



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

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SPRING TERM 2026

Friday 30th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies to all parents who experienced the technical problems with the Parent Consultation online booking system. We have been working to try and iron out the issues, so if you still have not been able to make an appointment, please do let us know. The booking system for Thursday's appointments will still close at 6pm this evening, but because of the problems parents experienced when making the booking, we will manually add appointments on your behalf if you let us know.

The online booking system for the second evening (Tuesday 10th February) will remain open until Friday 6th February 6pm.

Finally a goodbye and thank you to Martin – we wish you a wonderful and relaxing retirement. Please do keep in touch.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Applications for Nursery September 2026

Applications are invited for the Nursery for September 2026 (this is for children who are 3 by 31st August 2026).

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

https://www.ololbarnetschool.org.uk/docs/ADMISSIONS/Nursery_School_Application_Form_2026-2027.pdf Please return your completed application forms to the school office.

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends are delighted to share some important dates for your diary. We are thrilled to announce that our sponsored **Easter Bunny Bounce** will be returning on ****Friday 20th March 2025**** in the morning. During the Bunny Bounce, children will collect sponsorship for the number of bounces they can complete on the bouncy castle in one minute. A bounce counts when both feet leave the surface of the castle at the same time — no holding on.

Further information, including sponsorship forms, will be sent home via the school office. Details will also be shared with class reps, and posters will be displayed around the school. The winners will be announced at the Easter Assembly by Ms Costa and Mr Troy.

Please save the date for the **Summer Fair on **Saturday 4th July 2025**** Information and posters will be shared around the school, and we hope you'll join in the fun.

As always, we need volunteers to make our events successful, helping with set-up, running stands and games, and with close-down. If you're able to help at the Bunny Bounce or the Summer Fair, please contact either your class rep (who will connect you with The Friends) or the school office and we appreciate that time is very precious, but if you can offer even a little help, we would be very grateful. Your support makes these events so special for our children and our whole school community. Looking forward to our upcoming events.
Warm regards, The Friends of St Theresa's.

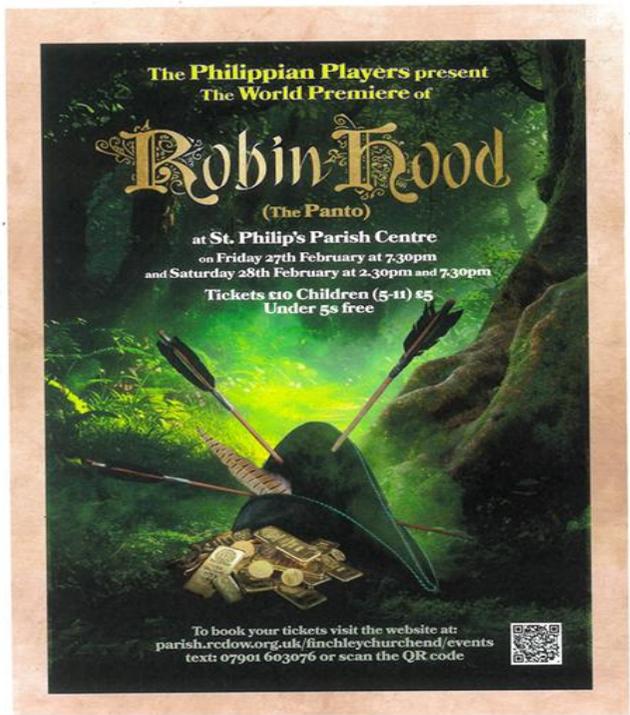
Parent Governor Vacancies

The Governing Body currently still 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 do come and speak to Miss Costa or Mr Troy.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 2/9/25 - now	94.8%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y5 are still in the lead with 96% attendance and Y3 and Y1 are tying for 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!



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/>



The Wednesday Word

“The goal of our life is to experience God’s own happiness - a gift to every person.”

Adapted from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (nos 1718-1719)

Ask your child what they think true happiness is. When or where are they usually most happy? What is their happiest memory? When did your child last make someone truly happy? It may help your child if you can tell them when they most recently made you happy (or when you are most happy). True happiness comes from knowing and loving God. Sharing God’s love is the happiest way to live.

