



**We learn together, we play together, we pray together,
we grow together in the love of God**

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SUMMER TERM 2025

Friday 25th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the summer term; I hope you all had a good Easter holiday.

Thank you to everybody who donated money to the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) Lenten Appeal – we raised £109.75.

We have reached our London Marathon weekend and we are very excited for the event! We wish all the children who are participating in the Mini London Marathon tomorrow (40 children from OLOL and 40 children from St. Theresa's!), the very best of luck. We are raising money for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC). If you would like to sponsor the team and help us reach the target of £2200 please visit our fundraising page here:

https://2025tclondonmarathon.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

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

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.**



Pope Francis 1936-2025

A message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols:

The death of Pope Francis brings great sadness to so many around the world, both within the Catholic Church and in societies in general. A voice proclaiming the innate dignity of every human being, especially those who are poor or marginalised, is now silent. The legacy he leaves is one we must seek to carry forward and strengthen.

'Pope Francis was called to priesthood through his experience of the mercy and compassion of God. This remained the core of his ministry, as Priest, Bishop and Pontiff. Only in understanding the love and mercy of God towards each one of us can we fashion societies and communities that bear the mark of the "kingdom of God".

'This same focus and emphasis lay at this desire to see membership of the Church as being rooted in "missionary discipleship", a dynamic and powerful vision for every Christian and every community.

'Now we pray for the repose of his soul, that he may know, in full measure, the merciful and loving embrace of the Father, of the one God to whom he gave his life in unstinting service.

'May he now rest in peace and rise in glory.'

The Pope's funeral will take place at 9am (10am local time) Saturday 26th April.

On Wednesday, the children had an assembly celebrating the Pope's life and his service to the catholic Church.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 3/9/24 - now	94.5%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 are still in the lead with 96.2% 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

“We all have in our hearts some areas of unbelief. Let us say to the Lord: I believe!” *Pope Francis*

What did Jesus say about those who believed without seeing? After seeing the risen Jesus, Thomas believed that he was alive – he still is! Believing in the resurrection adds something very special to our lives and this cannot be found anywhere else. Jesus invited Thomas to believe and he makes the same invitation to you and me. Ask your child what the word ‘believe’ means to them, and what it means to ‘believe’ in Jesus. Each of you say one way that believing in Jesus improves life?

Jesus’ resurrection – his victory over death – is the greatest event in history! Even though, like Thomas, you may sometimes have doubts, be assured that, when you do doubt, Jesus is still truly close to you and ready to help you to believe. As we journey through Easter, which of the following ways could best help you, as a family, to grow in your belief in Jesus? Perhaps it could be: reading about what Jesus did and said; being with others who believe; asking God to help you grow in belief; living out Jesus’ teachings and seeing the difference it makes to your lives.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&cv=172.6>

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and a special warm welcome to all the new families who have recently joined us!

The Friends are busy planning some exciting events for this summer, more details to follow in next week’s newsletter so watch this space!

If you’re interested in joining the team please speak to your class rep or contact the office.

Best wishes,
The Friends

Applications for Nursery April and September 2025

Applications are invited for the Nursery for April 2025 (this is for children who are already 3 years old) and for September 2025 (this is for children who are 3 years old by 31st August 2025).

The application forms are available to download from the school website.

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

Please return your completed application forms to the school office.

School Attendance and Punctuality Policy

The school attendance and Punctuality Policy can be found on the school website here: <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/school/policies/>

The Barnet Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) visits the school every half term, and every half term the registers are monitored. All children are expected to attend school for 96% of the school year. Therefore if your child’s attendance falls below this number, it is very likely you will receive a letter from the school informing you of this. You will receive the letter regardless of whether the absences were authorised or not – this is standard procedure and simply alerts parents to the fact that their child’s attendance has fallen below 96%. In some cases, children’s attendance may fall below 90%; any child whose attendance falls below 90% is considered a “Persistent Absentee” and will trigger more formal monitoring directly from the EWO.

Fence Club 43

There is still availability to join this exciting club for Years 3-6 11 weeks starting 30th April to 16th July

Wednesday's at 7.45am – 8.45am

£10 per session

To book please click on the link

<https://app.fenceclub43.com/classes/ZQPZe5auiJdby16bCqs>

contact@fence43.com

www.fenceclub43.com

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)
Andreas (Y3)
Sebastian (Y3)
Scarlett (Y3)
Kornelia (Y3)
Helenka (Y3)
Ednaida (Y3)
Marko (Y3)
Joan (Y3)
Levi (Y3)
Elena (Y3)
Jason (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)

Dates for your diary

Sat 26 th April	Mini London Marathon
Mon 28 th April	Y1 trip to Shrek’s Adventure
Wed 30 th 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 12 th May	Y6 SATs week
Mon 19 th May	3.30pm Secondary transfer meeting for current Y5 parents
Fri 23 rd May	Y5 and Y6 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips Church

Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May Half term holiday

Mon 2nd June INSET day – school closed for children

Tues 3rd June Children back to school

Thurs 12th June 3.30pm Transition from Reception to Year 1 meeting for Reception parents

Wed 18th June 2pm Meeting for new Reception Parents

Fri 27th June 2.30pm Mass for Holy Communicants

***New dates in bold**