



**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 16th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this week, parents were sent the link to make an appointment for the Online Parent Consultations on Monday 2nd November; the school will be closed to all the children on this day. The meetings will be held via Zoom.

Booking your appointment

1. Please use the link you were emailed to book a ten-minute slot to meet your child's teacher on Zoom.
2. The online booking system for all classes will close on Wednesday 28th October at 6pm. You will not be able to book an appointment or amend your appointment after this time.
3. If appointment times being offered are not convenient, please contact your child's class teacher directly to arrange an alternative time.
4. Once the online booking system closes, you will be emailed the link and a nine-digit ID Zoom meeting code invite for the meeting with the teacher.
5. Parents MUST NOT share Zoom links with anybody other than the parents in the same class.

Joining the Meeting

1. You do not need a Zoom account to join meetings; you just need to click the link sent to you and then type in the nine-digit code.
2. You can join the meeting with a computer, laptop, iPad, smartphone etc.
3. When logging in, please ensure you type your name in so that the teacher knows who you are.
4. If you are early for your appointment, you will be placed in a virtual waiting room; please wait until the class teacher admits you.
5. Once you are online with the teacher, your meeting will last 10 minutes.
6. If you are late to your meeting, your time to talk with the teacher will be reduced.
7. Please ensure your camera and microphone are turned on.

If you have any problems accessing the booking system or you do not receive the Zoom meeting details, please do contact the school. The Spring (March 2027) parent consultations, will be face to face in the school building. If you have any further questions, please do contact the school office.

A reminder that this afternoon we are holding an after-school sale to raise funds to restore Jack's Garden. You can also support Jack's Garden restoration project by visiting our JustGiving page here:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sttheresas-jacksgarden2026?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL. We are grateful of any support you can give us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Mini Vinnies

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as our new Mini Vinnies: Alison (Y3), Sebastian (Y3), Emilia (Y3), Karin (Y4), Gabbie (Y4) and Vivaan (Y5).

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends **Halloween Disco** is fast approaching on **Thursday 22nd October 2026, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** in the school hall! Alongside the children's best costume competition, we're excited to introduce a Best Dressed Parent Competition. Ms Costa will be judging the costumes, so parents, get your Halloween outfits ready! We can't wait to see everyone's spooky creations!

Class Donations – We Need Your Support! Donation boxes in the classroom.

Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 3: Sweets

Years 2, 4, 5 & 6: Lucky dip prizes (pencils, rubbers, rulers, etc.)

Donation deadline: Monday 19th October 2026, at pick-up.

KS1 Movie Afternoon – Coming Soon! Provisionally from 3:30pm to 4:55pm one afternoon, so watch this space!

Our events are about more than just having fun. They bring children together, create memorable experiences, and help raise valuable funds for school resources that benefit all our pupils. We truly appreciate your continued support, kindness and generosity. Together, we can make these events a wonderful success!

Warm wishes, The Friends

Barnet Parent and Carer Question and Answer Session

You will have the opportunity to submit questions in advance and take part in discussion during each session. Please note that sessions will focus on general processes and updates rather than individual circumstances.

Session 1: Introduction to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Alternative Provision (AP) Reforms

Wednesday 21st October at 12.00 - 1.00pm and repeated at 5.30 - 6.30pm. No sign-up required.

Joining link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3817359646329794?p=JjL46aCUZTTyCwfklA>

Meeting ID: 381 735 964 632 979 4

Passcode: W27eY2n.

Applications for Nursery January 2027

Applications are invited for the new **Nursery** for January 2027 (this is for children who are 3 by 31st December 2026). Children who will be 3 by 31st March 2027 can also apply and will be admitted in the summer term. The application forms are available to download from the school website.

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Nursery-School-Application-Form-2026-2027.pdf> Please return your completed application forms to the school office.

St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for

2026-2027 is 96%

Period	Whole school attendance
From 2/9/26 - now	95.8%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 are in the lead with 99.3% attendance and Y4 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

"The heart that knows how to say 'thank you' is a good heart, it is a heart that is content."

Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

Regularly expressing gratitude (or saying 'thank you') to each other helps love to grow. Ask your child what the word 'gratitude' means to them. You may want to help your child understand what the word 'gratitude' means to you. Can your child remember a time when they felt really grateful to someone? How did they show their gratitude to that person? Each of you name one or two things (as well as your family) that you are most grateful to God for.

