



**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 21st March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for supporting Red Nose Day today; we will let you know how much we raised, in next week's newsletter.

The school term dates for 2025-2026 have now been finalised; they are on the 3rd page of this newsletter.

A reminder that St. Theresa's is participating in the *Big Walk and Wheel* starting on Monday 24th March. The challenge lasts two weeks and encourages the children to walk, cycle or ride a scooter to school; we are competing with other schools across the UK and there are great prizes to be won!

On Saturday 26th April, 40 pupils from St. Theresa's School, will be joining runners from Our Lady of Lourdes and participating in the London Mini Marathon (this is the day before the main adult London Marathon) - in support of the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children). Our schools' team is hoping to raise £2200. If you would like to sponsor the team's marathon effort, please visit our fundraising page:

https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.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

On Tuesday, 25th March at 8.45-9.30am, two representatives from Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICs) will be hosting a coffee morning in the school hall to share information with parents, about the services that they offer. They provide mild to moderate mental health services to children, young people and families in the borough. There will be a short presentation before a Q and A session. You are most welcome to join us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

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

Watch this space for future events! If you'd like to get involved, please contact your class rep. Many thanks, The Friends.

St Theresa's School - Easter Egg hunt
Come and join our Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Games for some fun!

Dates: Tuesday 18th, Tuesday 25th, Monday 31st March
Time: 3.15pm until 6pm
Venue: St Theresa's After School Club room and playground
Price: £12 (price includes a sandwich, snack and mini Easter eggs)

To book a place please contact us
Payments with code "LS child's name" to Little Saints Ltd Account No: 41690086 Sort code: 04 03 33
Email: vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk Telephone: 07968 498 364

Little Saints AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

North Central London Integrated Care Board **NHS** **North Central London Health and Care Integrated Care System** **BELS** Barnet Education & Learning Service

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 3/9/24 - now	94.65%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 are still in the lead with 96.17% 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!

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/>

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=MTA101634&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	Simran for your confident speaking in class - keep up the great effort. Radman for your efforts in our maths lessons and enthusiasm in your learning.
Year 1	Sara for her effort in Maths. Her grouping skill is truly impressive! Emma for her hard work and outstanding progress in mastering the cursive writing .
Year 2	Radvin for super learning behaviour in class. Michelle for settling well into Year 2.
Year 3	Levi for enthusiasm and organization in our play rehearsals. Timon for pushing himself to improve his writing.
Year 4	Sienna for persevering and working hard in lessons. Andrew for showing good behaviour for learning.
Year 5	Amber for working on her confidence and believing in her herself. Well done! Natan for putting effort in his literacy work, focusing and participating.
Year 6	Nia for having increasing confidence in her maths learning this week and working hard to improve Lucas for having a fantastic attitude this week during our Mock SATs week.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Catalaya (Y3)

Fawaz (Y6)

TCS Mini London Marathon - Saturday 26th April

The St. Theresa's Team

Rec-Y3 Runners (25 places)

Y4-Y6 Runners (15 places)

Dara (Rec)
Leo (Rec)
Sebastian (Y1)
Emilia (Y1)
John (Y1)
Anduena (Y2)
JP (Y2)
Karin (Y2)
Jakub (Y2)
Iliad (Y2)
Naruto (Y2)
Omakaree (Y3)
Kaci (Y3)
Vivaan (Y3)
Lili (Y3)
Andreas (Y3)
Sebastian (Y3)
Scarlett (Y3)
Kornelia (Y3)
Helenka (Y3)
Ednaida (Y3)
Marko (Y3)
Joan (Y3)
Levi (Y3)
Elena (Y3)

Mia (Y4)
Ted (Y4)
Arlys (Y4)
Radek (Y4)
Nikola (Y5)
Tye (Y5)
William (Y5)
Samuel (Y5)
Gabiella (Y5)
Bruna (Y5)
Amber (Y5)
Angelina (Y6)
Elizabeth (Y6)
Karo (Y6)
Albert (Y6)

