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AUTUMN TERM 2026

Friday 11th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who has already returned last week's forms; it is much appreciated. If you have not yet returned all the necessary paperwork, please do so at your earliest convenience. This week we held the Y6, Y5, Y4 and Y3 Class Curriculum Meetings; next week it will be the infant classes. At the meetings, the class teacher will explain routines, talk about what the children will be learning, expectations for the year group and ways you can help at home. The times and dates of these meetings can be found overleaf in the "Dates for your Diary" section of this newsletter.

On Thursday 24th September at 3.30pm, in the Year 5 classroom, we will be holding an information meeting for the current Y5 parents, about the October 2027 Y6 residential trip to Grosvenor Hall. The Year 5 children are welcome to stay for the meeting.

On Wednesday, a letter with information about school attendance and fixed penalty notices was emailed to all parents. Please ensure you have read this letter carefully.

On Monday (14th September) at 2pm, Father John will be celebrating the start of a new school year with a whole school Mass; you are all very welcome to join us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Class Curriculum Meetings

Tuesday 15th 2.30pm Y2 parents

Wednesday 16th 2.15pm Y1 parents (this meeting includes important information about the national Y1 phonic screening test in June 2027)

Thursday 17th 2.30pm Nursery and Reception (this meeting includes important information about how reading is taught)

School Uniform update

All parents have been sent a letter regarding the changes made to school uniform policies by the Department for Education. Please ensure you read the letter carefully to understand which items of school uniform need to have the school logo, and which items of school uniform do not.

Mobile Phones at school

Only Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who walk to and/or from school independently, are permitted to bring mobile phones to school.

Once the pupil arrives at school, they must immediately hand their phone to the class teacher; their phone will be returned to them at home time.

Barnet implemented a smartphone-free policy for schools in September 2025 and St. Theresa's supports this policy.

Parents are strongly encouraged to delay giving smartphones to their children until at least age 14.

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends are delighted to welcome you all back and hope you have had a good first week settling in.

We are very excited to announce our first event of the new academic year, our much-loved ****Halloween Disco****

The disco will take place on Thursday 22 October, from 6 to 8pm in the school hall. Please save the date in your diary. We will send further information in the coming weeks.

The Friends of St Theresa's

Information for Parents and Carers

Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICS) are inviting you to join our virtual workshops. These workshops aim to increase your knowledge of common wellbeing and mental health difficulties faced by children and young people. They also aim to provide you with strategies to assist you in supporting your young person. Please click link for further information:

<https://admin.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-06/08%20BICS%20Family%20Minds%20Workshops%20%20Invitation%20June%20-%20December%202026.pdf>

Contacting Teachers on Seesaw



Can I please remind all parents that teachers are in class during the day and are therefore unlikely to be logged onto Seesaw.

If you have general queries about school, or a message about pick-up arrangements etc. please contact the school office.

If you do leave a message for the teacher regarding homework etc., the teachers will aim to respond as soon as they can, within normal office hours.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 25th September



On Friday 25th September we will be participating in the Macmillan Coffee morning. It is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Macmillan's goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone.

The coffee morning will run in the hall and parents will be able to come and have a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake! The children will be able to buy a cake and a cup of squash, to enjoy in their classrooms, for a donation of £1. If you are able to support this event by donating cakes/biscuits etc. please drop your contribution off to the school office by the morning of the 25th. We are very grateful for your support.

St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for

2026-2027 is 96%

Period	Whole school attendance
From 2/9/26 - now	95.4%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 are in the lead with 98.7% attendance and Y3 are in 2nd place!

At the end of the year, in July 2027, the class with the highest record of attendance will win a non-school uniform day!

The Wednesday Word

"Pray and forgive." St Teresa of Calcutta

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we must try to forgive others in the same way that we want God (and others) to forgive us. Ask your child what the word 'forgiveness' means to them. Has your child ever asked for and received forgiveness? How did it feel to be forgiven? It may help your child if you tell them about a time when you forgave someone, especially when it wasn't easy to do, or when you were forgiven.

Forgiveness is one of God's greatest gifts to us. Each of you say how it feels to forgive someone and make friends again. As we start this new school year, ask your child if there is anyone whose forgiveness they would like. Is anyone they need to forgive? If so, share ideas about how to do this. Perhaps they can: talk gently and lovingly to that person if there is a problem; try to recognise some good qualities in that person; pray and ask God to help them forgive. You might like to end tonight by slowly saying the Lord's Prayer together.

<file:///C:/Users/bcostal.302/Downloads/Forgiveness.pdf>



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

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Information

The online application system for our Year 6 parents is now open at www.eadmissions.org.uk

All parents must apply online. If you need support please feel free to contact the school for support, or call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 020 8359 7651 or visit

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-transfer-secondary-school-september-2027>.

Parents of children in Y6 who have an Educational Health Care Plan will need to complete a different form – this will have been sent to you by the Barnet SEN team.

The deadline for submitting your application is Friday 31st October 2026. Applications received after 31st October will be treated as late. Late applications will not be considered until after the on-time applicants have been allocated their school places. This means that late applicants are unlikely to be offered one of their preferred schools. If there is a good reason as to why your application is late; for example you moved to the area after the closing date, you must contact the admissions department by Monday 7th December 2026 at the latest.

For further information about the secondary school application process, "A Guide to Secondary Education in Barnet 2027" will be available soon.



