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SUMMER TERM 2025
Friday 2nd May

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the families who supported the Marathon Team this weekend; all the children who participated and represented St. Theresa's made us proud. We have currently raised over **£2800** (surpassing our target) for the NSPCC!!! Thank you so much to everybody who so generously sponsored the team, including all the anonymous donors! The fundraising page is still active so please do send the link to family and friends:

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 Monday 19th May at 3.30pm in the school hall, we will be holding our secondary transfer meeting for the current Year 5 parents (Y4 parents are also welcome to attend). Parents will be given important information regarding the application process to secondary schools for the current Year 5 children. Please be aware that some of the deadlines for applications to sit entrance exams, or aptitude tests, are approaching; this information has already been sent to all the Year 5 parents.

Have a lovely bank holiday 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.**

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/>

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.



From Primary to Secondary School Transition (virtual event)

presented by

Barnet Specialist Inclusion Service:

Autism, Physical Support/ Complex Needs, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Specialist Teaching Team Vision, and Inclusion Advisory Teams.

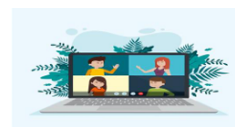
Date: **Wednesday 14th May 2025**

Time: 10am -1.30pm

This is a virtual morning for:

Parents/Carers of Year 5/6 children with Additional Needs, with or without an EHCP, transferring to a mainstream Secondary School in Autumn 2025 or 2026.

- Learn about ways to support your child in transitioning from Primary to Secondary School and what to expect.
- Hear from some of the professionals involved with your children.



Places are free, but you must sign-up via this link:

[Transition Conference 2025](#)

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 3/9/24 - now	94.6%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y4 are 94.6% 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

“Dear young people, Jesus is counting on you to be his friends and witnesses to his infinite love.” Pope Francis
What was Peter's reply to Jesus' questions? What three things did Jesus tell Peter to do? Peter had denied knowing Jesus three times before the crucifixion. But now Jesus gives Peter the chance to say he loves him three times - preparing Peter to lead the Church. From this point onwards, St Peter's life witnessed to the truth about Jesus. Ask your child what the word 'witness' means to them. Who has recently brought the message of Jesus to your child? Who does your child know to be a great witness for Jesus?

St Peter gave witness to what Jesus did and who Jesus really was. Because of his witness, many people came to know and follow Jesus. Through our words, actions and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we too can be God's witnesses, through living our lives the way Jesus shows us. Choose a special way to be Jesus' witnesses - sharing and showing God's love to everyone you meet in this coming week. Perhaps you can: be kind and loving in your simple everyday words and actions; be a peacemaker; pray and ask God to make you a good witness.

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

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.



Reception	Jordan for your efforts in phonics to write the words carefully. Jacob for super reading of some tricky words - keep learning them!
Year 1	Livan for showing fantastic thinking when comparing capacity using different containers! Leni for writing a wonderful recount of her Easter Holiday !
Year 2	David for trying super hard in Maths. Asante for being respectful and kind – a true great leader.
Year 3	Marko for excellent learning and explanation using mirrors in science. Freya for settling so well into St Theresa's and showing real enthusiasm in her learning.
Year 4	Arel for excellent behaviour for learning. Alma for an excellent persuasive advert for her cold task.
Year 5	Kimberly for producing an exceptional diary entry from the perspective of a WWI soldier. Frank for his effort in literacy lessons, participating and using key vocabulary in his diary entry.
Year 6	Fawaz for working so well in the maths lessons in school and after school Simdi for being able to answer the questions in our guided reading lessons with thought and evidence from the text.

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,
If you would like to get involved with the Friends or would like further information, please contact the school office, and the chair we will be happy to talk you through the Friends. Please also keep an eye out for dates of our upcoming events, which will be shared soon. The Friends

Dates for your diary

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 26 th May - Fri 30 th May	Half term holiday
Mon 2 nd June	INSET day – school closed for children
Tues 3 rd June	Children back to school
Thurs 12 th June	3.30pm Transition from Reception to Year 1 meeting for Reception parents
Wed 18 th June	2pm Meeting for new Reception Parents
Thurs 26 th June	1.30-2.30pm Open afternoon for new Reception starters
Fri 27 th June	2.30pm Mass for Holy Communicants
Thurs 3 rd July	6pm Y6 Show
Sat 5 th July	2pm-5pm Friends Summer Fair
Tues 22 nd July	Last day of term 1pm finish
*New dates in bold	

MAY HALF-TERM CAMP 2025

FOR 5 - 12 YEAR OLDS

Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th May
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 and Gym
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ and more...

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

Book before **SATURDAY 3RD MAY 2025**

BOOK ONLINE NOW
www.NonStopAction.co.uk