



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

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SUMMER TERM 2024

Friday 21st June

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce that it has been agreed that the school will offer a Nursery for 3-4 year olds; we are currently working alongside the local authority to set up this provision. It is anticipated that we will be able to open the St. Theresa's Nursery in January 2025. We will update you all once we have further information to share,

A reminder to everyone that tomorrow (Saturday 22nd June) from 2pm-5pm, the Friends of St. Theresa's are holding the summer Fayre. The Friends (a group of volunteer parents) raise significant funds for the school and contribute enormously to the experience that all pupils have here. It is thanks to the Friends that classes have new interactive whiteboards, or that Reception children have an outdoor sand pit, or that we were able to purchase 30 new iPads last year – the list goes on. We are incredibly grateful for everything the Friends do for St. Theresa's and I hope that you will all support them tomorrow. I look forward to seeing many of you there tomorrow and I hope it will be a great success.

Last week, a parent questionnaire was sent out. Please complete the questionnaire as fully as possible and return it to school by Friday 28th June. Should you wish your responses to remain anonymous you may return your questionnaire to the box labelled "Questionnaire" in the main school entrance, just outside the school office. Should you prefer to complete the questionnaire online please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/WMP8w2kbCp>.

Next Friday, 28th June, at 1.45pm, Father John will be coming to celebrate St. Peter and Paul Mass; this Mass will be led by the children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion this year. You are all very welcome to attend.
Barbara Costa
Have a lovely weekend.

Summer Camp 2024!

Non Stop Action are looking forward to **Summer Camp 2024!**

We are running **Multi Sports** at Moss Hall Junior School (N3 1NR) and **Football** and **Dance** at Millbrook park school (NW7 1JF)!

We will be running for 6 weeks in the Summer Holidays, from **Thursday 25th July - Friday 30th August**.

Bookings made before **Saturday 6th July** will automatically get our Early Bird discounts applied, you can also save money by booking week blocks - book from as little as **£29** for a day, or **£106** for a week!

Head to our website to book now:

<https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Families,

We are very excited about the Summer Fair, taking place tomorrow at the school from 2 pm to 5 pm. Everyone is warmly invited to join in the celebrations!

Enjoy an international BBQ and feel free to invite friends and family. Admission is free for all, and extra raffle tickets will be available for purchase, with the raffle taking place at 4:30 pm. There will be plenty of activities to entertain the children, including a toy tombola, a bouncy castle, face painting, tattoos, sports activities, and a variety of stalls offering sweets, cakes, and ice cream. Adults can also look forward to a bottle tombola, nail bar, jewellery stall, and a fully-licensed bar serving a variety of drinks including summer cocktails.

Please remember to bring cash, as all stalls are cash only. We can't wait to see you there!

Warm Regards The Friends

School Uniform

There are a number of pupils attending school wearing the incorrect uniform. Could I please remind all parents that the school uniform is a crucial part of our identity and is communicated to parents when children join the school. The uniform has not changed and all parents are expected to ensure their child is wearing the correct items. Parents can visit the school website for a complete uniform list (<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/school/uniform/>). If any parents is struggling, for whatever reason, to purchase the uniform, please do speak to a member of staff and the school will try and support you in whatever way it can.



Ofsted ParentView



A reminder to all parents that St. Theresa's is expecting an Ofsted inspection in the coming months and when we are notified of the Ofsted visit, the inspectors will want to gather the views of the parents. We are therefore asking parents to please complete the online Ofsted parent survey in preparation for the inspection. It can be accessed here:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>.

You will need to register with an email address first; once you are registered you will need to search for our school and then answer the 14 questions. The survey is anonymous.

St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for 2023-2024 is 96%

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	96%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y5 is still in the lead with 96.6% attendance and Y3 is in second place!

At the end of the year, in July 2024, the class with the highest record of attendance will win a non-school uniform day!



The Wednesday Word

“One of the greatest gifts the Holy Spirit can bestow on us is to give us calm in the midst of trouble.” *St Claude de la Colombiere*

Ask your child what the word ‘calm’ means to them. What sometimes makes them upset or afraid? When was the last time they really needed some help? Who do they know to be a very calm person - someone who is always ready to help them when they are afraid or upset? Has your child ever asked Jesus to help them to stay calm, or asked Jesus for help when they were upset?

