



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

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AUTUMN TERM 2026

Friday 4th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School; I hope everyone had a restful, and safe, summer holiday. A very warm welcome to the all the new families who are joining our school community this autumn – we hope you and your children will be very happy here.

Today your child is bringing home a pack containing a number of important forms. Please look in your child's book bag for the following documents which must be completed and returned to school as soon as possible:

- **Student details form** – the school updates all pupils' details every year
- **The Home-School Agreement form** – one page to be signed by the parents and the other page to be signed by pupils in Y3-Y6
- **Pupil Acceptable Use Policy** – re. online safety (to be completed by the pupil)
- **Parent Acceptable Use Agreement** re. online safety (to be signed by parents)

Other documents parents must read and be aware of are:

- **The Importance of Good Attendance and School Procedures.** This can be found on pages 19-21 of the school Attendance Policy <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Attendance-and-Punctuality-Policy-January-2026.pdf> Please read this very carefully as leave of absence during term time will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. If you take unauthorised leave, you may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £120 per parent, per child.
- **School opening times and punctuality information.** This can be found on page 18 of the school Attendance Policy <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Attendance-and-Punctuality-Policy-January-2026.pdf>
- **Spelling lists for Y3-Y6** - these are spellings the children must learn off by heart.
- **Packed lunch guidelines** for parents who provide their child with a packed lunch every day. This can be found on page 10 of the school Food and Drink Policy <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Food-and-Drink-Policy-January-2026.pdf>

Over the next couple of weeks, parents are invited to attend class curriculum meetings at the school. 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.

Have a lovely weekend

Barbara Costa

Please visit our website where you will find our weekly newsletter, diary dates, curriculum information and lots more! <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/>

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a great summer and a special warm welcome to all the new families joining us. The Friends have some exciting events lined up for this year and more details will be shared next week, so watch this space!

Warm regards,
The Friends

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.

Class Curriculum Meetings

Monday 7th 2.15pm Y6 parents (this meeting includes important information about the Y6 national tests in May 2027)

Tuesday 8th 2.30pm Y5 parents

Wednesday 9th 2.30pm Y4 parents (this meeting includes important information about the Y4 national multiplication check in June 2027)

Thursday 10th 2.30pm Y3 parents

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)

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.

The Wednesday Word

"The Church has the mission to proclaim reconciliation."

St John Paul II

What does Jesus say is the first thing that we should do if someone upsets us? Sometimes we make mistakes and occasionally upset one another. The important thing is to overcome we make mistakes and occasionally upset one another. The important thing is to overcome such upsets in a loving way and become friends again. This is also known as reconciliation. This Sunday's Gospel suggests ways of doing this peacefully and calmly. Ask your child who have been their special friends over the years, even if they have had misunderstandings. Tell your children about the special friendships you have had over the years. Each say what you think makes a lasting friendship?

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we should always try hard to be reconciled – to heal relationships and to try to make friends again. Prayer is an important part of reconciliation. We can ask Jesus, anytime, to bring peace to a situation, and to guide us back to friendship. We can't always undo mistakes if we have done something wrong and upset someone, but we can always learn from our mistakes and try to make amends. As a family, share ideas about how to be reconciled with someone if things go wrong. Perhaps we can; say sorry if we have done wrong; ask an adult to help us make friends again. Can you think of other ways?

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/summer-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&cv=217.5>

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

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.



Year 1	Whole Class for doing a fantastic job of settling back into Year 1 during our first week.
Year 2	Whole Class for settling in so well this week, well done!
Year 3	Whole Class for a fantastic first few days at school, well done!
Year 4	Whole Class making a fantastic start to Y4 showing enthusiasm and a great attitude.
Year 5	Whole Class for settling into Year 5 so well! You have made a wonderful start to the year by showing kindness, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn.
Year 6	Whole class for making a great start.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Eva (Y4)

Ted (Y6)

KS1 and KS2 Football Club

Non Stop Action are running **Football Club for Years 3,4,5,6 on Tuesdays** and launching a **NEW Football Club for Years 1&2 on Thursdays**! They will be running **FREE** taster sessions on **Tuesday 8th September and Thursday 10th September** from 3:30pm-4:30pm. If interested, please email Non Stop Action directly on info@nonstopaction.co.uk with the following information:

Child's Name:

Child's Year Group:

Emergency Contact Number:

Any medical info we should be aware of:

I give permission for Non Stop Action to take my child into football club on Thursday 10th Sept: YES/NO

Your child should wear comfortable clothing (e.g. t shirt and shorts/jogging bottoms), provide layers if the weather is colder and trainers or astro turf boots (no molds or studs). Shin pads are advised but not necessary for the first session. Children may also bring a small nut free snack to have before the club.

Dates for your diary

Mon 7 th Sept	2.15pm Y6 Curriculum Meeting for parents
Tues 8 th Sept	2.30pm Y5 Curriculum meeting for parents
Wed 9 th Sept	2.30pm Y4 Curriculum meeting for parents
Thurs 10 th Sept	2.30pm Y3 Curriculum meeting for parents
Mon 14th 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 18th 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 7 th -Fri 9 th Oct	Y6 Residential trip to Grosvenor Hall

***New dates in bold**