



**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 29<sup>th</sup> November**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported the Travelling Book fair last week; we sold £1243 worth of books. This means that we have earned over £600 to spend on books for our library; **thank you so much for all your support!**

This week, decorations have been underway in our new Nursery classroom as we prepare to open in January. We will have a new changing area, new carpet and freshly painted walls. Please do let your friends and family know that we will be opening a nursery provision for 3 and 4 years olds; they are welcome to contact the school office for further details.

We are looking forward to next Thursday's Jingle Mingle (6pm-8pm). There will be music, food and drinks and other stalls. Entry is £4 per person (children under 3 are free); I hope to see many of you there.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

## 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!*

## NEWS from the FRIENDS

### Christmas Jingle Mingle 2024 - Class Donations

We're very excited that Christmas is fast approaching, and we are looking forward to our **Christmas Jingle Mingle**, which will be held on Thursday 5th December, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

### Class Donation Required

Reception: Sweets

Year 1: Stationery

Year 2: Gifts for stocking fillers

Year 3: Gifts for stocking fillers

Year 4: Stationery

Year 5: Sweets

Year 6: Gifts for stocking fillers

Please bring all donations to your child's classroom by **Tuesday 3rd**

**December**, at **pickup time**. If you're unsure about what is required,

feel free to ask your class representative for guidance.

## 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.

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

“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. The Birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely by God.”

*Pope Francis*

Advent is the time when we make an extra effort to be more loving towards God and our neighbors. Ask your child what they think the word ‘Advent’ means. What do they know about Advent? What do they like best about this season which leads up to Christmas? You may want to share with your child what you like best about the season of Advent.

Advent is an opportunity to be spiritually refreshed and helps us get ready for Christmas. Choose something to do, individually or as a family, to stay spiritually ‘awake’ and make this Advent prayerful and special. Perhaps you can: say a prayer together as you put up the crib or the Advent wreath; pray especially for someone (or better still for a few people) each evening throughout Advent; go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession); go to Church on Sundays; regularly give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/advent?pid=MTA101634&v=156.3>

### 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.

## Coffee Morning



**Date: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Time: 8.40am – 9.30am**

**Tea, coffee, and biscuits provided.**

**Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School, Bow Lane, N12 0JP**

## Family Links

For parents and carers of children aged 2-11.

Come along and find out about the Family Links session taking place in January 2025 at Our Lady of Lourdes School

Join us for an opportunity to discuss and think about parenting. We will share ideas which help us to support our children.

Please contact for more information:

Gary Duncan - Early Help Practitioner 07729 075230

Yvonne Scott – Early Help Practitioner 07917465170

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Dara</b> for working her, enjoying her learning and being a good friend. <b>Radman</b> for the enthusiasm and perseverance he has shown all week
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Sebastian</b> for his wonderful progress in Reading. I am very proud of you! <b>Kalindi</b> for being such a beautiful role model in her behavior and learning.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Zema</b> for always being a fantastic role model. <b>Naruto</b> for some excellent descriptive writing.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Scarlett</b> for her fantastic attitude towards her learning <b>Kaci</b> for his great effort making flip book in computing.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Sofia</b> for settling in so well with her new classmates. <b>Iasmina</b> for making such huge effort in her first week in her new class.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Scarlett</b> for settling in so wonderfully well and always putting effort into her learning. <b>Kimberly</b> for approaching tasks with enthusiasm and producing quality work.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Fawaz</b> for always being a ‘Have a Go Mo’. <b>Matlyda</b> for having a positive attitude with her learning

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:  
Hudson and Genelle*

### 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

### Dates for your diary

<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>9am Story-time in Reception</b>
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 trip to Advent Carol Service at Westminster Cathedral
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm-8pm The Friends' Jingle Mingle
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 Rockstar Day
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Y6 Rockstar Day (new date)</b>
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>10.30am Y3 trumpet assembly for Y3 parents</b>
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30pm Violin Assembly for violinist parents
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am Y1 and Y2 Christmas Show
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y5 Rockstar Day
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm Y5 Carol Concert (in school)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class party day
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Flu Vaccination catch-up session
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Autumn term - 1pm finish
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School closed to children
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children back at school
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y1 and Y2 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y3 and Y4 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Y5 and Y6 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church

**\*New dates in bold**



Benefits

Housing

Domestic Abuse

Education



**Barnet**  
A Sure Start Children's Centre

**Child and Family  
Early Help**

## Family Links

For parents and carers of children aged 2-11.

Join us for an opportunity to discuss and share strategies and ideas to support our relationships with our children.

10-week programme

Starting: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Last session 02<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
(no session during half term)

Time: 9.30 to 11:30 noon

Tea, coffee, and biscuits provided.

Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School, Bow Lane,  
N12 0JP

Nearest tube station: East Finchley

Bus route: 263

Free on-street parking

Please make referrals via the Universal plus form. This can be found on the Barnet website:

[Make a referral to the Early Help team | Barnet Council](#)

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[www.barnet.gov.uk/earlyhelp](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/earlyhelp)

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NHS Trust

# SPEECH AND LANGUAGE STORY-TIME

For parents and children in Reception



WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2024  
9:00 - 9:45 AM



Come to a session with a  
Speech and Language Therapist  
and join a story-time session with your child at school  
to support their communication development

See you at



**St. Theresa's**  
Catholic Primary School

