



**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 8th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported the Friends' Disco before the half-term; a total of £837.70 was raised.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the zoom parent consultations on Monday. If you have not yet met your child's class teacher, please do make an appointment as soon as possible to ensure you are kept up to date with your child's learning and progress.

Before half term, we had Rhiannon from the London Air Ambulance lead an assembly for the children. She explained all the important things that the London Air Ambulance Charity do. Our School Council have created posters for a raffle - open to the whole school - to win a model London Air Ambulance. Tickets are 50p each, or £1 for three; all proceeds will go to the London Air Ambulance Charity. The School Councillors will visit the classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Children can buy as many tickets as they wish. We will draw the winner in assembly on Monday 18th November.

Just before the half-term, the children celebrated Be Bright Be Seen Day. Congratulations to Kornelia (Y3) and Emily (Y5) for winning the "best dressed" prizes and to Narvin (Y3) for designing the best poster. Thank you also to Mrs Decuseara for organising the event.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce that the Halloween Disco Party raised an amazing **£837.70** in October! Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to its success. We look forward to welcoming you to the Christmas party - details will be shared very soon.

Warm regards, The Friends

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.

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.

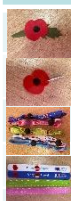
The forms are available to download on the school website.

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/>

Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day

We will be selling poppies, and other items, from Tuesday 5th November to Monday 11th 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 5th November.

Price List



Paper Poppy £1

Reflect Poppy £2

Festival Wristband £2

Slap Band £3

Wooden Cross £3



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 97.5% 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!

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

“Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God are to be shared with the entire community.” *St Baldwin of Canterbury*

Ask your child what the word ‘gift’ means to them. When did they last give or receive a special gift – one given with love. (Remember that the best gifts cannot be bought – gifts such as love, friendship, kindness, forgiveness and patience). What was that gift and how did it make them feel? It may help your child if you can tell them about a gift that you recently gave or received.

When we share our individual gifts, our families and communities are enriched. As a family, name each other’s special gifts – the gifts from God that money can’t buy. Then each of you decide how, in this coming week, you can use your gifts to show your love for God and for the good of others. Perhaps you can: forgive someone; be generous and give something to a good cause; cheer someone up; draw a picture for someone you love; give the gift of your smile to someone.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/gift?pid=MTA101634&v=153.3>

“Travelling Books” Book Fair *Celebrate reading at our Book Fair!*

Reading for pleasure is transformative for pupils’ academic success and personal wellbeing. We are hosting a Book Fair to bring reading to the heart of our school.

WHEN: Monday 18th November to Friday 22nd November.

TIME: From 3:15pm. to 3.45pm

WHERE: School Hall

There are hundreds of books for you and your child to choose from, & with prices starting from only £1.99, we hope that everyone will be able to find a suitable book. Approximately 24% of the titles are under £5.

You will be able to pay for the books you purchase in cash or online using a QR code.

Don’t forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library!

It’s the perfect place to begin your Christmas shopping!

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.



Reception	Jordan for his positive attitude and for having a go with all of his learning this week. Armelio for working really hard on his sounds this week.
Year 1	Sara for being a real ‘Have a go Mo’ in all of her learning. Well done Sara! Praise for writing a beautiful recount of her half term using the correct punctuation.
Year 2	Iliad for always participating and putting in lots of effort into all lessons. Keep it up! Gloria for trying her hardest in her lessons and always with a big smile on her face.
Year 3	Kaci for being a helpful, polite student. Zoe for working hard in all lessons and answering questions in class.
Year 4	Andrew for showing good behaviour for learning and working hard to complete his best work. Sophia for persevering in Maths and working hard to apply the concepts taught.
Year 5	Gabriella for listening attentively during whole class discussions and participating more in lessons. Gabriella is pushing herself more, well done! Shervin for making a conscious effort to improve his writing and use of punctuation. I am positive he will continue to improve his presentation. Well done!
Year 6	Jonathan, Lucas and Francesco for entering the BBC writing competition and producing a fantastic story in 500 words.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> <i>Zoe (Y3)</i> <i>Andrew (Y4)</i>	

Dates for your diary

Tues 12 th Nov	Rec-Y6 Flu vaccination
Tues 12 th Nov	Reception trip to Vue Cinema
Wed 13 th Nov	Rec, Y1 and Y2 visiting Our Lady of Lourdes for theatre performance
Thurs 14th Nov	Reception and Y6 height and weight check
Fri 15 th Nov	1.30pm Y2 at Infant Music Festival (Brookland Infants School)
Mon 18 th Nov	Y6 Bikeability
Week of Mon 18 th 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
Fri 22nd Nov	Y1 trip to Fire Station
Wed 27 th Nov	Y6 visiting Church End Library
Wed 4th Dec	Y3 trip to Advent Carol Service at Westminster Cathedral
Fri 13 th Dec	9.30am Y1 and Y2 Christmas Show
Wed 18th Dec	School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Thurs 19th Dec	Class party day
Fri 20 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term - 1pm finish
*New dates in bold	