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**SPRING TERM 2025**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody for supporting yesterday's World Book Day. Congratulations to the following children for winning the photo competition: Iliad (Y2), Sebastian (Y3) and Carlos (Y5).

On Wednesday, Father John celebrated Ash Wednesday Mass for the school. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent and is a time of preparation for Easter when we remember and celebrate the crucified and risen Christ. On Ash Wednesday, ashes are placed on our foreheads in the sign of the cross. The ashes are normally made from the burnt palm branches from the Palm Sunday of the previous year. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance - when those who wanted to change their way of life sat at the back of the church in a sackcloth and ashes.

Finally, thank you to everyone who applied to run the Mini London Marathon. We had an overwhelming response this year; I have included the names of all the children who have been confirmed a place on the second page of this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*



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.

## 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/809179579705160949>

The link will be valid until Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

## Big Walk and Wheel: 24<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> 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,

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Year 3 cake and sweet sales last week and yesterday. Your generosity and contributions are truly appreciated, and we value your support. If you'd like to learn more about The Friends of St Theresa's and how you can get involved, please contact the school, and the chair will be in touch.

Thank you, The Friends



## Comic Relief



On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> March (Red Nose Day) the children may come to school dressed in red clothes (or wearing anything red) for a £1 donation.

## Maths Workshop for Y3 and Y4 Parents

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm

Mr Troy is leading a series of maths workshops aimed at the parents of different year groups. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm, his workshop for Year 3 and 4 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 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. Next Friday (14<sup>th</sup> March) the workshop will be for Y1 and Y2 parents.

## 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 96.21% attendance and Y3 are in 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

“Lent is a time for drawing near to Christ by listening to the word of God and celebrating the sacraments.” *Pope Francis*

Lent is a time when God calls us to make a special effort – perhaps to give something up or to do something loving and good. Ask your child what the word ‘Lent’ means to them. What has your child been learning at school about Lent and about Lenten promises? You may want to tell your child something that you know about Lent. Each of you say if there is anything you would like to start or stop doing this Lent – something which will help you to grow in love for God and each other – and then make a Lenten promise.

Lent is a great opportunity to be strengthened. In the same way that bread feeds our body, we also need prayer and God’s word to feed and strengthen our mind. How can we strengthen ourselves to keep our Lenten promises? Perhaps we can: set aside a few minutes each day to pray; read God’s word in the Bible; read The Wednesday Word every week; go to Church together. As a family, can you think of any other ways?

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/lent?pid=MTA101634&v=168.5>

### 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.

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### **TCS Mini London Marathon - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **The St. Theresa’s Team**

| <b>Rec-Y3 Runners (25 places)</b> | <b>Y4-Y6 Runners (15 places)</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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://2025tcs londonmarathon.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](https://2025tcs londonmarathon.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)

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| <b>Reception</b>   | <b>Amelia</b> for being a fantastic listener and role model during Mass.<br><b>Malachi</b> for his great ideas and sharing his knowledge with the class.                                      |
| <b>Year 1</b>  | <b>Erin</b> for demonstrating excellent skills in solving subtraction problems.<br><b>Kalindi</b> for understanding the meaning of Lent and expressing her promises.                          |
| <b>Year 2</b>  | <b>Avina</b> for settling into St Theresa’s brilliantly and answering lots of questions.<br><b>Anduena</b> for displaying a positive attitude towards her learning and homework tasks.        |
| <b>Year 3</b>  | <b>Ednaida</b> for excellent effort in our ball skills P.E lesson.<br><b>Esther</b> for her thoughtful 'Tiny Tale' written on World Book Day.   |
| <b>Year 4</b>  | <b>Phoebe</b> for her positive attitude towards learning and always trying her best.<br><b>Sofia</b> for her improved understanding in Maths.   |
| <b>Year 5</b>  | <b>Kamo</b> for taking part in class discussions and using key vocabulary in his writing.<br><b>Ayan</b> for settling well into Year 5 and contributing great ideas during class discussions. |
| <b>Year 6</b>  | <b>Alan</b> for making a great effort in his Maths learning this week.<br><b>Rachel</b> for producing a detailed Mayan recipe this week in our English lessons.                               |
| <b><i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i></b><br><b><i>Theo (Y2) Florence (Reception)</i></b> |   |

### **To all Parents of Children with Special Educational Needs**

#### **Meeting with MP at St Barnabas Church**

**13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

St Barnabas Church (913 High Road, London, N12 8QJ) is hosting a meeting with Sarah Sackman (MP for Finchley and Golders Green) for parents and carers of children with additional needs/SEND on Thursday 13th March at 7.30pm She would like to hear some of the challenges and concerns parents have. It is a good opportunity for parents to influence policies that impact SEND children and schools.

Please click link to register:

<https://stbarnabas.churchsuite.com/events/c1sjvbac>

### Dates for your diary

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|--|---|
| Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> March                            | 2.45pm Maths Workshop for Y3 and Y4 parents                           |
| Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> March                          | Y6 trip to Vue Cinema   |
| Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> March                          | 4-6pm Reception Parent Consultations (with Miss Williams)             |
| Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> March                           | Y5 trip to Natural History Museum                                     |
| Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> March                           | 4-6pm Reception Parent Consultations (with Miss Wall)                 |
| Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> March                         | Y5 performing at the Barnet Schools’ Dance Festival at the Arts Depot |
| Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> March                           | Y4 trip to the Paradox Museum   |
| Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> March                           | 2.45pm Maths Workshop for Y1 and Y2 parents                           |
| Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> March                           | Class Photo Day   |
| Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> March                         | 9.30-11.30am Nursery stay and play drop-in session                    |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March                           | Red Nose Day  |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> March-Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April | Big Walk and Wheel  |
| Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> March                         | Y4 and Y5 trip to Criterion Theatre                                   |
| Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April                          | 6pm Y3 and Y4 Easter Play   |
| Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April                            | End of term 1pm finish  |
| Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> April                           | Children back to school   |
| <b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>                     | <b>Mini London Marathon</b>   |
| <b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>                     | <b>Y1 trip to Shrek’s Adventure</b>                                   |
| <b>*New dates in bold</b>                            |   |



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**ST. THERESA'S PRIMARY  
SCHOOL NURSERY  
FREE PLACES FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS  
STAY AND PLAY MORNING  
DROP IN**

**Thursday 20th March  
9.30am-11.30am**

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