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.enthuse.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 21 st March	Y2 visit to Stephen's House
Mon 24 th March-Fri 4 th April	Big Walk and Wheel
Tues 25th March	8.45am-9.30am BICs Coffee morning in hall
Thurs 27 th March	Y4 and Y5 trip to Criterion Theatre
Mon 31 st March	Y6 visit to Church End library
Mon 31 st March	Y3 London Eye trip
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
Wed 30th April	Reception Hearing and Vision testing
Fri 2 nd May	Y1 and Y2 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips Church
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Fri 9 th May	Y3 and Y4 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips Church
Fri 9 th May	Y5 trip to Army Museum
Mon 12th May	Y6 SATs week
Mon 19th May	3.30pm Secondary transfer meeting for current Y5 parents
Fri 23 rd May	Y5 and Y6 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips Church

*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>

Language Enrichment Programme

Free training for **parents / carers** of children in early years and children in primary / secondary school

WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME (LEP)?

- **BELS** (Barnet Education and Learning Service) and **Wave SLT** are repeating our highly successful **free speech, language and communication training course** for parents/carers.
- The aim is to provide useful and practical **communication strategies** to help **support communication development in the home environment.**

HOW IS IT RUN?

- Across **8 weeks**, there will be **3 live online learning sessions** (via ZOOM) followed by a **review session** to share progress and thoughts. There will also be an optional **drop-in session** to ask questions.
- Each session will take around **30-45 minutes.**
- Sessions are split into **2 groups** of parents/carers. Group 1 for parents/carers of **early years** children (aged 5 or under) and group 2 for parents/carers of **primary and secondary school** children (aged 5-16).
- Each session will be delivered twice with the option to join a **morning or evening session** - choose whichever suits you!
- You will receive regular **updates, resources and activities** throughout the programme as well as a **certificate** upon completion of the course.

WHO RUNS THE SESSIONS?

- Sessions are run by **Ashleigh McKeown, a Highly Specialist Speech and Language therapist.**
- Ashleigh has experience in the NHS, mainstream schools and additional resourced provisions. She also completes diagnostic assessments for children with speech and language differences.
- Ashleigh supports children with a wide range of communication needs and her passion is motivating and empowering those around the child to support their communication.

HOW DO I SIGN UP / JOIN THE SESSIONS?

To book a place, click the link below and fill out the short form or scan the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/e/46dJ3AE9tu>



The link to join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6736436606pwd=NXcva2dvMkxJZnVkTEpnVG5HNNHREQT09>

Meeting ID: 673 643 6606

Passcode: SALT

SESSION 1

DATE/TIME	TOPIC
Tuesday 6th May Early years: 9:45am or 6:45pm Primary/secondary: 11am or 8pm	What is communication? <i>An overview of communication for your child's age group and the important factors involved. It will also provide strategies that you can practice right away.</i>

SESSION 2

DATE/TIME	TOPIC
Tuesday 20th May Early years: 9:45am or 6:45pm Primary/secondary: 11am or 8pm	How to support your child's communication with a range of activities. <i>This session will provide you with fun activities that you can do at home with your child to support their communication development.</i>

SESSION 3

DATE/TIME	TOPIC
Tuesday 17th June Early years: 9:45am or 6:45pm Primary/secondary: 11am or 8pm	How to support your child's communication with a range of daily routines. <i>This training will provide you with hints and tips to embed communication strategies within your everyday routine.</i>

SESSION 4

DATE/TIME	TOPIC
Tuesday 1st July Open to all: Choose ONE time to join at either 9:45am or 6:45pm	Feedback and evaluation session. <i>We will all come together and review our progress and thoughts on the programme. You will then receive your certificate.</i>

DROP-IN SESSIONS

DATE/TIME	TOPIC
Tuesday 13th May Tuesday 15th July Open to all: Choose ONE time to join at either 9:45am or 6:45pm	The drop-in sessions are completely optional. <i>These will begin with a short presentation on a chosen topic to continue to support your child's communication at home. After the short presentation, we will take any questions you want to ask about any aspect of speech, language and communication development.</i>

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions:

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