



**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 28<sup>th</sup> February**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday afternoon we held the online safety workshop for parents and carers; it was disappointing that no parent could make the time to attend this meeting. To ensure as many people as possible access the important messages from the presentation, we are including the link here so that you can view the session at home:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8091795797051609949>. The link will be valid until Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

This Lent, St. Theresa's is supporting the Catholic Children's Service (CCS) Lenten Appeal: *Become Pilgrims of Hope*. This year's appeal explores the theme of the Jubilee Year and encourages children and young people to spread hope and put their faith into action. Earlier this week, your child brought home the CCS Lenten Appeal collection box. Please return any donations by the last day of term, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

A reminder that, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children are invited to come to school, on Thursday, 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.

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.

A reminder that Father John will be celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass at the school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am and you are all welcome.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

## Big Walk and Wheel: 24<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April



Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world. This year the challenge will run from 24<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025. On each day of the challenge, schools (including St. Theresa's) compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, scooting or cycling to school.

A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leaderboards will receive an exclusive Big Walk and Wheel certificate.

All schools will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards if over 15% of the school takes part on each day of the challenge. Prizes up for grabs include accessories and equipment to help your school travel actively.

## NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends are delighted to share that the Valentines Hearts and Stars Disco raised an amazing **£980.60!** Thank you so much for your generosity and support, your donations and contributions truly made the event a success and the children had a fantastic time!

🍰 Cake Sale Alert! 🌸 Please support Y3 today, 28<sup>th</sup> February after school at pick up time and bring extra change for some lovely treats! If you'd like to learn more about The Friends or get involved, please email the school, and we'll be in touch.

Thank you again for your support, 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 Y3 and Y4 Parents

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm**

Mr Troy is leading a series of maths workshops aimed at the parents of different year groups. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm, his workshop for Year 3 and 4 parents will explore:

- How best to support your children at home and the end of year expectations in maths.
- 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	94.63%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 are still in the lead with 96.07% attendance and Y3 are 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!*

**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/>**

### The Wednesday Word

"We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions." *Pope Francis*

What did Jesus say 'a good person' does? In this Sunday's Gospel, What did Jesus say 'a good person' does? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is using parables – short stories – to teach us important lessons. Just as good fruit is a sign of a good tree, so our words and actions show what is truly inside our heart. Ask your child what the saying, 'Actions speak louder than words' means to them. Tell your child about a time when someone was a really good friend or neighbour to you because of something they did. Then ask your child if they can remember a time when someone was really good to them.

"Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak." *St Anthony of Padua*

This Gospel also reminds us not to criticise others' actions but rather to look at our own actions and try to grow in goodness. Decide on some kind of action that you could take to show your love for God and others. Perhaps you can: visit a person who may need your help; try to be humble and truthful about any of your own faults; say sorry to one another for anything you have done wrong; help around the home more; offer to help out with a voluntary project; resist being quick to criticise; always try to look for the good in others; remember to be understanding, compassionate, caring and speak kindly of others.

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

### 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.**



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Chimaruzo</b> for showing super involvement and skills in PE. <b>Kyro</b> for your creativity with the fabulous paintings you have made.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Theo</b> for the exceptional recount of the half-term news. I am so proud of you! <b>Emilia</b> for the outstanding and imaginative character description of Chicken Licken.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Tashinga</b> for being a quiet achiever who is an absolute pleasure. Keep up the good work! <b>Asante</b> for working hard and applying himself to tasks. Keep it up!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Leni</b> for excellent individual work and peer support in Scratch. <b>Amal</b> for settling into St Theresa's brilliantly and answering lots of questions.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Ted</b> for working hard to learn all of his times tables. <b>Max</b> for writing a well-structured newspaper report and working hard to improve his handwriting.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Scarlett</b> for contributing and always focusing on working hard in lessons. Well done Scarlett! <b>Theo</b> for continuously taking part in class discussions, partner talk and always challenging himself.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Daiwik</b> for making a great effort in his learning this week during our maths lessons on ratios. <b>Scarlet</b> for recognising the features of an instructional text and correctly identifying a good one.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:  
Amelia Reception & Leni Y1*

### 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.

### Dates for your diary

Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	after school Y3 cake sale
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
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<b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y5 performing at the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival at the Arts Depot</b>
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y4 trip to the Paradox Museum</b>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm Maths Workshop for Y1 and Y2 parents
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photo Day
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30-11.30am Nursery stay and play drop-in session
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> March-Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Big Walk and Wheel</b>
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 and Y5 trip to Criterion Theatre
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>	

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