



**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 15<sup>th</sup> May**

### Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that on Monday 18th May at 3.30pm in the school hall, we will be holding our secondary transfer meeting for the current Year 5 parents (Y4 parents are also welcome to attend). Parents will be given important information regarding the application process to secondary schools for the current Year 5 children. Please be aware that some of the deadlines for applications to sit entrance exams, or aptitude tests, are approaching; this information has already been sent to all the Year 5 parents.

Next Friday afternoon, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, at 2.30pm we will be celebrating the Month of Mary, with a May Procession. The children will come together in prayer to honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus, by offering flowers and taking part in a short liturgy. To support this, we kindly ask that each child brings one flower (real or artificial) for the procession on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration. Thank you for your support in helping us make this a meaningful and prayerful occasion for the children.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

### 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

May Procession - Honouring Mary  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2.30pm



As part of our celebration of the month of May, we will be holding a special May Procession in school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 2.30pm.

The procession will begin in the playground, where each class will gather before processing into the hall. During this time, the children will come together in prayer to honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus, by offering flowers and taking part in a short liturgy.

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### NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the Friends team are now busy preparing for our much-loved School Summer Fair, which will take place on Saturday 4th July from 2pm to 5pm.

Please do save the date in your diary, as this is one of the biggest events of the year and always a wonderful afternoon for our school community.

We are currently collecting prizes for the raffle and, if you, your organisation, or your company are able to donate a prize, we would be extremely grateful. Please contact the Friends team or your class representative if you are able to help.

We are also in the process of organising our popular Infant and Junior Cinema events, which are likely to take place in June. We are just confirming the dates and will share these with you as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Kind regards, The Friends of St Theresa's

### Half term events in Libraries

Barnet Libraries are running a full programme of events in May half term. Featuring puppet making workshops, a theatre production of The Book Witch, a Sing, Story and Sign session and a host of craft events including collage, star wars and t-shirt decorating. All events are free or low cost.

Families are welcome to visit the library to read and choose books too.

### 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>

### 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 95.7% attendance and Y1 and Y6 are tying for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

"If Jesus calls us to be friends, let us not leave this call unheeded. Let us welcome it, let us take care of this relationship." *Pope Leo XIV*

Jesus needed friends to help him with his mission, just like we need friends to help us in our daily lives. Through friendship, we can show that we are part of God's family, loving and working together to make the world a better place. Ask your child what the word 'friendship' means to them. Which friends do they spend the most time with? What is it that they like about them? Who is their best friend? As a family, name ways in which you can deepen your friendship with Jesus, who loves and supports us always. Perhaps it's through: reading the gospels; receiving the sacraments; sitting with Jesus in prayer, alone or with others. Share any stories of when you felt loved and supported by your friends and talk about the qualities that make a good friend (e.g. kindness, honesty, trust, loyalty). In what ways can we be a better friend to others this week – could you reach out to someone who may be feeling lonely? Which friends can you especially pray for at this time?

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/friendship?pid=MTA101634&v=210.1>



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Vanessa</b> for being motivated and independent student with a great love of learning. Well done Vanessa. <b>Natan</b> -for kind, polite and friendly nature. Keep up the good work.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Radman</b> for working very hard and showing great thinking and learning skills in Maths. <b>Joshua A</b> for working hard on learning his digraphs and reading words containing them.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Sebastian</b> for working hard in all lessons and contributing in group discussions. <b>Theo</b> for working hard to practice his arithmetic skills in Maths.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Thalia</b> for demonstrating exceptional helpfulness, cooperation, and care for others. <b>Asante</b> for his excellent contributions to class discussions in art and English, consistently sharing thoughtful ideas, creativity, and insight.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Parsa</b> for showing increasing confidence in their learning and for asking thoughtful questions with growing curiosity and enthusiasm. <b>Allan</b> for settling back into school so well after time away and showing resilience and positivity in their learning.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Leo</b> for writing a beautiful WW1 short story narrative, showing great engagement and putting lots of effort into his work. <b>Nyara</b> for showing positive behaviour, trying her best and challenging herself to improve and do better.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Whole Class</b> for completing their SATs week, well done!
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> <i>Chloe (Y2)</i> <i>Narvin (Y4)</i>	



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### Should I keep my child off school?

Yes, until . . .

- 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)

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

- 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

**BELS**  
Barnet Education & Learning Service



### Mini BACPAC Summer Term 2026

(Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers of Autistic children aged 0-6 years)

#### 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.

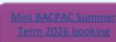
##### The Criteria:

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



##### 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
<b>1. Autism in the Early Years</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•What is autism?</li> <li>•Autism and early education.</li> <li>•Autistic voice.</li> <li>•Strategies for support.</li> </ul> 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
<b>2. Emotional Regulation and Predictability</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Use of visuals and other strategies for setting up routines in the home, managing changes and transitions.</li> <li>•Enhancing predictability as a way to support emotional regulation.</li> </ul> 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
<b>3. Understanding Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•What is an EHCP?</li> <li>•How can an EHCP help my child?</li> <li>•How long this process takes?</li> <li>•Who can help?</li> </ul> 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
<b>4. Promoting Communication</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Development of speech, language and communication.</li> <li>•Strategies for promoting this in the home.</li> </ul> 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
<b>5. Toileting</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Understanding of the development of toileting skills.</li> <li>•Strategies for promoting using the toilet at home.</li> </ul> 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
<b>6. Eating and Drinking Difficulties</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Understanding of the development of eating and drinking skills.</li> <li>•Practical strategies to use at home.</li> </ul> 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
<b>7. Understanding Sensory Processing</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Understanding of our 5 senses and 3 hidden senses.</li> <li>•Practical strategies to promote alertness and calm.</li> </ul> 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

### Dates for your diary

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30pm Secondary transfer meeting for current Y5 parents
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 trip to London Eye and Riverboat cruise <b>CANCELLED due to tube strike</b>
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	2.30pm Whole School May Procession
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term holiday
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Inset day – school closed to children
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> June	1.45pm St. Theresa's Feast Day Whole School Mass
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>New date: Y3 trip to London Eye and Riverboat Cruise</b>
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 trip to Apple Store
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm Reception to Y1 transition meeting for Reception parents
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 trip to Sea Life
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 and Y6 visit to North Finchley Mosque
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 and Y4 visit to North Finchley Mosque
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm Meeting for new Reception Parents
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm-2.30pm open afternoon for new Reception starters
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June	1.45pm Mass for First Holy Communicants
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	6pm Year 6 Summer Show
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm-5pm Friends' Summer Fair
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>6pm Y6 Leavers' Mass</b>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9am Y6 Leavers' Assembly</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>End of term: 1pm finish</b>
<b>*New dates in bold</b>	