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SPRING TERM 2025

Friday 17th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning, all Y1-Y6 parents/carers should have received the link to the Parent Consultations booking system. If you did not receive the link - or 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. Nursery and Reception consultations will be arranged for later in the term.

I would like to remind all parents of the link between poor attendance at school, and lower academic achievement.

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders. **Any child whose attendance is below 90% is considered a persistent absentee.**
- And 36% of persistently absent children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, compared with 84% of regular attenders.

And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

- More than half (54%) of pupils who were persistently absent in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.

But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

- Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

Please be aware that the Barnet Educational Welfare Officer visits the school every half-term and monitors all children's attendance. **Children are expected to attend at least 96% of the school year;** any child whose attendance falls below 96% may be highlighted as a possible concern. Any child whose attendance falls below 90% is considered a persistent absentee and may trigger formal monitoring from the Educational Welfare Officer

"Moments matter, attendance counts." (DfE)

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends are excited to announce our next Happy Bags collection. The Happy Bags initiative is a fantastic opportunity to donate unwanted clothing in an environmentally friendly way. Instead of discarding old clothes, Happy Bags offers a recycling solution that benefits the environment and raises vital funds for our school. The Happy Bags collection will take place on **Tuesday 11th February**, and we'll be in touch soon with more details about drop-off arrangements. The Friends are also busy preparing for our first school event of the year – the Valentine's Day Dance, which will be held on **Thursday 13th February**, from 6pm to 8pm in the school hall. More information will follow shortly, including details about class donations to help make the event a success.

Thank you for your continued support! The Friends



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

COLLECTIVE POWER

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.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 3/9/24 - now	94.47%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 are still in the lead with 96.5% attendance and Y2 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

"Joy is very infectious; therefore, always be full of joy."

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Joy is something we all desire. We don't have to search around for joy; it comes from within. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the joy that Jesus brings when we put our faith and trust in him. Ask your child what the word 'joy' means to them. Each of you say who or what makes you feel joyful. When do you feel joyful? When was the last time you brought joy to others and what did you do? Who is the most joyful person that you know?

A joyful heart is a sign of God's Spirit within us. When we follow Jesus by loving God and others, we are filled with joy. What can we do to help bring joy to our home, school or community in this coming week? Perhaps we can: give lots of smiles; give someone a gift or a 'thank you' card; remind someone that they are loved by God; cheerfully do what our parents or teachers ask us to do; try to be like Jesus by helping someone who may be struggling.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/joy?pid=MTA101634&v=160.3>



Reception	Jordan for sharing great ideas during our literacy lessons. Leo for super participation and knowing the sounds in phonics.
Year 1	Aneil for representing the 7 Continents of the World on the map correctly . Daniel for his hard work in Maths in identifying 1 more/less than any numbers to 20. I am very proud of you!
Year 2	Gloria for working hard and trying her best with reading and maths. Zhan-Pier for always being ready to learn.
Year 3	Genelle for fantastic research on the first Olympic Games and making a brilliant poster. Zoe for being a kind friend and helping others.
Year 4	Sofia for being a helpful and kind member of the class. Roksana for contributing more to class discussions.
Year 5	Nikola for contributing in maths lessons, in particular during fractions lessons. Nikola is trying really hard to produce quality work. Amilia for putting in loads of effort in maths lessons, doing work independently with 'having a go' attitude.
Year 6	Anita for her amazing attitude towards her peers. Simdi for her excellent work in maths.
The Golden Ticket Winners are: Jonathan (Y6) & Cataleya (Y3)	

School Chess Club

My Background

My name is Rob Willmoth. I have played chess for 35 years. I am currently ranked in the top 100 players in the UK . I run chess coaching services, which provides professional chess coaching in schools.

What can Chess offer to Children.

- Potential for better performance in academic studies
- Enhanced problem solving
- Enhanced strategic thinking
- Enhanced self esteem
- Friendly forum for making friends
- Healthy competition in a safe environment

Chess Club Lesson.

- Structured lesson plan by term, from basic play to advanced play
- Regular grading system to assess performance.
- Weekly coaching on demonstration board
- Graded weekly games against other children
- Weekly recap on knowledge learnt.

Sign up For Chess Club

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

10 lessons commencing Fri 17th Jan ending Fri 28th Mar.....

Cost:- £7.50 per lesson on Friday-07.45 to 08.45 **Total cost for term is £75.** (10 lessons)...

Online pay/ registration at <https://www.chesscoachingservices.net/online-payments/school-club>.

Further Enquiries. Email: admin@chesscoachingservices.net Mobile 07956 297329

Website: chesscoachingservices.co.uk

"The Love Potion"

Friday 17th and Saturday 18th January

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

The Philippians 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



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Monday 17th - Friday 21st February
MOSS HALL JUNIOR SCHOOL (Multisports)
NETHER STREET, WEST FINCHLEY, N3 1NR

MILLBROOK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL (Football and Dance)
SCHOOL HOUSE LANE, MILL HILL, NW7 1JF

Times
10AM - 3PM
9AM - 4PM

DON'T FORGET
TO USE YOUR
CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS

Week Booking
£116
(10am - 3pm)

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- ✓ Dance
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ and more...



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Dates for your diary

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 28 th 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 5 th 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)
Tues 11th Feb	Happy Bag Collection
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
Thurs 3rd April	6pm Y3 and Y4 Easter Play
Fri 4th April	End of term 1pm finish
*New dates in bold	