leader?pid=MTA101634&v=155.3>



### Children being collected by older siblings

Can all parents please be aware that, as per the school Attendance and Punctuality Policy (<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Attendance-and-Punctuality-Policy-May-2023.pdf>), children will only be dismissed to older siblings at the end of the day, if the older sibling is 16 years old or older.

### What is bullying?

Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online. It is behaviour that hurts someone else. It includes name calling, hitting, pushing, spreading rumours, threatening or undermining someone. If you think your child is being bullied, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### 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 PSA, 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 PSA.

### Little Saints After School Club

Where? St. Theresa's School multi-purpose room  
When? Every day after school until 6pm  
Please contact Vicky for further information.  
Email: [Vicky\\_avraam@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk)  
Telephone: 07968 498 364

### 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>

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.45am - 8.30am in the school hall for £4. 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.

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Florence</b> for making good progress with sounding out words. <b>Amelia</b> for making a concerted effort to learn how to form her letters correctly.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Leni</b> for her significant contribution in preparation for our Christmas Nativity <b>Praise</b> for her effort in writing a beautiful description of Mary, the mother of God.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Radvin</b> for trying really hard across all subjects and putting in lots of effort, keep it up! <b>Kimia</b> for getting involved and trying her best in all lessons.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Daniel T</b> for excellent effort and work in science. <b>Timon</b> for trying super hard in maths - always with a smile on his face.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Faith</b> for writing a detailed biography about Barack Obama. <b>Gabriela</b> for her excellent contributions to class discussions.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Arthur</b> excellent behaviour on trip, being supportive and contributing more to answer questions. <b>Carlos</b> putting in more effort into his work in particular in Maths lesson, Carlos is working on his presentation and focus.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Angelina</b> for making the right choices with her behaviour in and out of the classroom <b>Joelle</b> for making a great effort in keeping her learning and presentation neat at all times.
<b>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</b> Omakaree (Y3) Denys (Y6)	

### Dates for your diary

<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Y1 Superhero Day</b>
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Y6 Rockstar Day</b>
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Y3 trip to Advent Carol Service at Westminster Cathedral
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	6pm-8pm The Friends' Jingle Mingle
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Y3 Rockstar Day</b>
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>2.30pm Violin Assembly for violinist parents</b>
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9.30am Y1 and Y2 Christmas Show
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Y5 Rockstar Day</b>
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	6pm Y5 Carol Concert (in school)
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Class party day
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Flu Vaccination catch-up session</b>
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Last day of Autumn term - 1pm finish
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	School closed to children
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Children back at school
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Y1 and Y2 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church</b>
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Y3 and Y4 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church</b>
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Y5 and Y6 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church</b>

\*New dates in bold