



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Thank you to the Y5 parents who attended Monday's Secondary Transfer Meeting; the presentation has now been uploaded onto the Y5 class Seesaw page.

This afternoon, 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. 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.

On Friday 5th June at 2.15pm, Father John will be celebrating Mass for the school's feast day; parents are very welcome to attend.

Have a lovely half-term holiday and see you on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

*Barbara Costa*

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

**NEWS from the FRIENDS**

Dear Parents and Carers,

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. 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.

The Friends of St Theresa's

**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.

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.

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**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.

**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 Y6 is in 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

"Pentecost is the birthday of the Church." *St John XXIII*

Why did Jesus breathe on the disciples? This coming Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church – a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass. Ask your child what they know about Pentecost. It may help your child if you tell them something that you know about Pentecost. The word 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day'. On this day (fifty days after Easter) the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit.

"The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world."

*Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)*

Pentecost is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today. Each of you choose one of the following qualities that you would like to ask the Holy Spirit for today: Courage, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness or Self-Control. Why did you choose that quality? In what ways could growing in that quality help you or help those around you? As the Church prepares to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let's be open to receiving the many priceless gifts which the Holy Spirit offers to enrich our lives.

<https://wednesday-word.papertum-view.com/holiday-booklet?pid-MTA101634&cv-211.2>



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Whole Class</b> for using all of their learning muscles and making great progress this term.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Florence</b> for your excellent progress in writing and your dedication and enthusiasm for learning. <b>Simran</b> for her beautiful behaviour, great manners, kindness, politeness and her positive impact she brings to everyone.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Erin</b> for always working hard in lessons and writing an excellent descriptive narrative. <b>Sebastian</b> for his excellent contributions to class discussions.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Whole class</b> for their effort and resilience during assessments week. <b>Naruto</b> for excellent work and focus in PE.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Abram</b> for doing an excellent job creating and completing his Viking diary. <b>Turhan</b> for fantastic effort and progress in learning the 2, 5, and 10 times tables.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Chloe</b> for always setting a fantastic example through her behaviour, showing strong progress and determination. <b>Roksana</b> for approaching Maths and English with enthusiasm and determination, always trying hard and wanting to.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Samuel</b> for working hard to keep himself focused and engaged <b>Lidia</b> for memorizing all her lines off by heart.
<b>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</b> <i>Genelle (Y4)</i> <i>David (Y3)</i>	



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### 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](#)

Barnet Education & Learning Service

(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

Mini BACPAC Summer Term 2024 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](mailto:Minibacpac@Barnet.gov.uk)

Topic	Description	Date/Time
1. Autism in the Early Years 	<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
2. Emotional Regulation and Predictability 	<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
3. Understanding Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) 	<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
4. Promoting Communication 	<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
5. Toileting 	<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
6. Eating and Drinking Difficulties 	<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 18th June In-person session: 10:00-11:00  Tuesday 19th June Online session: 12:00-13:00 NO EVENING SESSION
7. Understanding Sensory Processing 	<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

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	<b>NEW TIME</b> 2.15pm St. Theresa's Feast Day Whole School Mass
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 trip to London Eye and Riverboat Cruise
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	<b>NEW TIME</b> 2.15pm 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
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>July Walk to School Week</b>
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Nur, Rec, Y1 and Y2 trip to Willow's Farm</b>
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July	6pm Y6 Leavers' Mass
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Bikers' Breakfast (more information to come)</b>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	9am Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term: 1pm finish
<b>*New dates in bold</b>	

# FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP AND Q&A SESSION WITH A SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER 5

Please scan here to  
book your place for  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June!



FRI 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026

12-1pm

AND

MON 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

6-7pm

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THURS 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026

6-7pm

AND

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