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AUTUMN TERM 2024

Friday 13th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported last week's Jingle Mingle – we raised £1186.80!

By the time this newsletter is published, the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will have retold the nativity story in their Christmas Show. Congratulations to all the children (and the staff who rehearsed with them and ensured the children were ready) for putting on a show for the adults to enjoy.

On Monday morning, (8.40am-9.30am) **Family Links** are hosting a coffee morning at Our Lady of Lourdes School (Bow Lane, N12 0JP) to introduce their FREE 10-week programme. The 10-week parenting course (starting Wednesday 22nd January) helps parents reflect on the experience they had as a child, of being parented and how this affects their parenting now. The focus is on looking after self and understanding their own and their child's emotional needs, and to help build good communication within the family. Areas covered: praise, rewards and penalties, family rules, discipline, behaviour management, choices and consequences, understanding and managing feelings, nurturing ourselves, child development, problem solving and negotiation. If you are interested in hearing more about the 10-week programme please do come along to Monday's coffee morning; you are all very welcome.

On Monday 16th December at 6pm, our Year 5 pupils will be leading a carol concert (in the school hall) and all parents are warmly invited to attend.

Children are invited to come to school on Wednesday 18th December replacing just the top part of their uniform with a Christmas - or red - jumper in return for a donation of £2. The money raised will be donated to 'The Passage'. The Passage runs London's largest voluntary sector resource centre for homeless and vulnerable people.

Also, on Thursday 19th December, the classes will be having their Christmas parties; details of the Christmas parties will be posted on your class Seesaw pages.

Next Friday, 20th December, is the last day of term and the school will be closing at 1pm. There will be no after school clubs.

Finally, we are saying thank you and good bye to Miss Gulab at the end of next week after over 4 years of working at St. Theresa's. Miss Gulab taught Y2, Y1 and most recently Reception. We would like to thank her for her incredible work ethic, commitment to the children and also her leadership of the History and Geography across the school. Who can forget the "This is Me" days! I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Gulab the very best of luck.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends are delighted to share that the Christmas Jingle Mingle raised an amazing £1,186.80! Thank you so much for your generosity and support, your donations and contributions truly made the event a success. The children had a fantastic time. Please keep an eye out for our upcoming events in 2025, we'll be announcing dates very soon. If you'd like to learn more about The Friends or get involved, please email the school, and we'll be in touch.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful festive season!

Thank you again for your support.

Best wishes,

The Friends

NEW Y2 and Y3 morning and afternoon routines

Y2 and Y3 Parents – please read

After the Christmas holidays, all Y2 and Y3 children will enter and exit their classrooms (at the start of the day, and at home-time) via their **classroom door**.

Therefore, parents will now need to walk all the way along the path and wait (along the back wooden fence) until the teacher opens the classroom door.

Parents – please wait against the fence to avoid overcrowding near the classroom doors.

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.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 3/9/24 - now	94.3%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 are still in the lead with 96.6% attendance and Y4 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

“Whoever has peace in his heart ‘prepares a place’ for the Lord.” *St Theoliptos of Philadelphia*

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. Ask your child what the word ‘preparation’ means to them. When did your child last prepare for something particularly well or for something special? It may help your child if you can share something about a time when you prepared particularly well for something. How is your child preparing at school for the celebration of Jesus’ birthday at Christmas?

As a family, how can you prepare well for Christmas? Perhaps you can: slow down and try to remember Jesus - the real reason for Christmas; read The Wednesday Word together; read the Bible’s Christmas story together; make an extra effort to consider other people’s needs throughout this Season of Advent; sing favourite Christmas carols together. What other ways can you think of to prepare for celebrating Jesus’ birth?

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/preparation?pid=MTA10634&sv=157.3>

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Parent Questionnaire

A reminder to all parents that the deadline for completing the RSE parent questionnaire is Friday 20th December.

We have now been using the Ten:Ten programme to teach Relationships and Sex Education for nearly two years and we would be grateful for your feedback.

To complete the questionnaire, please visit:
<https://forms.office.com/r/LZ26RqzThf>



Reception	The Reception class for working really hard to learn their song and actions for the Christmas play.
Year 1	John for his excellent work in phonics and reading; his good listening is paying off. Erin for consistently being a motivated and independent student with such a love for learning.
Year 2	The Y2 class for their amazing performance of “A Miracle in Town”. They all worked so hard and had wonderful singing voices.
Year 3	Ryan for excellent and imaginative learning in Computing. Helenka for trying her best in all of her learning – always with a smile on her face.
Year 4	Nyara for persevering in swimming and overcoming her fears. Ted for being helpful in class, working hard in lessons and completing all his work to an excellent standard.
Year 5	Arthur for putting effort into his work and really trying hard in all lessons. William for listening attentively during lessons and for his positive attitude towards school work.
Year 6	Kezie for doing so well with his learning this week and being focused. Simdi for answering the comprehension questions with such confidence.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are: Shanaya (Reception) and Joan (Y3)</i>	

Coffee Morning



Date: Monday 16th 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

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/>

Dates for your diary

Mon 16 th Dec	2pm Y5 singing at Nazareth House
Mon 16 th Dec	6pm Y5 Carol Concert (in school)
Wed 18 th Dec	School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Thurs 19 th Dec	Class party day
Thurs 19 th Dec	Flu Vaccination catch-up session
Fri 20 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term - 1pm finish
Mon 6 th Jan	School closed to children
Tues 7 th Jan	Children back at school
Fri 17 th Jan	Y1 and Y2 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip’s Church
Wed 22nd Jan	Y1 trip to the Science Museum
Fri 24 th Jan	Y3 and Y4 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip’s Church
Fri 31 st Jan	Y5 and Y6 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip’s Church
Mon 3rd Feb	Y6 trip to the RAF Museum
Thurs 6 th Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Tues 11 th Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st Feb	Half term

***New dates in bold**



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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 22nd January 2025

Last session 2nd 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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