

St. Theresa's Newsletter





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



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who has already returned last week's forms; it is much appreciated. If you have not yet returned all the necessary paperwork, please do so at your earliest convenience.

This week we held the Y6, Y5, Y4 and Y3 Class Curriculum Meetings; next week it will be the infant classes. At the meetings, the class teacher will explain routines, talk about what the children will be learning, expectations for the year group and ways you can help at home. The times and dates of these meetings can be found overleaf in the "Dates for your Diary" section of this newsletter.

On Thursday 25th September) at 3.30pm in the Y5 classroom, we will be holding an information meeting for the current Y5 parents, about the October 2026 Y6 residential trip to Grosvenor Hall. The Year 5 children are welcome to stay for the meeting.

On Monday at 2.15pm, in the school hall, Father John will be leading a whole school Mass to celebrate the start of the school year. You are all very welcome to join us.

Have a lovely weekend





NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers.

The Friends are busy planning some exciting events including our much loved and anticipated Halloween Disco! So watch this space! If you want to get involved with the PTA please contact your class rep or the school office, your help is much appreciated! The Friends

School Attendance

Term Time Holiday Requests

We receive a number requests for leave of absence during school time. Please can we remind you that term time holiday requests will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. Please ensure your child is present the last day of the term and the first day of a new term.

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

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 26th September



On Friday 26th September we will be participating in the MacMillan Coffee morning. It is MacMillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Macmillan's goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone.

The coffee morning will run in the hall and parents will be able to come and have a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake! The children will be able to buy a cake and a cup of squash, to enjoy in their classrooms, for a donation of £1. If you are able to support this event by donating cakes/biscuits etc. please drop your contribution off to the school office by the morning of the 26th. We are very grateful for your support.

St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for 2025-2026 is 96%

Period	Whole school attendance
From 2/9/25 - now	94.7%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y5 are in the lead with 97% attendance and Y6 are in 2nd place!

At the end of the year, in July 2026, the class with the highest record of attendance will win a non-school uniform day!

The Wednesday Word

"It is in giving that we receive." St Francis of Assisi Ask your child what 'self-giving' means to them. Who are the most self-giving people that they know? In what ways are those people self-giving? Ask your child if they can remember the last time when they shared their sweets, their time, their toys, or gave something up to help make someone else happy. It may help your child if you can talk about someone you know to be self-giving, and say why.

How can we be self-giving, even in little ways, at home, at school or in the community? Perhaps we can: offer to help out at school or around the house before we're asked; be polite and let others go first; take time to offer praise where we can; be first to reach out and make friends again after an argument; give some of our leisure time to be with God in prayer; pray for someone in need.

https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/selfgiving?pid=MTA101634&v=182.6

Class Curriculum Meetings

Tuesday 16th 2.30pm Y2 parents Wednesday 17th 2.15pm Y1 parents (this meeting includes important information about the national Y1 phonic screening test in June

Thursday 18th 2.30pm Reception parents (this meeting includes important information about how reading is taught)

Friday 19th 2.30pm Nursery parents (this meeting includes information about the Early Years curriculum)

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Information

The online application system for our Year 6 parents is now open at www.eadmissions.org.uk

All parents must apply online. If you need support please feel free to contact the school for support, or call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 020 8359 7651 or visit

www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmission

Parents of children in Y6 who have an Educational Health Care Plan will need to complete a different form - this will have been sent to you by the Barnet

The deadline for submitting your application is Friday 31st October 2025. Applications received after 31st October will be treated as late. Late applications will not be considered until after the on-time applicants have been allocated their school places. This means that late applicants are unlikely to be offered one of their preferred schools. If there is a good reason as to why your application is late; for example you moved to the area after the closing date, you must contact the admissions department by Monday 8th December 2025 at the latest. For further information about the secondary school application process please read the "A Guide to Secondary Education in Barnet 2026" which can be found here:

https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/02468 bc4927 - guide to secondary 2026 final 1.pdf



Year 1	Sirwan for his wonderful effort and perseverance	
	during our Phonics lessons.	
	Leo for his fantastic work in Maths especially	
	matching numerals to the number words.	
Year 2	Hudson for being a great role model.	
	Sebastian for excellent listening.	
Year 3	Gloria for excellent learning in Science.	
	Tashinga for a fantastic attitude and being a great	
	role model.	
Year 4	Abram for settling into Year 4 so brilliantly – showing	
	confidence and a fantastic attitude to our class	
	routines. Welcome to our class!	
	Amal for consistently showing excellent behaviour	
	and setting a wonderful example for others through	
	her actions and choices.	
Year 5	Ece for putting great effort into her work and being a	
	fantastic role model for her peers.	
	Ted for showing great focus in his work this week	
	and working well during partner work.	
Year 6	Jimi for working hard in all lessons consistently since	
	we returned.	
	Avin for diving straight into year 6 with a positive	
	attitude.	
The Golden Ticket Winners are:		
Michelle (Y3)		
	Samuel (Y6)	
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Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.45am - 8.30am in the school hall for £4. Please let the school office know if you would like your child to attend. Please ensure you pay for breakfast club charges in advance of your child attending, or on the morning.

Please ring the doorbell labelled "Breakfast Club" when you get to school in the morning, and a member of the breakfast club team will let your child in.

<u>Dates for your diary</u>		
Mon 15 th Sept	2.15pm Whole School Mas	
Tues 16 th Sept	2.30pm Y2 Curriculum Meeting for Parents	
Wed 17 th Sept	2.15pm Y1 Curriculum Meeting for Parents	
Thurs 18 th Sept	2.30pm Reception Curriculum Meeting for Parents	
Fri 19 th Sept	2.30pm Nursery Curriculum Meeting for Parents	
Tues 22 nd Sept	9.30am/1.30pm and 7pm Prospective parent tour	
Thurs 25 th Sept	3.30pm 2026 Y6 residential trip meeting for current Y5 parents	
Fri 26 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning	
Mon 29 th Sept	Y3 trip to Hampstead Heath	
Wed 1st Oct-Fri 3rd Oct Y6 Residential Trip to Grosvenor Hall		
Wed 1 st Oct	Y1 trip to London Transport Museum	
Fri 3 rd Oct	Y1 and Y2 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips	
Fri 17 th Oct	Y5 and Y6 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips	
Wed 22 nd Oct	Y6 trip to National History Museum	

*New dates in bold