



**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 27th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday afternoon we held the online safety workshop for parents and carers. To ensure as many people as possible access the important messages from the presentation, we are including the link here so that you can view the session at home:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/188841575416629850>. The link will be valid until 29th March.

This Lent, St. Theresa's is supporting the Catholic Children's Service (CCS) Lenten Appeal: Small Deeds Big Difference. This year's appeal encourages schools to participate by helping local children and families through simple actions. Next week, your child will be bringing home the CCS Lenten Appeal collection box. Please return any donations by the last day of term, Friday 27th March.

A reminder that on Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day; this year's theme is "Read Your Way". The children are invited to dress as a **word**; they may choose:

- A favourite word
- A describing word (e.g. sparkly, enormous, brave)
- A feeling word
- A word from a favourite book

The word can be displayed on a badge, hat, headband, or piece of card and shared verbally by the child.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

The Mini London Marathon is back!

St. Theresa's has been given 25 places for pupils in Reception to Y3 and 15 places for pupils in Y4-Y6. Letters with information about this very popular event, were sent out before the half-term holiday.

- **Entries will open at 9am on Wednesday 4th March 2026**
- You will need to email the office (office@sttheresas.barnetmail.net) confirming you wish your child to participate and include your child's name and year group
- Any emails sent before 9am on Wednesday 4th March will not be considered
- Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis
- The first 25 entries from Rec-Y3 children will run the one-mile race
- The first 15 entries from Y4-Y6 children will run the 2.6k race.

Do you have any concerns about your child?

If you have any concerns about your child (this might include worries about bullying, emotional wellbeing, educational progress, friendships etc.) please always speak to the class teacher first. If you are still concerned, even after speaking to the class teacher, then please feel free to make an appointment to speak to either Mr Troy or Miss Costa. **The school always recommends that parents speak to the class teacher and urges parents not to approach other parents directly, or the children of other parents.**

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sponsored Easter Bunny Bounce – Friday 20th March 2026

Our popular Sponsored Easter Bunny Bounce will take place on Friday 20th March 2026, finishing at 11:30am.

Children will collect sponsorship for the number of bounces they can complete on the bouncy castle in one minute, bouncing in groups of four with adults counting and recording.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help from 8:50am–11:30am with supervising, counting bounces and supporting the running of this fun and much-loved event.

Sponsor forms and a full information letter will be sent home next week. In the meantime, please contact The Friends or your class rep or if you are available to volunteer.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Friends of St Theresa's

Safeguarding at St. Theresa's

Miss Costa is the Designated Safeguarding Lead at the school; Mr Troy and Mrs Folan are members of the safeguarding team. Parents can find the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy on the school website: <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/school/policies/> Please contact a member of the safeguarding team if you have concerns about a child.

Other important contacts:

- Barnet Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: 0208 359 4066
- NSPCC Whistleblowing Help: 0800 028 0285

TRAVELING BOOK FAIR

The Traveling Book is returning! World Book Day vouchers can be used against any book, prices starting at just £2.99!

WHEN: Monday 9th March to Friday 13th March 2026

TIME: From 3.15PM to 3.45PM

WHERE: School Hall

Don't forget that every book you buy can help get FREE BOOKS for our school library!

Cash and card payments accepted.

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 Y1 is 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

“The invitation at the Transfiguration is to listen to Jesus and to follow him.” Pope Francis (Pope from 2013 - 2025)

Where did Jesus go to pray? In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples received a glimpse of the awesome divinity of Jesus through the change in the way he looked (his transfiguration). This sacred encounter took place on the Holy Mountain – Mt Tabor. Often in the Bible, mountains are described as sacred places. Ask your child what the word 'sacred' means to them. Our churches are sacred places, dedicated to the worship of God, but other places are sacred too: a home filled with the love of God. Where's your sacred space? Where do you pray or feel most at peace or closest to God (e.g. your house, your bedroom, your church, your garden or somewhere else)?

