



**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 7th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to yesterday's Parent Consultations. The booking system for next week's parent consultations (Tuesday 11th February) has now closed; if you wish to make, or amend, an appointment, you will need to contact the school office.

This week you will have all received a letter about this year's World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. The children are invited to come to school on that day wearing their pyjamas or onesies. We are also inviting all the children to take part in our "World Book Day Competition". To enter, all you need to do is take a photo of your child enjoying a book in the most unusual or wonderful place they can think of; please upload your photo to Seesaw with a brief description of the chosen reading spot. Mrs Reimus will announce the winners on Thursday 6th March.

A reminder that we are currently participating in the Mary's Meals Recycling Collection initiative. There is a Mary's Meals Recycling box in the office entrance area for you to put the following unwanted items in:

Jewellery & watches: In any material even if damaged or broken

Electronics: Mobile phones/iPads/Tablets/Sat-Navs/MP3 players/Games consoles (Please remove all sim cards/data from mobiles/iPads)

Cameras: Old film/Digital/Video

Foreign Currency: From any country, the currency can be old/recent, we take all coins/notes.

All recycled items will be picked up by a third party, 'Recycling for Good Causes' who will ensure all data is wiped. Once we have enough donations, the box will be collected.

On Thursday 20th March, 9.30am-11.30am we are hosting a Stay and Play drop-in session for prospective Nursery parents – in our new nursery. Please do spread the word; you can see the flyer on the last page of this newsletter.

Next Thursday, 13th February, 6pm-8pm, the Friends are hosting their Valentines Disco; I hope that many of you are able to come and support this fundraising event.

Next Friday, 14th February, at 9am in the school hall, the children in Y1 to Y6 will be performing the dances they have been rehearsing over this half term. Most parents will know that this is a competition between the classes; the best dance (as decided by myself and Mr Troy) will be chosen to represent St. Theresa's School at the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival on the evening of Thursday 13th March at the Arts Depot in North Finchley. We will announce the winning class in the newsletter next week and if your child is in the winning class, you will receive a letter that same day with all the information regarding the Arts Depot Dance Festival.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

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/>

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Valentines Hearts & Stars Party on Thursday 13th February 2025 at 6.00pm to 8.00pm. **** Final Reminder for Class Donations****

Reception: Hearts and stars decorations

Year 1: Valentines Day Gifts for the gift bags.

Year 2: Ring Doughnuts – NO NUTS PLEASE

Year 3: Valentines Day Gifts for the secret gift bags.

Year 4: Valentines Day Sweets

Year 5: Ring Doughnuts - NO NUTS PLEASE

Year 6: Valentines Day Sweets

Donations to be brought to your child's classroom by Monday 10th Feb (pick up time) and doughnuts on the morning of Thursday 13 Feb.

Reminder that the Happy School Bag fundraising scheme is on Tuesday 11th February at morning drop off between 8.30am - 9am. There are a few spare bags in the office.

Thank you so much for your support, The Friends

Applications for Nursery

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.

Maths Workshop for Y5 and Y6 Parents

Friday 14th February 2.45pm

Mr Troy will be leading a series of maths workshops aimed at the parents of different year groups. On Friday 14th February at 2.45pm, he will start with Year 5 and 6 parents. The workshop will explore:

- How best to support your children at home and the expectations of the end of KS2 maths assessments.
- What topics children need to best fully understand maths in KS2.
- The methods taught by class teachers.
- What the expectations are in maths.

The workshop will finish by 3.15pm in time for the end of the school day.

School Policies

If you are looking for any of the school policies, please visit the School Policy page of the school website. You can find it by following this link:

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/school/policies/>

St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for

2024-2025 is 96%

Period	Whole school attendance
From 3/9/24 - now	94.64%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 are still in the lead with 96.14% 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

Through the miraculous catch, Peter saw Jesus in a new light. Peter's humility made him fit to be a follower of Jesus and he went on to discover his true purpose in life. Ask your child if they know what 'to follow' means. Ask your child if they know what 'to follow someone' means. Who impresses them? Who sets them a good example which they would like to follow? How has that person made things better for them, for someone else or for a community? It may help your child if you can talk about a person whose example you follow, or have followed.

