



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

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**SPRING TERM 2025**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to Y5 who won this morning's Dance Festival with their excellent choreography to Sia's *Unstoppable*! They will represent St. Theresa's at the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you, and well done also to all the other children who performed this morning. Thank you to all the staff who have been working with the children to prepare them for this morning's show.

Thank you to everybody who supported yesterday evening's Valentine's Disco; the children had a great time. Thank you to all the parents and carers who made this happen; we will let you know how much money was raised in the first newsletter after half-term.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the recent parent teacher consultations; if you did not make an appointment, please ensure you do so to ensure you are kept up to date with your child's progress.

The Mini Marathon is back! St. Theresa's has been given 25 places for pupils in Reception to Y3 and 15 places for pupils in Y4-Y6. Letters with information about this very popular event, were emailed on Wednesday; please read the letter carefully before applying for a place.

A reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The children are invited to come to school on that day wearing their pyjamas or onesies. We are also inviting all the children to take part in our "World Book Day Competition". To enter, all you need to do is take a photo of your child enjoying a book in the most unusual or wonderful place they can think of; please upload your photo to Seesaw with a brief description of the chosen reading spot. Mrs Reimus will announce the winners on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am-11.30am we are hosting a Stay and Play drop-in session for prospective Nursery parents – in our new nursery. Please do spread the word; you can see the flyer on the last page of this newsletter.

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm in the hall, we will be delivering an online safety meeting for parents; we urge you to make the time to come to this meeting. A crèche will be available for the younger children if you wish to use it. If your child stays in the meeting, it remains the responsibility of the parents to ensure your children remains seated and quiet

Have a lovely half-term holiday.

*Barbara Costa*

## Little Saints After School Club Ofsted Inspection

Congratulations to Little Saints, our after school club for their recent successful OFSTED inspection. You can read the very positive report on the OFSTED website:

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50268885>

## NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of The Friends of St. Theresa's, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents and families who contributed to making our Hearts and Stars - Valentines Dance such a wonderful success. Your generous donations and support played an essential role in creating a joyful and super fun event for our children.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the parents who donated to the Happy School Bag collection this week. Thanks to your generosity, we raised **£134.80**! A special thank you to Sheena and Joanna for organising everything.

Best wishes, The Friends

## Applications for Nursery

Applications are invited for the new **Nursery** – this is for children who are already 3. Children who will be 3 by 31st March 2025 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/2024/09/Nursery-School-Application-Form-2024-2025.pdf>

Please return your completed application forms to the school office.

## Maths Workshop for Y5 and Y6 Parents

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2.45pm**

Mr Troy will be leading a series of maths workshops aimed at the parents of different year groups. On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm, he will start with Year 5 and 6 parents. The workshop will explore:

- How best to support your children at home and the expectations of the end of KS2 maths assessments.
- What topics children need to best fully understand maths in KS2.
- The methods taught by class teachers.
- What the expectations are in maths.

The workshop will finish by 3.15pm in time for the end of the school day.

## School Policies

If you are looking for any of the school policies, please visit the School Policy page of the school website. You can find it by following this link:

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/school/policies/>

## St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for

**2024-2025 is 96%**

Period	Whole school attendance
From 3/9/24 - now	94.67%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 are still in the lead with 96.12% attendance and Y3 are now in 2<sup>nd</sup> place!

*At the end of the year, in July 2025, the class with the highest record of attendance will win a non-school uniform day!*

### The Wednesday Word

“Put your trust in God! The Beatitudes are Jesus’ way of life.”

Pope Francis

What did Jesus say belongs to the poor? The blessings in this Sunday’s Gospel, which are taken from Jesus’ Sermon on the Plain (or Mount), are Luke’s version of the ‘Beatitudes’. This is one of the most well-known passages in the Bible and has encouraged people throughout the ages to trust in God. The Beatitudes remind us that, however bad things might look, those who serve and trust in God will have the reward of his everlasting love and blessings. It takes complete trust in God for us to live in this way. Ask your child what the word ‘trust’ means to them. Knowing who to trust is really important. Which people does your child really trust and why do they trust them?

