



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

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AUTUMN TERM 2025

Friday 14th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children celebrated Anti-Bullying Week. Learning to understand and manage conflict is an important part of growing up. Bullying is not simply a 'falling out'. Research shows that experiencing bullying can have a significant impact on a child's life well into adulthood. To ensure we are able to prevent bullying, act quickly when it takes place and avoid misidentifying bullying, it is vital that there is a shared definition of bullying. The Anti-Bullying Alliance and its members have an agreed shared definition of bullying based on research from across the world over the last 30 years: **the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.**

Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online.

This year's theme of *Power for Good* has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Applications for Reception September 2026

Applications are invited for the **Reception Class** for **September 2026** – this is for children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022. The deadline to return this to the school office is 15th January 2026. The forms are available to download on the school website. Please also be advised that you must also complete a CAF (Common Application Form) from Barnet - the on-line system is already open: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Applications for Nursery January 2026

Applications are invited for the new **Nursery** for January 2026 (this is for children who are 3 by 31st December 2025). Children who will be 3 by 31st March 2026 can also apply and will be admitted in the summer term.

The application forms are available to download from the school website.
<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Nursery-School-Application-Form-2025-2026.pdf>

Please return your completed application forms to the school office.

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the festive season, The Friends are busy planning and preparing for our annual Christmas Jingle Mingle, taking place on Wednesday **10 December from 6–8pm** in the school hall. Class donation announcements will be sent to class reps next week, and we will also include the information in the next school newsletter. As always, your donations play a vital role in helping us raise much-needed funds for the school. Whatever item your class has been allocated, we would be truly grateful for your support. This year, we're especially excited to introduce a festive sing-along for parents, carers and children. You will receive the song sheet next week, so please keep an eye out for that.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, The Friends Chair.

Thank you, The Friends of St Theresa's

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.

Parent Governor Vacancies

The Governing Body currently has a vacancy for one parent governors. Governors play a key role in the leadership of the school and raising of standards including the appointment of key staff, overseeing the budget and monitoring progress in the curriculum. Being a governor can be very rewarding; don't worry if you have no experience as full training and support is available from the Local Authority and your colleagues on the Governing Body. If you are interested please complete the nomination forms that were sent out to parents on 22nd September, or please feel free to come and speak to me.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 2/9/25 - now	96.1%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y5 are now in the lead with 97.6% attendance and Y1 are still 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

“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.” *St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)*

Ask your child what the word 'faithful' means to them. To be faithful is to be true to someone or something. Does your child know someone who is a faithful friend – someone who keeps their promises? What is it like to be in the company of a faithful person? It may help your child if you can talk about a person you know to be a faithful friend, and say why.

How can we grow in faithfulness to God and to each other? Perhaps we can: spend time with God and listen to him through daily prayer; follow the teachings of Jesus by always trying to love our neighbour as ourselves; remember to put others' needs before our own needs; make sure that if we tell someone [or we tell God] that we will do something, we do it!

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/faithfulness?pid-MTA101634&v=189.2>



Reception	Callie for coming to school with a smile on her face and for being a lovely friend. Vanessa for trying really hard with her reading and writing work and progressing really well. She is always so polite and is a lovely friend too.
Year 1	Leo for creating beautiful written sentences during our Phonics sessions . Joshua A for his wonderful progress in learning sounds and reading simple words .
Year 2	John for good behaviour for learning and working hard in lessons. Kalindi for her excellent contributions to class discussions.
Year 3	Asante for making an excellent start in our new Ancient Greece topic, learning both in and outside of school. Iliad for being curious and asking excellent questions in all subjects to expand his learning.
Year 4	Ryan for choosing to do the right thing and setting a great example for others in Y4. Ednaida for beginning to show an understanding of using different openers to start her sentences.
Year 5	Whole Class for showing enthusiasm and great attitude towards our new topic 'Tudors'. You have all shown curiosity to your new learning. Keep it up!
Year 6	Kevin for his hard work and motivation in all of his lessons - keep it up, Kev! Amber for her excellent contributions during our class discussions - well done!
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> <i>Callie (Rec)</i> <i>Freya (Y4)</i>	

“Travelling Books” Book Fair

Celebrate reading at our Book Fair!

Reading for pleasure is transformative for pupils' academic success and personal wellbeing. We are hosting a Book Fair to bring reading to the heart of our school.

WHEN: Monday 17th November to Friday 21st November.

TIME: From 3:15pm. to 3.45pm

WHERE: School Hall

There are hundreds of books for you and your child to choose from, & with hundreds of books from only £2.99, we hope that everyone will be able to find a suitable book.

You will be able to pay for the books you purchase in cash or card.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library! If we can sell between £400-£800 worth of books, the school earns a 40% reward!

It's the perfect place to begin your Christmas shopping!

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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Dates for your diary

Mon 17th -21st Nov Travelling Book Fair

Mon 24 th Nov	Y2 at Moss Hall Infants for Music Festival
Fri 28 th Nov	*9.15am Y1-Y6 Dance Festival
Wed 10 th Dec	2 nd session Flu Vaccinations
Wed 10 th Dec	*Friends' Jingle Mingle
Fri 12 th Dec	9.30am Infant Christmas Show
Mon 15 th Dec	6pm Y5 Carol Concert
Wed 17 th Dec	School Christmas Lunch and Xmas Jumper Day
Thurs 18 th Dec	Class Party Day
Fri 19 th Dec	Last day of term 1pm finish
Tues 6 th Jan	Children return to school
Tues 6 th Jan	*9.15am Whole school Mass to celebrate Epiphany
Fri 16th Jan	Y1 and Y2 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's
Fri 23rd Jan	Y2 trip to Tower of London
Fri 23rd Jan	Y3 and Y4 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's
Fri 30th Jan	Y5 and Y6 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's

*New dates in bold

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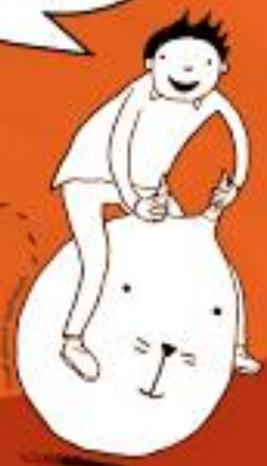
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Monday 17th - Friday 21st November

LOCATION:
School Hall

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