The Church has always understood this Sunday's Gospel to be a sign. The Church has always understood this Sunday's Gospel to be a sign of our own need to follow Jesus. We can follow Jesus even in the of our own need to follow Jesus. We can follow Jesus even in the simple things we do in our lives every day, and make life better for simple things we do in our lives every day, and make life better for everyone around us everyone around us. In this coming week, how can we follow Jesus, even in little ways? Perhaps we can: be a good listener if someone is sad and wants to share their problems with you; find regular time to pray for others; be kind and include others in our games.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/hope?pid=MTA101634&v=165.5>

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 Telephone: 07968 498 364

Is it illegal to smack my child?

It is unlawful for a parent or carer to smack their child, except where this amounts to 'reasonable punishment'. This defence is laid down in Section 58 Children Act 2004, but it is not defined in this legislation. Whether a 'smack' amounts to reasonable punishment will depend on the circumstances of each case, taking into consideration factors like the age of the child and the nature of the smack.

However, what is evidenced from case law and further legislation is that any physical chastisement which amounts to actual bodily harm, grievous bodily harm, wounding, or child cruelty, will be regarded as unreasonable. **The low threshold of actual bodily harm means that a smack or a hit which results in bruising and swelling will be classed as an assault and a criminal offence. A parent or carer can be face prosecution if their physical chastisement amounts to any of these offences.**



Reception	Simran for confident Maths learning about length and measuring. Kyro for being a good role model in the outdoor area.
Year 1	Aneil for sharing some interesting facts about Planet Mercury. Excellent work Aneil! Chloe for achieving 40/40 marks in her phonics screening test. Well done Chloe!
Year 2	Theo for writing a great recount about his trip to the Tower of London. Jake for working hard to include the key features in his recount.
Year 3	Allan for persevering with his times tables and division facts to improve in Maths. Narvin for creating an excellent mythical creature.
Year 4	Max for creating an excellent collage inspired by Henri Matisse. Alma for being a kind and helpful member of the class.
Year 5	Lydia for focusing in class across all subjects and creating a beautiful piece of art with clay. Max for his effort in Maths lessons and trying hard to understand the learning. Keep it up!
Year 6	Whole class for exceptional behaviour on our school trip to the RAF Museum.
The Golden Ticket Winners are: <i>Scarlet (Y5) & Cagan (Y6)</i>	

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.

Dates for your diary

Tues 11 th Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Tues 11 th Feb	Happy Bag Collection
Thurs 13 th Feb	6pm-8pm Friends Valentine's Disco
Fri 14 th Feb	*9.15am Y1-Y6 Dance Festival
Fri 14 th Feb	2.45pm Maths Workshop for Y5 and Y6 parents
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st Feb	Half term
Thurs 27 th Feb	*3.30pm Parent Online Safety Workshop
Wed 5 th March	*9.15am Whole School Mass – Ash Wednesday
Thurs 6 th March	World Book Day
Fri 7 th March	2.45pm Maths Workshop for Y3 and Y4 parents
Tues 11 th March	Y6 trip to Vue Cinema
Tues 11 th March	4-6pm Reception Parent Consultations
Wed 12 th March	Y5 trip to Natural History Museum
Wed 12 th March	4-6pm Reception Parent Consultations
Fri 14 th March	2.45pm Maths Workshop for Y1 and Y2 parents
Wed 19 th March	Class Photo Day
Fri 21 st March	Red Nose Day
Thurs 3 rd April	6pm Y3 and Y4 Easter Play
Fri 4 th April	End of term 1pm finish
Wed 23 rd April	Children back to school
*New dates in bold	

FEBRUARY CAMP 2025

FOR 5 - 12 YEAR OLDS

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 CHILD CARE VOUCHERS

Week Booking

£116
(10am - 3pm)

Activities Include:

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

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