It is good for us to be grateful to God for the blessings of his love, for our lives, our talents, our families, our school and for the love of those around us. How do we show God that we are grateful? Who else will you remember to show gratitude to in these coming weeks? Perhaps a parent or carer, a family member, a teacher or a friend. How will you do this (e.g. with a hug, kind words, a thank you note, a prayer, a gift, or by offering help)?

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/gratitude?pid=MTA101634&p=2&cv=223.8>

Understanding Children Who Mask - For parents and carers of autistic children who hold it all together at school

Your child manages the whole school day, then falls apart the moment they're home with you. That isn't you doing something wrong, it's what happens when a child finally reaches the person, they feel safest with.

This session is for parents and carers of autistic children who mask, and it's mostly about home: Why the evenings look like they do, the quiet signs that come long before a crisis, and the small changes that take the pressure off. You'll also get words that help school see the same child you see. The online talk (or recording) is free, but it is essential that parents/carers/staff register.

- Where: Online via Zoom

- When: Tuesday 20 October 10am to 11am

- Or recording of the talk: Wednesday 21 October at 6pm to 7pm

For further information and to sign-up please click this link:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-10/Autistic%20Speaker%20Pooky%20Knightsmith%20Oct.%202026%20.pdf>

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", please use this link:

https://admin.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/bc5313_-_guide_to_secondary_2027_final.pdf?_gl=1*1td15pc*_gcl_au*NzAyMjQNTA3LjE3ODg3ODYzNzE.*_ga*MTMyMTA4Mjc2Mi4xNzYzODQ2NjE2*_ga_FQ5GMMMGZJ*cze3ODk1NTA4MjkkbzOwJGcwJH0xNzYzNTUwODI5JG02MCRsMCRoMA



Reception	Leah for creating a beautiful Elmer inspired pattern using lovely colours and showing fantastic creativity. Cruz for your fantastic work sequencing the Elmer story and confidently retelling the events.
Year 1	Whole Class for showing fantastic behavior, excellent listening and teamwork during our trip to London Transport Museum. You were all amazing ambassadors for our school!
Year 2	Radman for showing excellent subject knowledge in Geography. Betesie for always working hard in lessons.
Year 3	Sebastian for your hard work, effort and enthusiasm in our Stone Age topic. Keep up the brilliant work. Sara for showing wonderful curiosity, asking questions, and trying your very best.
Year 4	Karin for making a great effort with her gladiator character description. Tashinga for his fantastic attitude to learning and excellent behaviour in the classroom and playground.
Year 5	Kornelia for consistently showing a positive attitude towards school and always trying your best! Narvin for producing beautiful artwork and being a fantastic partner by supporting and encouraging others.
Year 6	Mia for performing incredibly well in her first round of mock SATs. Sofia for working incredibly hard in every subject to produce high quality work.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Dara (Y1)

Dates for your diary

Fri 16 th Oct	After school sale for Jack's Garden
Mon 19 th Oct	1pm Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 watching show at Our Lady of Lourdes School
Wed 21 st Oct	Y4 trip to London Mithraeum
Thurs 22 nd Oct	6pm-8pm Friends' Halloween Disco
Mon 26 th Oct-Fri 30 th Oct	Half-term holiday
Monday 2 nd Nov	Parent Online Consultations (school closed to children)
Tues 3 rd Nov	School Photographer for individual photos
Wed 4 th Nov	Y6 trip to Natural History Museum
Mon 16 th -Fri 20 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 16 th -Fri 20 th Nov	Travelling Book Fair every day after school
Tues 17 th Nov	Rec and Y6 height and weight check
Mon 23 rd Nov	Rec-Y6 Flu Vaccination
Fri 27 th Nov	Y1-Y6 Dance Festival
Fri 11 th Dec	9.30am Infant Christmas Show

***New dates in bold**

Ofsted Registered

eAssistant
.co.uk

Robo Club

The aim of this club is to introduce robotics in a fun way, using building bricks and computer commands to assemble and control various robotic models.

Robo Club helps children to learn about simple robotics building and controlling in an environment that improves communication, collaboration and team building skills.

