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SPRING TERM 2025

Friday 14th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to the Year 5 pupils who represented St Theresa's at the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival at the Arts Depot yesterday evening. They performed a wonderful routine to Sia's song "Unstoppable". Thank you to Miss Porcu for preparing the children for this event and all the adults who volunteered to accompany the children and look after them at the theatre.

This week we celebrated British Science Week and the theme was 'Change and Adapt'. We are very much looking forward to having Dr Andrew Szydlo back on Monday 24th March to inspire the children with his scientific experiments.

The school term dates for 2025-2026 have now been finalised; they are on the 3rd page of this newsletter. A reminder that next Friday, 21st March, is Red Nose day. The children will be able to buy a red nose (£2) from school from Monday 17th March – should they wish to. On the Friday they may come to school wearing whatever they want as long as part of it is red, for a £1 donation.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa



Comic Relief



Next Friday 21st March, the school will be participating in Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. Over the last few years, Comic Relief has supported over 10million people across the UK & around the world. The charity works to improve mental health, create safe places for everyone, help children to survive and thrive, & work to help people to speak out & seek help to escape fear and discrimination. From Monday 17th March, the children will be able to purchase a red nose from the school for £2 – should they wish to. Each child will only be able to purchase one red nose in the first instance, but may be able to purchase more if we have any red noses left over once everyone has had the opportunity to buy one. On Friday 21st March (Red Nose Day) the children may come to school dressed in red clothes (or wearing anything red) for a £1 donation.

Big Walk and Wheel: 24th March – 4th April



Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

This year the challenge will run from 24th March – 4th April 2025. On each day of the challenge, schools (including St. Theresa's) compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, scooting or cycling to school.

A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leaderboards will receive an exclusive Big Walk and Wheel certificate.

All schools will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards if over 15% of the school takes part on each day of the challenge. Prizes up for grabs include accessories and equipment to help your school travel actively.

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please keep an eye out for our upcoming events in 2025, we'll be announcing more dates very soon. Thank you again for your support! The Friends



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Barnet's Local Area SEND and AP Partnership Annual Survey for Parents and Carers

Aims of the survey:

- To hear from parents and carers of young people in Barnet with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and/or in alternative provision (AP).
- To help services in your local area understand what is working well and how we can improve support for children and young people.
- Redistributing this survey on an annual basis will help to identify whether responses to your suggestions for improvement have been effective.

The survey will be open until Friday 25th of April
Thank you for taking the time to share your valuable feedback

[Click here for a link to the survey.](#)

Or scan the QR code



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Maths Workshop for Y1 and Y2 Parents

Friday 14th March 2.45pm

Mr Troy has been leading a series of maths workshops aimed at the parents of different year groups. This afternoon at 2.45pm, his workshop for Year 1 and 2 parents will explore:

- How best to support your children at home and the end of year expectations in maths.
- What topics children need to best fully understand maths in KS1.
- 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.

St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for

2024-2025 is 96%

Period	Whole school attendance
From 3/9/24 - now	94.71%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 are still in the lead with 96.25% attendance and Y3 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

"If God can work through me, he can work through anyone."

St Francis of Assisi

By showing them his inner glory, Jesus encouraged the disciples. Today, when we listen to and follow Jesus, our lives are transformed and we are filled with words of encouragement. Ask your child what 'to encourage someone' means to them. Who encourages them and keeps them going when they find things difficult? How does it feel to be encouraged? Has your child ever encouraged anyone? What did they do?

There are times when we all need encouragement. Do you know anyone who may need encouraging? Each of you choose a way to encourage someone during this Lenten season. Perhaps you can: offer words of support; let someone know when they are doing something well; help someone if they are struggling; support each other in keeping CAFOD's Lent Fast Day this Friday.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/encouragement?pid=MTAI01634&cv=169.5>



This Lent, St. Theresa's is supporting the Catholic Children's Service (CCS) Lenten Appeal: *Become Pilgrims of Hope*. This year's appeal explores the theme of the Jubilee Year and encourages children and young people to spread hope and put their faith into action. Last week, your child brought home the CCS Lenten Appeal collection box. Please return any donations by the last day of term, Friday 4th April.



