



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

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SUMMER TERM 2026

Friday 24th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and children who supported the Friends' Bunny Hop Challenge, just before the Easter holidays; £584.60 was raised.

We have reached our London Marathon weekend and we are very excited for the event! We wish all the children who are participating in the Mini London Marathon tomorrow (40 children from OLOL and 40 children from St. Theresa's!) the very best of luck; I will be there tomorrow afternoon to cheer on our younger racers. On Sunday, I will be running the adult marathon, and together with the children, as one team, we are raising money for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC). If you would like to sponsor the team and help us reach the target of £2200 please visit our fundraising page here: <https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/barbara-costa>. If you have already sponsored the team – thank you, we are grateful for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share that The Friends' Bunny Bounce fundraiser, which took place last term, raised an amazing ****£584.60****

A huge thank you to all the children who took part and to everyone who sponsored them, your support is greatly appreciated.

The Friends team are now busy preparing for our much-loved School Summer Fair, which will take place on Saturday 4th July. This is our biggest event of the year, and we are currently collecting prizes for the raffle.

If you, your organisation/company are able to donate a raffle prize, we would be very grateful. Please contact The Friends team or your class representative if you can help.

In previous years, we have been fortunate to receive generous donations from parents, and it would be wonderful to have your support again this year. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Kind regards, The Friends of St Theresa's



**From Primary to Secondary School
Transition
(virtual event)**

presented by

Barnet Specialist Inclusion Service:

Autism, Physical Support/Complex Needs, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Specialist Teaching Team Vision, and Inclusion Advisory Teams.

Date: Wednesday 6th May 2026

Time: 10am -1.30pm

This is a virtual morning for:

Parents/Carers of Year 5/6 children with Additional Needs, with or without EHCP, transferring to a mainstream Secondary School in Autumn 2026 or 2027.

- Learn about ways to support your child in transitioning from Primary to Secondary School and what to expect.
- Hear from some of the professionals involved with your children.

Places are free, but please sign-up via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=uWikGxQUdUa-T1PEcK1Hu0eBNrmEWG5HqKUvID6UZAZUNEXaUTVCSzk5Q1BSSIVONDgzUERCWVgxTyQIOCNjPTEu&route=shorturl>

**TCS Mini London Marathon - Saturday 25th April
The St. Theresa's Team**

Rec-Y3 Runners (25 places)

Y4-Y6 Runners (15 places)

Jakub (Y3)
Thalia (Y3)
Naruto (Y3)
Anduena (Y3)
Zhan Pier (Y3)
Avina (Y3)
Gloria (Y3)
Gabbie (Y3)
Theo (Y3)
Ossie (Y3)
Daniel (Y2)
Leni (Y2)
Hudson (Y2)
Emilia (Y2)
Sebastian (Y2)
Florence (Y1)
Simran (Y1)
Shanaya (Y1)
Dara (Y1)
Joshua (Y1)
Leo (Y1)
Iaroslava (Reception)
Vanessa (Reception)
Elita (Reception)
Callie (Reception)

Maya (Y6)
Evan (Y6)
Max (Y6)
Tye (Y6)
William (Y6)
Bruna (Y6)
Nikola (Y6)
Ted (Y5)
Mia (Y5)
Radek (Y5)
Phoebe Mei (Y5)
Arllys (Y5)
Kaci (Y4)
Elena (Y4)
Vivaan (Y4)

If your child cannot participate in this event, please let the school know as soon as possible so that another child currently on the waiting list, may be offered the opportunity. If you would like to support the team in raising the money for the NSPCC please visit the team's fundraising page here: <https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/barbara-costa>

**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 still in the lead with 95.6% 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

“To follow Jesus means to share his merciful love for every human being.” Pope Francis (*Pope from 2013-2025*)

Ask your child if they know what ‘to follow someone’ means. Who impresses them? Who sets them a good example which they would like to follow? How has that person made life better for your child, for someone else or for the community? It may help your child if you can talk about a person whose example you follow, or have followed.

We can follow Jesus in the simple things we do in our lives every day, and make life better for all the family and everyone around us. How can we follow Jesus the Good Shepherd this week? Perhaps we can: be kind and contact a friend to see how they are doing at this time; go out of our way to help out at home; show others how to do the right thing and avoid what is wrong; listen carefully to wise and good people; show our gratitude to all those who teach and lead us through life.

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/follow?pid=MTA101634&cv=207.9>



Reception	Iaroslava for impressing me with her attitude to learning and her writing has been amazing. Nathan E for outstanding progress in his reading. Well done Nathan!
Year 1	Joel for your wonderful creativity in writing a beautiful poem version of 'London Bridge is Falling Down'. Aaron for writing a beautiful and thoughtful description of the Royal Family and the important roles they perform.
Year 2	Theo for working hard on Lexia to improve his reading skills. Anastasia for working hard to include adjectives in her diary entry.
Year 3	Zema for a perfect retelling of Romeo and Juliet in Shakespeare's birthday week. Jakub for excellent engagement in our topic work on rivers.
Year 4	Genelle for fantastic work with decimals this week—well done! Marko for great effort in your Viking persuasive letter this week—your ideas were clear and convincing!
Year 5	Kian for contributing and sharing ideas during lessons. Keep up the good work! Iasmina for approaching learning positively and showing resilience and determination. Well done!
Year 6	Armanis for continuing to develop his maturity to be able to handle tricky situations. Maya for her positivity, kindness and willingness to help the staff and her peers.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> <i>Abram (Y4)</i> <i>Scarlett (Y4)</i>	



St. Theresa's Primary School

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes, until . . .