Reception	Whole Class for settling in so well and having an amazing week. Well done!
Year 1	Tudor for settling into Year 1 and trying your best to follow our classroom rules and routines. Simi for his great work in mathematics. Simi is a great problem solver. Keep up the super effort Simi.
Year 2	Dara for always working hard in lessons and showing excellent behaviour for learning. Florence for always showing kindness to others and completing all work to a high standard.
Year 3	Kalindi for your positive attitude to learning across all subjects. John for showing curiosity and asking questions about the Stone Age.
Year 4	Jakub for fantastic work in Maths this week and a great understanding of place value. Well done. Kimia for being a Have a go Mo on her biography cold task, showing great ideas and effort.
Year 5	Daniel for showing fantastic determination and resilience. You are already making a brilliant start to Year 5! Lili for always showing a positive attitude. You have contributed brilliantly during lessons!
Year 6	Kian for his excellent handwriting. Ece for her focus in every lesson.
The Golden Ticket Winners are: <i>Jesvin (Y3)</i> <i>Asante (Y4)</i>	

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

Dates for your diary

Mon 14 th Sept	2pm whole school Mass
Tues 15 th Sept	2.30pm Y2 Curriculum meeting for parents
Wed 16 th Sept	2.15pm Y1 Curriculum meeting for parents
Thurs 17 th Sept	2.30pm Reception and Nursery Curriculum meeting for parents
Fri 18 th Sept	Year2 trip to the Golden Hinde
Tues 22 nd Sept	9.30 and 6pm Open Day tours for prospective parents
Thurs 24 th Sept	3.30pm Residential Trip meeting for Y5 parents
Fri 25 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wed 30th Sept	Y5 trip to Petrie Museum
Fri 2nd Oct	Y1 and Y2 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church
Fri 2nd Oct	Y3 trip to Hampstead Heath
Wed 7 th -Fri 9 th Oct	Y6 Residential trip to Grosvenor Hall
Fri 9th Oct	Y3 and Y4 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church
Fri 16th Oct	Y5 and Y6 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church

*New dates in bold



ST THERESA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL AFTERSCHOOL DANCE CLUB!

FRIDAYS

Learn cool moves,
build confidence
and have loads
of fun every week!

**FIRST LESSON
A FREE TRIAL!**

3.15 – 4.20 PM

- FUN ROUTINES
- PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES
- BUILD CONFIDENCE
- BE YOURSELF

FOR MORE INFO
CONTACT: **07949917898**

School Chess Club

My Background

My name is Rob Willmoth. I have played chess for 35 years. I am currently ranked in the top 100 players in the UK. I run chess coaching services, which provides professional chess coaching in schools.

What can Chess offer to Children.

- Potential for better performance in academic studies
- Enhanced problem solving
- Enhanced strategic thinking
- Enhanced self esteem
- Friendly forum for making friends
- Healthy competition in a safe environment

Chess Club Lesson.

- Structured lesson plan by term, from basic play to advanced play
- Regular grading system to assess performance.
- Weekly coaching on demonstration board
- Graded weekly games against other children
- Weekly recap on knowledge learnt.

Sign up For Chess Club

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

12 lessons commencing Fri 11th Sep ending Fri 11th Dec.....

Cost- £8 per lesson on Friday-07.45 to 08.45 **Total cost for term is £96. (12 lessons)...**

Online pay/ registration at <https://www.chesscoachingservices.net/online-payments/school-club>.

Further Enquiries. Email: admin@chesscoachingservices.net Mobile 07956 297329

Website: chesscoachingservices.net



FOOTBALL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 1,2

WE OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF
AGE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES,
DELIVERED BY FA QUALIFIED
COACHES!

Time
3.30-4.30PM

Thursdays
10TH SEPTEMBER - 17TH DECEMBER

Price Per Session
£7.20



FOOTBALL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB YEAR 3,4,5,6

WE OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF
AGE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES,
DELIVERED BY FA QUALIFIED
COACHES!

Time
3.30-4.30PM

Tuesdays
8TH SEPTEMBER - 15TH DECEMBER

Price Per Session
£7.20

Why Join?

- ✓ Fun
- ✓ Engaging
- ✓ Safe
- ✓ Inclusive

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Registration Link
www.NonStopAction.co.uk

Contact Us 020 8446 0006 Info@NonStopAction.co.uk



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St. Theresa's Primary School, East End Road, Finchley, London N3 2TD
Tuesday 8th September - 8th December £117
3:15-4:15pm



To book a place please email us the following details: Child's Name, Class, Your Name, Telephone Number, Any allergies or intolerances, Special Needs/Requirements. For payments use code: "St plus your child's name" to Design Fusion Art Club Ltd Sort Code: 04 00 05 Account number: 33971644
email: info@designfusionartclub.co.uk telephone: **07515 928699**

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ST. THERESA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, ARTS & CRAFTS, DRAMA ACTIVITIES,
JEWELLERY MAKING, BOARD GAMES, LEGO, TABLE TENNIS AND MUCH MORE...

Time: 3.15 - 6.00pm

Cost: £12 (this includes sandwiches, drinks and a fruit snack)

We are very pleased to say we are now Ofsted registered, so we can accept Childcare vouchers

To book a place or for more information please contact Vicky Avraam:
email: vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk telephone: **07968 498 364**

Payments with code "St child's name" to Little Saints Ltd, Account No: 41690086, Sort code: 040333