God wants us to bring peace and calm to others too. Whenever we are afraid or troubled, we can pray to Jesus. Just sitting quietly with Jesus can be enough to calm us. Is there anyone you know at school, at work or in the community who may be troubled, frightened or upset? What can you do to help them? Perhaps you can: tell a teacher or your parents; ask them if you can help in any way; say a prayer for them.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/calm?pid-MTA101634&cv-132.2>

School Attendance

Term Time Holiday Requests

We receive a number requests for leave of absence during school time. Please can we remind you that term time holiday requests will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.

Please ensure your child is present the last day of the term and the first day of a new term.

Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

Please note that children are expected to attend school for at least 96% of the year. Attendance is regularly checked by the EWO who may fine parents for any unauthorised absence.

Illnesses that will not prevent your child from coming to school

- Mild cough
- Cold/Sneezes
- Tiredness

Barnet Family Autism Hub

Barnet Family Services are excited to share they are in the beginning stages of creating a *Barnet Family Autism Hub* in conjunction with Resources for Autism. This initiative aims to create a neuro-affirmative space for those who love and care for Autistic children and young people, providing a one-stop community hub where families can access pre- and post-diagnosis information and resources. The support offered will be based on family needs rather than solely on diagnosis. The hub will feature multi-agency collaboration from the voluntary sector, education, social care, and health services.

Barnet has requested schools share this information with the parents of Autistic children, those on the pathway to diagnosis, and those identified as having social communication differences

To ensure the hub meets community needs, as many parents as possible are being encouraged to participate in a survey, as your feedback is crucial in shaping the services and support provided.

Survey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JVWRYMT>

Reception	Sara for really making an effort to learn her words for the assembly. Erin for her positive attitude towards all that she does, and for learning her words for the assembly really well.
Year 1	Asante for working really hard in Maths when using the coins to pay for items in the shop. Avicii for his effort in improving the presentation of his learning.
Year 2	Genelle for working hard and striving to achieve your best. Scarlett for being a cooperative, caring and enthusiastic pupil, working well in all her lessons.
Year 3	Kylie for trying really hard to improve her reading and writing. Ted for being a kind friend and helping his classmates in computing.
Year 4	Emily for making good progress in her reading and becoming confident. Tye for showing fluency and expression in his reading.
Year 5	Albert for his excellent set design. Olivia for working really hard in all her subjects.
Year 6	Leo for producing an interesting and well-structured explanation text. Very well done. Oliwia for identifying and discussing differences in lifestyle between rich and poor Victorians.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> <i>Leo (Y6)</i> <i>Testimony (Y3)</i>	

Do you have any time to volunteer at school?

The school welcomes parent/carer volunteers who have any extra spare time to come and help read with the children. If this is something you think you would like to do, please do come and speak to either Mr Troy or Miss Costa.

Parking

The school receives complaints from local residents about St. Theresa's parents parking across driveways etc.
PLEASE PARK WITH CONSIDERATION

Dates for your diary

Sat 22 nd June	2pm-5pm Friends' Summer Fayre
Wed 26 th June	Y6 at Tate Britain
Thurs 27 th June	1.30-2.30pm Open afternoon for new Reception children
Fri 28 th June	1.45pm Mass for 1 st Holy Communicants
Thurs 4 th July	6pm Y6 show for parents
Fri 5 th July	Y6 at Lee Valley White Water Centre
Tues 9 th July	Whole School Sports Day (more details to follow)
Fri 12 th July	Y1 trip to "Tiger Who Came to Tea" show
Fri 12 th July	9.15am Reception assembly for parents
Thurs 18 th July	6pm Y6 Leavers' Mass
Wed 24 th July	9am Leavers' Assembly
Wed 24 th July	Last day of term 1pm finish
Tues 3 rd Sep	First day of autumn term for existing children

***New dates in bold**

Draw with Rob Biddulph



**Saturday 6 July
11am - 1pm**

Finchley Church End Library

Meet Rob and draw along in this live session. Rob will be answering your questions and signing copies of his book.

Age guidance: 5+

Booking required. Scan the QR code below or visit <https://barnet-libraries.played.co/> to book.



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