



**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 18<sup>th</sup> July**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday evening the Y6 pupils celebrated their Leavers' Mass. It was a special occasion to mark the children's time at the school and wish them luck for the next phase of their lives. On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, at 9am, in the school hall, the Y6 children will be leading the traditional Y6 Leavers' Assembly for the rest of the school; Y6 parents and carers are warmly invited.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends for all their support this year and the events they planned for the children. Their fundraising effort has helped the school enormously. A huge thanks to the Friends from all the staff; we are so very grateful for everything you have done for the pupils at St. Theresa's.

A reminder to all parents and carers that the school closes for the summer holidays on Tuesday at 1pm and re-opens for the children on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

A final goodbye to Ms Williams and Ms Wall who have been teaching the Reception and Nursery children; and to Ms Martin who has been supporting in Y4 all year; we wish you all the best of luck in your new schools.

Goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and finally, a farewell to all the other children and families who are leaving us today. May you remember, when you make new friends, your old friends here at St. Theresa's. Thank you to everyone, including all staff, for your continued support. Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday and see you in September.

*Barbara Costa*

## Goodbye, thank you and good luck

It is that time of year again when we have to, sadly, say goodbye to a number of families who will be leaving our school community after some years...

The Kusi family	14 years
The Dialah family	11 years
The Rojek family	10 years
The Muci family	9 years
The Alberto-Valeza family	7 years
The Fernandes family	7 years
The Grzebyk family	7 years
The Gyan family	7 years
The Mashinchy family	7 years
The Pietrzyk family	7 years
The Zagorski family	6 years
<b>The Ekezie family</b>	<b>5.5 years</b>
The Dorosh family	3 years
The Mali family	2 years
The Mustapha family	2 years
The Kamel family	1.5 years
The Catakoglu family	1 year

Thank you for all your support over the years and we wish you the best of luck for the future.

## NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all your support and generosity throughout this academic year. It's been a wonderful year of delivering events for the school, and the recent Summer Fair truly captured the spirit of our school community. Your involvement makes all the difference, and we're so grateful for the kindness you continue to show.

We're already busy planning events for the new school year. The first Friends event will be our much-loved Halloween Disco, a fun evening for all the children to enjoy together. Dates will be confirmed soon.

If you'd like to be part of the Friends or are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office, and they will put you in touch with the committee. We truly appreciate every offer of support.

Thank you once again for your support and generosity. Have a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to seeing you in the new academic year!

Warm wishes, The Friends of St Theresa's School

## School Attendance

### Authorised and Unauthorised Absences

#### Examples of authorised absences

- Proof of illness from GP/Hospital provided
- Phone call from parent / carer explaining that their child is ill
- Proof of medical appointment
- Permission given from Headteacher following a written request for exceptional leave of absence (i.e. Religious days etc.). All requests for exceptional leave of absence must be made in writing to the Headteacher. Request forms are available from the school office.

#### Examples of unauthorised absences

- Holidays
- Days out
- Birthdays
- Parent / carer or sibling unwell
- Tiredness
- No reasonable explanation received from parent / carer

Holidays in term time will not be authorised; we see every day that a child is not in school as a day's learning lost.

#### Every day matters.

#### Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

Please note that children are expected to attend school for at least 96% of the year. Attendance is regularly checked by the EWO who may fine parents for any unauthorised absence.

#### Illnesses that will not prevent your child from coming to school

- Mild cough
- Cold/Sneezes
- Tiredness

### The Wednesday Word

“Open up your heart and listen to what God is saying to you.”

*Pope Francis*

What did Mary do that was good? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus knows that household jobs are important, but he reminds us how important it is to take time to listen to God. Jesus does not force us to listen to him, but he knows what's best for us. Listening is a sign of real love – it's a powerful way of showing that we care. Ask your child if they know someone who is a really good listener. Who does your child like to listen to? Do they know people who speak with kindness and love, and want good things for them and others? It may help your child if you give them an example of your own.

“Before we speak, it is necessary for us to listen. God speaks in the silence of the heart.” *St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)*

This Gospel reminds us that rushing frantically around can stop us hearing the wisdom of Jesus. We need first to listen to Jesus, to be reminded of what's really important in life; then it's time to swing into action. As the summer holidays approach, explore ways that can help you to listen to Jesus in these coming weeks. Perhaps you can: remember to have quiet times in prayer when you wake up, at bedtime or some other time – just for listening to God as he speaks to your heart; go to Church together; regularly read the gospels in this Wednesday Word Summer Special together. What other ways can you think of?