To Register Please:

Click Here or Visit www.eAssistant.co.uk/school-clubs then click 'St Theresa Catholic'

Day: Thursday

Time: 12:00 to 12:30 Year 1 & 2
12:30 to 1:00 Years 3 to 6

Dates: 15 Oct 26 to 10 Dec 26

Where: TBC

Fee for this term: £56

Childcare Voucher Accepted

Please note fees are non-refundable
info@eAssistant.co.uk www.eAssistant.co.uk

07748 493383

After school Spanish club at St. Theresa's

Click here to register:

<https://www.vcalanguageacademy.com/sttheresas>
as

PROPOSED WEEKLY AFTER-SCHOOL SPANISH CLUB

Give your child a confident start in a new language

St Theresa's families are invited to register their interest in a weekly Spanish after-school club during the 2026-27 academic year.

Expression of interest only

Registering does not guarantee a place, and no payment is required at this stage. The responses will help us assess interest in the proposed Spanish club and identify suitable days before it is confirmed.

Practical language learning that makes sense

VCA's Verb-Centred Method places verbs and practical grammar at the heart of learning. Children learn how the language works, allowing them to build their own sentences and communicate confidently rather than relying only on memorised words and phrases.

Clubs would normally take place once a week after school for one hour. Lessons may include speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary and cultural activities in an engaging, age-appropriate format.

Price

WEEKLY LESSON	4-LESSON MONTH	5-LESSON MONTH
£10	£40	£50
per pupil	paid monthly in advance	paid monthly in advance

*Families pay only for scheduled lessons; there is no charge for school holidays, bank holidays, INSET days or closures.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST USING THE LINK BELOW:

www.vcalanguageacademy.com/sttheresas

Please select Spanish when answering "Which language club would interest your child?" The club, day and availability will be confirmed after the expression-of-interest period.

Find out more about VCA and our teaching approach at www.vcalanguageacademy.com
If you have any questions, please contact michelle.chase@vcalanguageacademy.com

WUMA SPORTS

ST THERESA'S SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLUB



WEDNESDAYS
3:15 - 4:15PM



ST THERESA'S
SCHOOL

DATES

4/11 11/11 18/11 25/11 2/12 9/12 16/12

LEARN
NEW SKILLS

IMPROVE
YOUR GAME

MAKE
NEW FRIENDS

ALL
ABILITIES
WELCOME



WUMA SPORTS

<https://wumasports.com/>

After school basketball club for Y4, Y5 and Y6 only

Where: St. Theresa's

When: Wednesdays 3.15pm-4.15pm

Starting: Wednesday 4th November for 7 sessions

How much: £5 per session (£35 in total)

How to join: email the office to reserve a place

office@sttheresas.barnetmail.net

MAXIMUM of 15 pupils from Y4/5/6

What are the benefits of basketball?

Basketball is one of the most popular team sports in the world and is the second most popular team sport enjoyed by young people in the UK. Here are some of the benefits of basketball:

- Fast-paced, dynamic nature of the game
- The opportunity to showcase skills and athleticism
- The excitement of competition
- Playing is a great way to socialise, bond with friends and family and enjoy some light-hearted recreation
- Basketball has a strong sense of community and camaraderie and can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels

The Friends of
St Theresa's School



St. Theresa's
Catholic Primary School



Class Donations

We're very excited that our Halloween Disco is approaching!

Thursday 22nd October 2026: 6pm – 8pm

Every year we ask parents / carers to support our fundraising efforts by contributing specific items to our events. It is the continued generosity of the St Theresa's parents / carers that helps us reach our fundraising targets and ensure that our children have enriched learning experiences at St Theresa's.

Please see below the items selected for your child's class. If you are unsure what is required, please ask your class representative.

CLASS	DONATION REQUIRED
Reception	Sweets
Year 1	Sweets
Year 2	Lucky Dip Items (pencils, rubbers, rulers etc)
Year 3	Sweets
Year 4	Lucky Dip Items (pencils, rubbers, rulers etc)
Year 5	Lucky Dip Items (pencils, rubbers, rulers etc)
Year 6	Lucky Dip Items

All donations should be handed into your classroom by

Monday 19th October 2026