The Holy Mountain experience was a sacred moment. To be sacred is to be holy – to be dedicated to God. God wants us to be his sacred people – to be holy and to try to live and love like Jesus did. Praying at home helps us to recognise and respect our homes as sacred places, full of God's love. What else can help to remind us of God's sacred presence in our home (e.g. a Bible, candles, a cross, icons or something else)? As a family, talk about which sacred images you find most helpful. What can you do to help you recognise your home as a sacred place this Lent?

<file:///C:/Users/bcostal.302/Downloads/Half-Term-Holiday-Special.pdf>

Government SEND Reform

You may be aware that the Government released details of their intentions for SEND reform on Monday in their Schools White Paper.

A link to the White Paper is below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/every-child-achieving-and-thriving>

We know parents are likely to have concerns and questions about what this may mean for their children and therefore, the local authority is running an online Q&A session next Thursday 5th March from 6-7.30pm at which Kim Miller, Head of SEND and Inclusion in Barnet, will explain what is known so far.

Please note that much of the detail is yet to be released so it may not be possible to answer detailed questions at this stage; more sessions will be run as more information comes to light.

There is no need to pre-register for the session. The link to join is below.

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 373 921 719 527 6

Passcode: ku3PV72U

Barnet Bulldogs are offering free tickets for their big NBL Division 1 match against Solent Kestrels on Saturday 28th February.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/qwmyywakjlm>

Please use the discount code "PARTNER100" to claim free child tickets when booking.



Reception	Esther for making such a wonderful start in our reception class. Nathan C for a fantastic job with farm animal writing. Keep up the amazing work.
Year 1	Florence, Radman and Joel for writing a wonderful narrative of Chicken Licken story. I am very proud of you!
Year 2	Davian for his excellent contributions to class discussions. Doruk for working hard to practise his reading and making good progress on Lexia.
Year 3	Saki for her hard work using descriptive language in her story writing. Lucy for her positive attitude towards trying hard to improve her times tables.
Year 4	Andreas for excellent effort and dedication to improving your writing through extra learning at home. Lili for excellent commitment to practising and improving her times tables at school and home.
Year 5	Rainbow for confidently using colourful semantics during her writing task and displaying great effort in her learning. Faith for working more independently and staying focused throughout lessons. Also showing great attitude. Well done!
Year 6	Nikola for building a more positive attitude towards her reading - keep it up! Avin for demonstrating excellent fluency skills during our daily maths tests.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> <i>Timon (Y4)</i> <i>Lili (Y4)</i>	

2026-2027 School Dates

Please see the school dates for 2026-2027 on the last page of this newsletter.

Dates for your diary

Tues 3 rd March	Reception visit to Akiva school
Wed 4 th March	Y2 trip to Barnet Environment Centre
Wed 4th March	9am Mini Marathon applications open
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
Fri 6 th March	Y5 trip to Natural History Museum
Mon 9th – Fri 13th March Travelling Book Fair	
Mon 9 th March	Y4 trip to Paradox Museum
Mon 9 th March	Y6 performing at Barnet Schools' Dance Festival (Arts Depot)
Tues 10 th March	Y3 trip to Phoenix Cinema
Wed 11 th March	Y1 visit to St. Stephens Gardens
Thurs 19 th March	Whole class photos
Fri 20th March	Bunny Hop challenge
Fri 20 th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
Thurs 26 th March	6pm Y3 and Y4 Easter Play
Fri 27 th March	Last day of term 1pm finish
Mon 30 th March – Fri 10 th April	Easter Holiday
Mon 13 th April	Children return to school

***New dates in bold**

St. Theresa's Primary School Dates

(September 2026– July 2027)

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1st September *School Closed for staff development*

Wednesday 2nd September *Children return to school*

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October *Half term*

Monday 2nd November *School closed for staff development*

Tuesday 3rd November *Children return to school*

Friday 18th December **END OF AUTUMN TERM**

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January *School closed for staff development*

Tuesday 5th January *Children Return to School*

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February *Half term*

Monday 22nd February *Children return to school*

Thursday 25th March **END OF SPRING TERM**

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April *Children return to School*

Monday 3rd May *Bank Holiday*

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June *Half term*

Monday 7th June *School closed for staff development*

Tuesday 8th June *Children return to school.*

Wednesday 21st July **END OF SUMMER TERM**

Term Dates 2026/2027