Reception	Florence for your independent attempts at writing and great speaking and listening. Joel for showing super listening and concentration during class learning times.
Year 1	Kayden for your wonderful effort in writing a thoughtful and creative postcard to Farmer Richard. Leni for demonstrating excellent use of punctuation marks, specifically ellipses and question marks in written communication.
Year 2	Gloria for being compassionate and loving. Gloria is very kind and caring to all of her Y2 classmates and teachers. Oseias for challenging and furthering himself to extend his learning. Well done keep up the good work!
Year 3	Helenka for excellent singing in our Easter play rehearsals. Scarlett for fantastic reading and prayer at the Stations of the Cross.
Year 4	Faith for writing an excellent instruction text about how to count. Nyara for persevering in Maths and practicing her times tables. Well done!
Year 5	Whole class for representing our school beautifully on multiple occasions this week.
Year 6	Karo for remembering the instructional features for his Mayan recipe Elizabeth for her a Have a Go mo at her learning in English this week.
The Golden Ticket Winners are: <i>Lili Y3 & Natan Y5</i>	

TCS Mini London Marathon - Saturday 26th April

The St. Theresa's Team

Rec-Y3 Runners (25 places)	Y4-Y6 Runners (15 places)
Dara (Rec)	Mia (Y4)
Leo (Rec)	Ted (Y4)
Sebastian (Y1)	Arlys (Y4)
Emilia (Y1)	Radek (Y4)
John (Y1)	Nikola (Y5)
Anduena (Y2)	Tye (Y5)
JP (Y2)	William (Y5)
Karin (Y2)	Samuel (Y5)
Jakub (Y2)	Gabriella (Y5)
Iliad (Y2)	Bruna (Y5)
Naruto (Y2)	Amber (Y5)
Omakaree (Y3)	Angelina (Y6)
Kaci (Y3)	Elizabeth (Y6)
Vivaan (Y3)	Karo (Y6)
Lili (Y3)	Albert (Y6)
Andreas (Y3)	
Sebastian (Y3)	
Scarlett (Y3)	
Kornelia (Y3)	
Helenka (Y3)	
Ednaida (Y3)	
Marko (Y3)	
Joan (Y3)	
Levi (Y3)	
Elena (Y3)	

If your child cannot participate in this event, please let the school know as soon as possible so that another child currently on the waiting list, may be offered the opportunity.

If you would like to support the team in raising the money for the NSPCC please visit the team's fundraising page here:

https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthouse.com/pf/barbara-costa?utm_source=enthuse&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=f-growth&utm_content=page&utm_campaign=website&utm_medium=email&utm_source=enthuse

Online Safety Presentation for Parents

To ensure as many people as possible access the important message of Online Safety, we are providing the link to watch last week's presentation. You can view the session at home: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8091795797051609949>. The link will be valid until Wednesday 26th March.

Dates for your diary

Fri 14 th March	2.45pm Maths Workshop for Y1 and Y2 parents
Wed 19 th March	Class Photo Day
Thurs 20 th March	9.30-11.30am Nursery stay and play drop-in session
Fri 21 st March	Red Nose Day
Fri 21st March	Y2 visit to Stephen's House
Mon 24 th March-Fri 4 th April	Big Walk and Wheel
Thurs 27 th March	Y4 and Y5 trip to Criterion Theatre
Mon 31st March	Y6 visit to Church End library
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
Sat 26 th April	Mini London Marathon
Mon 28 th April	Y1 trip to Shrek's Adventure
Fri 2nd May	Y1 and Y2 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips Church
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Fri 9th May	Y3 and Y4 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips Church
Fri 9th May	Y5 trip to Army Museum

*New dates in bold

Term Dates 2025/2026

St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School Dates (September 2025– July 2026)

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1 st September	<i>School Closed for staff development</i>
Tuesday 2 nd September	<i>Children return to school</i>
Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 3 rd November	<i>School closed for staff development</i>
Tuesday 4 th November	<i>Children return to school</i>
Friday 19 th December	END OF AUTUMN TERM

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 th January	<i>School closed for staff development</i>
Tuesday 6 th January	<i>Children Return to School</i>
Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 23 rd February	<i>Children return to school</i>
Friday 27 th March	END OF SPRING TERM

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 th April	<i>Children return to School</i>
Monday 4 th May	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 1 st June	<i>School closed for staff development</i>
Tuesday 2 nd June	<i>Children return to school.</i>
Friday 17 th July	END OF SUMMER TERM
Monday 20 th July	<i>School closed for staff development</i>