No, but inform your child's class teacher of:

- Chicken Pox (Until all the spots have crusted over)
- Diarrhoea and Vomiting (Return 48 hours from the last episode)
- Cold and Flu-like illness (Until they no longer have a high temperature)
- Impetigo (Until their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics)
- Measles (4 days after the rash first appeared)
- Mumps (5 days after the swelling started)
- Scabies (Until they've had their first treatment)
- Scarlet Fever (24 hours after they started taking antibiotics)
- Whooping Cough (48 hours after they started taking antibiotics)

- Cough and cold (as long as they do not have a high temperature)
- Sore throat (keep off school if accompanied by a high temperature)
- Headlice
- Hand, foot and mouth disease
- Slapped cheek
- Tonsillitis
- Conjunctivitis
- Cold sores

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Dr Bike Service

The free Dr Bike service in Barnet for the current financial year has been hugely popular, particularly among parents/carers and children.

The Dr Bikes for the new financial year, starting this April, are below and can also be found at

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/roads-and-pavements/transport-and-around-barnet/cycling/free-dr-bike-sessions-barnet>

Location Name	Location Description	Date	Time
Finchley, Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	13 May 8 July 9 September 11 November 13 January 2027 10 March 2027	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	20 May 15 July 16 September 18 November 20 January 2027 17 March 2027	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	8 April 10 June 12 August 14 October 9 December 10 February 2027	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	15 April 17 June 19 August 21 October 16 December 17 February 2027	4pm to 7pm

Dates for your diary

Fri 24 th April	Y5 Cake Sale
Sat 25 th April	Mini London Marathon
Mon 27 th April	Y1 trip to Shrek's Adventure
Fri 1 st May	Y1 and Y2 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips
Mon 4 th May	School closed – Bank Holiday
Tues 5 th May	Y5 trip to National Army Museum
Fri 8 th May	Y3 and Y4 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips
Mon 11 th –Thurs 14 th May	Y6 SATs week
Thurs 14 th May	1.45pm Ascension Thursday Whole School Mass
Fri 15 th May	Y5 and Y6 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips
Mon 18 th May	3.30pm Secondary transfer meeting for current Y5 parents
Tues 19 th May	Y3 trip to London Eye and Riverboat cruise
Mon 25 th -Fri 29 th May	Half Term holiday
Mon 1 st June	Inset day – school closed to children
Fri 5 th June	1.45pm St. Theresa's Feast Day Whole School Mass
Wed 10 th June	Y4 trip to Apple Store
Thurs 11 th June	3.30pm Reception to Y1 transition meeting for Reception parents
Tues 16 th June	Y4 trip to Sea Life
Wed 17 th June	2pm Meeting for new Reception Parents
Thurs 25th June	1.30pm-2.30pm open afternoon for new Reception starters

*New dates in bold



Programme Content



The Programme:

Mini BACPAC

Professionals and parents will deliver modules designed to increase your knowledge and skills with understanding Autism and using practical strategies to support your child.

The Criteria:

The criteria for accessing the programme:

- Barnet Resident
- Child has a diagnosis of Autism
- Child is 0-6 years old

To Register:

To register, click the button below or scan the QR code

[Mini BACPAC Summer Term 2026 booking](#)



Online sessions link:

Zoom links to be sent for each session once registered.

In-person location:

The in-person sessions will be at:

Barnet Autism Hub








Resources for Autism

858 Finchley Road,
NW11 6AB

Any questions?

Please email

Minibacpac@Barnet.gov.uk

Topic	Description	Date/Time
1. Autism in the Early Years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What is autism? •Autism and early education. •Autistic voice. •Strategies for support. Professionals: BEAM	Monday 27th April In-person session: 10:00-11:00 Tuesday 28th April Online session: 12:00-13:00 Online session: 19:30-20:30
2. Emotional Regulation and Predictability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Use of visuals and other strategies for setting up routines in the home, managing changes and transitions. •Enhancing predictability as a way to support emotional regulation. Professionals: BEAM	Monday 11th May In-person session: 10:00-11:00 Tuesday 12th May Online session: 12:00-13:00 Online session: 19:30-20:30
3. Understanding Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What is an EHCP? •How can an EHCP help my child? •How long this process takes? •Who can help? Professionals: SENDIASS	Monday 18th May In-person session: 10:00-11:00 Tuesday 19th May Online session: 12:00-13:00 Online session: 19:30-20:30
4. Promoting Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Development of speech, language and communication. •Strategies for promoting this in the home. Professionals: Speech Therapist	Monday 1st June In-person session: 10:00-11:00 Tuesday 2nd June Online session: 12:00-13:00 NO EVENING SESSION
5. Toileting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Understanding of the development of toileting skills. •Strategies for promoting using the toilet at home. Professionals: BEAM + parent	Monday 8th June In-person session: 10:00-11:00 Tuesday 9th June Online session: 12:00-13:00 Online session: 19:30-20:30
6. Eating and Drinking Difficulties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Understanding of the development of eating and drinking skills. •Practical strategies to use at home. Professionals: Occupational Therapist	Monday 15th June In-person session: 10:00-11:00 Tuesday 16th June Online session: 12:00-13:00 NO EVENING SESSION
7. Understanding Sensory Processing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Understanding of our 5 senses and 3 hidden senses. •Practical strategies to promote alertness and calm. Professionals: Occupational Therapist	Monday 22nd June In-person session: 10:00-11:00 Tuesday 23rd June Online session: 12:00-13:00 NO EVENING SESSION