Each of you choose some little, simple thing to do which will help to create a better atmosphere of happiness in school, the community, or at home this week. Perhaps you can: volunteer to give someone a helping hand; serve your parents and teachers by cheerfully doing what you are asked to do at home and at school; forgive someone who has upset you, and make a fresh start with them; give someone a kind message or a gift.

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/happiness?pid=MTA101634&cv=200.6>

Protecting Your Child Against Chickenpox

For information

On 1 January 2026, the MMRV vaccine – a single vaccine that protects against measles, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox (known as varicella) - was added to the UK childhood immunisation schedule.

- Children born from January 2025 will receive the MMRV vaccine at 12 and 18 months
- Those born between July and December 2024 get MMRV doses at 18 months and 3 years 4 months
- Children born between September 2022 and June 2024 get one MMRV dose at 3 years 4 months
- A catch-up programme runs from November 2026 for eligible children aged under 6.

Why add chickenpox protection?

While many people consider chickenpox to be a mild childhood illness, it can lead to serious complications including bacterial infections such as strep A, brain and lung inflammation, and stroke. In rare cases, it can be fatal.

The vaccine means your child can be protected from these serious complications, and potential hospitalisation, caused by chickenpox without the risk of catching it.

A vaccine with a proven track record

- The MMRV vaccine has been safely used for over 10 years in countries including Canada, Australia and Germany, where chickenpox cases and resulting hospital admissions have notably fallen.
- This vaccine will also reduce the number of missed nursery and school days for children and families.

What families need to do

When a child is due for vaccination, GP practices will contact parent and carers who are encouraged to book an appointment when receiving their invite. If you think your child is due for their vaccination and you haven’t been contacted, please get in touch with your GP.

Where can I find more information?

- <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mmr-vaccination/mmr-vaccination-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

Reception	Ravi for trying hard to blend and segment words. Nathan E for putting effort into his work and always having a smile on his face.
Year 1	Whole class for showing great curiosity, good behaviour and enthusiasm for learning during our trip to the Science Museum.
Year 2	Davian for showing good subject knowledge in RE. Erin for writing an excellent narrative with good use of conjunctions and adjectives.
Year 3	Karin for your creativity in English, designing a new chocolate bar and persuading people to visit your new restaurant! Theo for your amazing effort in Scratch programming.
Year 4	Kaci for being a thoughtful and caring friend, always helping others and showing true kindness. Levi for thoughtful contributions and hard work in RE when learning about the parables of Jesus and the Kingdom of Heaven.
Year 5	Arlys for working hard on himself and showing a more positive attitude towards his learning. Keep it up! Iasmina for showing growing confidence in your learning, putting effort into all subjects, and continuing to persevere when things feel challenging.
Year 6	Arthur for his resilience and growing independence in Maths and English. Elizabeth for demonstrating a positive attitude towards her learning – keep it up.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Elita (Rec)

Saki (Y3)

Dates for your diary

Wed 4 th Feb	Year 3 trip to Pizza Express Highgate
Thurs 5 th Feb	4-6.30pm Parent Consultations (in school)
Tues 10 th Feb	Reception and Nursery trip to The Toy Project
Tues 10 th Feb	4-6.30pm Parent Consultations (in school)
Fri 13th Feb	Y6 trip to Hyde Park
Mon 16 th -Fri 20 th Feb	Half term holiday
Thurs 26 th Feb	9am Coffee morning for Nursery and Reception parents
Thurs 26 th Feb	2.30pm Parent Online safety workshop
Thurs 27th Feb	8.45am Chatty Children workshop
Tues 3 rd March	Reception trip
Wed 4 th March	Y2 trip to Barnet Environment Centre
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
Fri 6 th March	Y5 trip to Natural History Museum
Mon 9 th March	Y4 trip to Paradox Museum
Mon 9 th March	Y6 performing at Barnet Schools’ Dance Festival (Arts Depot)
Tues 10th March	Y3 trip to Phoenix Cinema
Wed 11th March	Y1 visit to St. Stephens
Fri 20 th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
Thurs 26 th March	6pm Y3 and Y4 Easter Play

*New dates in bold