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Florence</b> for your excellent efforts at independent writing. <b>Dara</b> for your newfound confidence and bravery.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Whole Class</b> for your curiosity, kindness and incredible growth this year! Keep shining bright and never stop learning!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Whole Class</b> for successfully completing your whole academic year in Y2!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Whole Class</b> for a wonderful year of fantastic learning and memories made!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Whole Class</b> for having a fantastic year and making excellent progress. Have a great summer!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Whole Class</b> for having a positive attitude in Year 5 and strengthening learning muscles. Well done!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Whole Class</b> for their outstanding teamwork, perseverance, and the brilliant spirit they've shown throughout an unforgettable final year at primary school.
<b><i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i></b> <i>Eva (Y2)</i> <i>Nia (Y6)</i>	

### School Policies

If you are looking for any of the school policies, please visit the School Policy page of the school website. You can find it by following this link:

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

### Staff and Classes for 2025-2026

<b>Nursery/ Reception</b>	Mrs Reimus, supported by Mrs Barnes
<b>Year 1</b>	Mrs Decuseara, supported by Mrs Fraser
<b>Year 2</b>	Miss Kastanias, supported by Mrs Coleman and Ms Decsak
<b>Year 3</b>	Mrs Conway, supported by Ms Bradley and Mrs McGrath
<b>Year 4</b>	Miss O'Brien, supported by Mrs Espinosa, Mr DeMiranda, Mrs Rossi, Mrs Bouchelaghem and Mrs Johansson
<b>Year 5</b>	Miss Porcu, supported by Mrs Tarrant and Mr DeMiranda
<b>Year 6</b>	Mr Owen, supported by Miss O'Hara
<b>Office Manager</b>	Mrs Orsi (Mon, Wed, Thurs)
<b>School Secretary</b>	Mrs Tsui (Mon, Tues, Thurs am, Fri)
<b>Site Manager</b>	Mr Kryst
<b>Mealtime Supervisors</b>	Ms Espenica Ms Jaramillo Mrs Ottery
<b>Breakfast Club Supervisors</b>	Ms Espenica Ms Jaramillo
<b>Inclusion Leader</b>	Mrs Folan (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri) – not class based
<b>Head of School</b>	Mr Troy – not class based
<b>Executive Headteacher</b>	Miss Costa (2.5 days a week) – not class based

### Class Curriculum Meetings

School opens to the children on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

September and the following week, we will start the curriculum meetings for each class:

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm Y6 parents** (this meeting includes important information about the Y6 national tests)

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Y5 parents**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm Y4 parents** (this meeting includes important information about the Y4 national multiplication check)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Y3 parents**

Please look at the “Dates for your Diary” section of the newsletter for information on the other class curriculum meetings.

### Dates for your diary

Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9am Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term 1pm finish
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Y1-Y6 Children back to school
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.15pm Y6 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm Y5 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.15pm Y4 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm Y3 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y2 trip to Golden Hinde
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1.45pm Whole School Mas
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm Y2 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.15pm Y1 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm Reception Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm Nursery Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	9.30am/1.30pm and 7pm Prospective parent tour
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct-Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Y6 Residential Trip to Grosvenor Hall
<b>*New dates in bold</b>	

03:30



# FENCING CLUB


This club is open to everyone! If you're new to fencing, we'll get you up to speed. If you've attended previous terms, expect to level up your parries, ripostes, distance control, and bout strategy. We'll also work on timing, tempo, and making smart decisions under pressure.

Each session includes practical drills, fun games, and friendly bouts that encourage competition and personal growth!



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# ART CLUB

St. Theresa's Primary School, East End Road, Finchley, London N3 2TD  
Tuesdays: 9th September - 9th December  
3:15-4:15pm



£117 per term. To book a place please email us the following details: Child's Name, Class, Your Name, Telephone Number, Any allergies or Intolerances, Special Needs/Requirements. For payments use code: 'ST plus your child's name' to Miss V Avraam, Natwest, Sort Code: 51 50 00 Account No: 64134520  
email: [info@designfusionartclub.co.uk](mailto:info@designfusionartclub.co.uk) telephone: 07515 928699



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AFTERSCHOOL  
CLUB  
YEAR 1,2**



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Time  
3.30-4.30PM

Thursdays  
11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Price Per Session  
**£7.00**

**Why Join?**

- ✓ Fun
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**Registration Link**  
[www.NonStopAction.co.uk](http://www.NonStopAction.co.uk)

Contact Us 020 8446 0006 Info@NonStopAction.co.uk



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## School Chess Club



**My Background**

My name is Rob Willmoth. I have played chess for 35 years. I am currently ranked in the top 100 players in the UK. I run chess coaching services, which provides professional chess coaching in schools.



What can Chess offer to Children.	Chess Club Lesson.
• Potential for better performance in academic studies	• Structured lesson plan by term, from basic play to advanced play
• Enhanced problem solving	• Regular grading system to assess performance
• Enhanced strategic thinking	• Weekly coaching on demonstration board
• Enhanced self esteem	• Graded weekly games against other children
• Friendly forum for making friends	• Weekly recap on knowledge learnt
• Healthy competition in a safe environment	

**Sign up For Chess Club**

..... **ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY** .....

12 lessons commencing Fri 12th Sep ending Fri 5th Dec.....

Cost:- £8 per lesson on Friday-07.45 to 08.45 **Total cost for term is £96** (12 lessons)...