“Trust the past to God’s mercy, the present to God’s love and the future to God’s care.” *St Augustine of Hippo*

Trusting in God’s promises isn’t always easy – but it’s always rewarding. No amount of worrying will increase our safety or comfort; it’s through trusting in God that we will find security and hope. Each of you say how, in the days ahead, you can show your trust in God. Perhaps you can: pray and offer any concerns to God if you are feeling worried; try to do your best without being afraid of making occasional mistakes; believe that God will bring good out of all that happens in life, even when things seem to be going wrong.

<https://www.papertum-view.com/wednesday-word/holiday-booklet?pid=MTA101634&v=167.5>

### Little Saints After School Club

Where? St. Theresa’s School multi-purpose room

When? Every day after school until 6pm

Please contact Vicky for further information.

Email: [Vicky\\_avraam@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk) Telephone: 07968 498 364

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.45am - 8.30am in the school hall for £4.

Please let the school office know if you would like your child to attend.

Please ensure you pay for breakfast club charges in advance of your child attending, or on the morning. Please ring the doorbell labelled “Breakfast Club” when you get to school in the morning & a member of the breakfast club team will let your child in.



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Shanaya</b> for wonderful role play alongside others in the mud kitchen. <b>Sirwan</b> for great counting and grouping of objects in Maths.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Chloe</b> for her wonderful contribution to our class dance. Thank you! <b>Nicolas</b> for challenging himself in doubling numbers to 50.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Whole class</b> for your brilliant performance in our dancing competition.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Whole class</b> for fantastic practice and performance in dance.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Nyara</b> for working well with others. <b>Iasmina</b> for being a kind and helpful member of the class.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Whole class</b> for their great collaboration of effort and ideas for the dance competition. Well done!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Chisom</b> for making a great effort with her newspaper report on the Blitz. <b>Fawaz</b> for having a positive attitude towards his learning in maths and English.
<b>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</b> <b>Kornelia (Y3) &amp; Allan (Y3)</b>	

### Is it illegal to smack my child?

It is unlawful for a parent or carer to smack their child, except where this amounts to ‘reasonable punishment’. This defence is laid down in Section 58 Children Act 2004, but it is not defined in this legislation. Whether a ‘smack’ amounts to reasonable punishment will depend on the circumstances of each case, taking into consideration factors like the age of the child and the nature of the smack.

However, what is evidenced from case law and further legislation is that any physical chastisement which amounts to actual bodily harm, grievous bodily harm, wounding, or child cruelty, will be regarded as unreasonable. **The low threshold of actual bodily harm means that a smack or a hit which results in bruising and swelling will be classed as an assault and a criminal offence. A parent or carer can be face prosecution if their physical chastisement amounts to any of these offences.**

### Dates for your diary

Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.45pm Maths Workshop for Y5 and Y6 parents
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half term
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	*3.30pm Parent Online Safety Workshop
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>after school Y3 cake sale</b>
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> March	*9.15am Whole School Mass – Ash Wednesday
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm Maths Workshop for Y3 and Y4 parents
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 trip to Vue Cinema
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> March	4-6pm Reception Parent Consultations
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 trip to Natural History Museum
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> March	4-6pm Reception Parent Consultations
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm Maths Workshop for Y1 and Y2 parents
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photo Day
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30-11.30am Nursery stay and play drop-in session</b>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day
<b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y4 and Y5 trip to Criterion Theatre</b>
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	6pm Y3 and Y4 Easter Play
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term 1pm finish
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children back to school
<b>*New dates in bold</b>	

## FEBRUARY CAMP 2025

FOR 5 - 12 YEAR OLDS

**Monday 17th - Friday 21st February**  
**MOSS HALL JUNIOR SCHOOL (Multisports)**  
 NETHER STREET, WEST FINCHLEY, N3 1NR

**MILLBROOK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL (Football and Dance)**  
 SCHOOL HOUSE LANE, MILL HILL, NW7 1JF

Times  
10AM - 3PM  
9AM - 4PM

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