



**We learn together, we play together, we pray together,
we grow together in the love of God**

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SPRING TERM 2025

Friday 10th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the spring term; I hope you all had a good Christmas Holiday and may 2025 be a positive year for us all.

Next Friday, all parents/carers will receive an email from the school regarding the upcoming face to face Parent Consultation evenings (Thursday 6th February 4pm-6.30pm and Tuesday 11th February 4pm-6.30pm). You will also receive a link to the online booking system; if you are not able to access the online booking system, please contact the school office and we will make an appointment for you. Please note that the online booking system for the first consultation evening (Thursday 6th February) will close on Friday 31st January at 6pm. After this time, any further appointments for Thursday 6th February will need to be made via the school office. The online booking system for the second evening will remain open for a while longer. Parents/carers will be meeting and talking to their child's class teacher in the hall, but will also be able to look at their child's books in their child's classroom.

This week we were delighted to officially welcome the new nursery children to St. Theresa's. We hope the children and their families will be very happy here.

Thank you to the Y3 and Y2 parents for being patient with the new drop off and dismissal procedures. We understand that it is causing some crowding on the path. On Monday, the side gate (turn right at the bottom of the car-park and walk past the school office window) will be opened in the morning and in the afternoon; we hope this will ease the congestion for parents whilst we wait for more paving stones to be added to the grassy area outside Year 3. Thank you for your patience.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and that 2025 has started well for you all.

The Friends are busy preparing our events calendar for the year and will share more details soon. Our first event will be the **Valentine's Day Dance on Thursday 13th February**, from 6pm to 8pm in the school hall. More information will follow shortly.

If you'd like to join the Friends and help enhance our children's experience at St Theresa's, please email us, and we'll be in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Friends of St Theresa's

NEW Y2 and Y3 morning and afternoon routines Y2 and Y3 Parents – please read

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

Therefore, parents 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** – this is for children who are already 3. 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.



PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Supporting parents and schools in **BARNET** navigating smartphones and social media with children

A talk with Children's Mental Health Advocate and SFC North London Regional Leader
Nova Eden and tech expert **Kevin Tibble**

Thursday 23rd January 2025, 19.00-20.30
Saracens School, Corner Mead, NW9 4AS



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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 3/9/24 - now	94.39%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 are still in the lead with 96.38% attendance and Y4 are now 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

“Baptism is God’s most beautiful and magnificent gift.”

St Gregory of Nazianzus

Ask your child what they know about baptism. Ask them if they know what any of the symbols of baptism represent (e.g. candle, water, oil, white garment, the sign of the cross). If your child has been baptised, ask them if they know who chose their name, and why that name was chosen for them. You might also like to share with your child any memories you have of their baptism and how you chose their name. Perhaps you have photographs to show them.

Baptism is the start of a life-long call to reveal God’s Spirit to our family and community. When we are baptised, we receive the very same Holy Spirit, to help us to live like Jesus. How can we live more like Jesus as we begin this new year? Perhaps we can: always try to be fair, honest, generous and ready to go out of our way to help others; as a family, choose to support a charity in 2025; regularly make an effort to let other family members know how much we love them

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/baptism?pid=MTA101634&cv=159.3>

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/>

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 Friends, 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.

Barnet Education and Learning Service Autism Parent/Carer Programme

(0-6yrs) - Spring term 2025

Professionals and parents will deliver modules designed to increase your knowledge and skills with understanding Autism and using practical strategies to support your child.

The criteria for accessing the programme:

- A Barnet Resident
- Child has a diagnosis of Autism
- Child is 0-6 years old

For further details, dates and to sign up please see link:

<https://admin.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-12/06%20BELS%20Autism%20Parent%20Carer%20programme%20January%202025.pdf>

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>

Reception	Chimaruzo for trying hard to stay focused and making good choices. Florence for super participation during carpet learning times.
Year 1	Theo for representing the numbers 10-15 using the Numicon shapes as 1 ten and some ones. Hudson for creating a beautiful poster on how to take care of our planet.
Year 2	Karin for following our class rules and being kind. Anduena for showing determination in all she does and using her ‘can do’ attitude towards tricky tasks.
Year 3	Daniel C for your creative work in computing animation. Joan for working hard and trying your best in all subjects.
Year 4	Amin for settling well into Year 4 and enthusiastically taking part in activities. Radek for consistently working hard in all lessons.
Year 5	Jimi for your excellent contributions during the discussions with BICs visitors. Amber for consistently remaining on task during maths lessons.
Year 6	Denys for being determined with his writing and show increasing confidence with his learning Leona for producing a great piece of writing for her cold task on informal letters.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Liliana (Y3) and Parsa (Y3)

“The Love Potion”

Friday 17th and Saturday 18th January

St Philip’s Parish Centre, Gravel Hill, Finchley, N3 3RJ

The Philippiian Players present the premiere of production of **The Love Potion** by Jean-Marc Evans at St Philip’s Parish Centre on Friday 17th January at 7.30pm, and Saturday 18th January at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £10 for adults, children (5-11) £5 and under 5s free.

To book your tickets visit parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/events



Dates for your diary

Fri 10 th Jan	Y4 Times Table Rock Star Day
Fri 17 th Jan	Y1 and Y2 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip’s Church
Wed 22 nd Jan	Y1 trip to the Science Museum
Fri 24 th Jan	Y3 and Y4 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip’s Church
Tues 28th January	Y5 trip to the Royal Albert Hall
Fri 31 st Jan	Y5 and Y6 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip’s Church
Mon 3 rd Feb	Y6 trip to the RAF Museum
Wed 5th Feb	Y2 trip to the Tower of London
Thurs 6 th Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Tues 11 th Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Thurs 13th Feb	The Friends Valentines Day Dance 6pm-8pm
Fri 14 th Feb	9.15am Y1-Y6 Dance Festival
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st Feb	Half term
Thurs 27 th Feb	3.30pm Parent Online Safety Workshop
Wed 12 th March	Y5 trip to Natural History Museum
Wed 19 th March	Class Photo Day

***New dates in bold**



Childhood Immunisation

Pop-up clinic

Free vaccinations available.
Walk-in, no need to book.

For ages:

0-5Yrs

COME JOIN US

SilkStream Children's Centre
On

Thursday 16th of January 2025

Address: Silk Stream Road

Burnt Oak

HA8 0DA

Time: 1- 4 PM



Learn about Vaccinations and
how to protect your Child against serious illnesses.

Scan QR
to find
out more



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