Online pay/ registration at <https://www.chesscoachingservices.net/online-payments/school-club>

Further Enquiries. Email: [admin@chesscoachingservices.net](mailto:admin@chesscoachingservices.net) Mobile 07956 297329

Website: [chesscoachingservices.net](http://chesscoachingservices.net)



## BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People

### BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers. An Online Parent/Carer Training Course

Autumn Term 2025

A comprehensive training and support programme for parents/carers of children aged 6-19, with a **diagnosis of Autism**.

This course is available free of charge to **families living in Barnet**.

A 6-session online training course, covering topics including:

- An overview of what it means for your child to be Autistic.
- Communication.
- Sensory needs.
- Understanding emotional regulation/'behaviour'.

This course also gives parents/carers an opportunity to learn together and share experiences online.

Please only sign up for **one** of these courses and please do not sign up if you have already attended this course, or the Cynets Course.

BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents and Carers.  
Autumn Term 2025 One, A 6-session morning course.

#### Dates and times:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 10-11.30am  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 10-11.30am  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 10-11.30am  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 10-11.30am  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 10-11.30am  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 10-11.30am  
Sign up here: [BACPAC Autumn 2025 One](#)

BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents and Carers.  
Autumn Term 2025 Two, A 6-session evening course.

#### Dates and times:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 6-7.30pm  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 6-7.30pm  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 6-7.30pm  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 6-7.30pm  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 6-7.30pm  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 6-7.30pm  
Sign up here: [BACPAC Autumn 2025 Two](#)

For any enquires please email [Autism.Team@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Autism.Team@barnet.gov.uk) with 'BACPAC course' as the subject, thanks.

## BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People

### Autistic Speaker Dean Beadle: Q&A Session for Parents and Carers & Professionals

We are delighted to welcome Dean Beadle

A choice of 2 online talks for **parents/carers & professionals**.

When: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at either

10-11am Or 6-7pm

Online via Zoom

In this session Dean will answer pre-submitted questions and will look at practical ways to meet the needs of Autistic children & young people.

Dean Beadle is an Autistic speaker who has spent 20 years delivering talks across the UK and abroad. He is known for his humorous and thought-provoking sessions. He is patron of three autism related charities.

The online session is free, but it is essential parents/carers register using the link/s below.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 10-11am session: [Dean Beadle Q&A 10-11am](#)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 6-7pm session: [Dean Beadle Q&A 6-7pm](#)

Please add any questions you'd like Dean to discuss on the registration form. Due to time constraints, we are unable to take questions during the session.

\*Closing date for questions 3pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July\*

Any questions please email [Autism.Team@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Autism.Team@barnet.gov.uk) with

'Dean Beadle July 25 Q&A session' in the header.



# LAUNCH EVENT

## TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

Join us for a special launch event at the Barnet Children and Families Autism Hub.

- Meet the team and learn more about the hub
- Take part in autism friendly activities
- Speak to the team, ask your questions, and find out how to get involved

**10:30AM - 12:30PM or  
12:30PM - 2:30PM  
at 858 Finchley Road,  
NW11 6AB**



**Book now to join us by scanning the QR Code**

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# CF SHORT BREAKS

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2025

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 10-18 WHO HAVE ADDITIONAL NEEDS

### 12TH AUGUST: ALEXANDRA PALACE TRIP



- 10.30-3PM DROP OFF AND COLLECT FROM COMMUNITY FOCUS
- INCLUDES AN OUTDOOR WORKSHOP IN THE HISTORIC ALEXANDRA PALACE

### 18-20TH AUGUST: CF FEST



- 10.30-3PM EACH DAY AT COMMUNITY FOCUS
- INCLUDES MUSIC, DANCE, ART & FASHION WORKSHOPS AND A CHANCE TO HOLD YOUR VERY OWN FESTIVAL FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

### 27TH AUGUST: KENTISH TOWN CITY FARM TRIP



- 9:30-2PM DROP OFF AND COLLECT FROM COMMUNITY FOCUS
- INCLUDES A TOUR OF KENTISH TOWN CITY FARM AND A CHANCE TO WORK WITH REAL ANIMALS

### WHAT IS COMMUNITY FOCUS?

We are an all inclusive arts centre based in Friary House, Friary Rd, London N20 0NR. We run creative activities for adults and children with additional needs. Our Short Breaks program is for young people ages 10-18's.

### HOW TO APPLY?

You must be ages 10-18 and registered as having a learning disability. You can email [ben@communityfocus.co.uk](mailto:ben@communityfocus.co.uk) or phone 020 3743 2326 to request an enrolment form. Once you have completed and returned the form you will need to arrange a meeting where we can assess whether CF can meet the needs of your young person. Please note CF cannot provide personal care or support those with physically behavioural issues such as lashing out.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

FREE to those who receive free school meals (for ages 10-16's only). You will need to provide your WONDE voucher code if this is the case. If not the activities can be paid from your Short Breaks budget at the cost of around £70-100 per day. Occasionally CF receive external funding to support our work so costs can vary and will be confirmed by the CF Short Breaks project manager.