



In everything we do today, we're following Jesus and his way

School Newsletter 2

Spring Term 2024
Thursday 18 January

Headteacher: Mr P O'Rourke
Deputy Heads: Mrs C McGivern
Mrs S Hukowski
Assistant Head: Mrs L Byfield
SENCo: Mrs J Burke

Our School Houses

St Thérèse of Lisieux

Blue

St Oscar Romero

Red

St Francis of Assisi

Yellow

St Josephine Bakhita

Green

This Week's Merits

Each week, teachers nominate children in their class to receive a special merit. This could be in recognition for working hard, achieving something particular, being a good friend, or any number of reasons that show that they are living up to the school motto - 'In everything we do today, we are following Jesus and his way.' There is even a special music merit! The following children have been chosen by their teachers (CM = Class Merit).

| Class | Name of children |
|-------|----------------------|
| RG | Luca, Matteo |
| RW | Jesslyn, Leo |
| 1GS | Iga, Zoe |
| 1W | Anna, Ava |
| 2B | Nevaeh, Leon M |
| 2K | Sophia S, Leo |
| 2DS | CM |
| 3M | CM |
| 3OS | Wesley, Sammy |
| 3S | Jude, Kyra, Max |
| 4A | Florence, Jack |
| 4P | Flynn, Molly |
| 4R | Kiara, Katie, Luca |
| 5B | Daniel, Zara |
| 5CN | Erin, Jack |
| 5S | Ellen, James |
| 6C | Nana, Rachel |
| 6K | David, Olivia |
| 6M | Riccardo, Jack |
| Music | CM (2K), Joseph (RW) |

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Next Week in School

Friday 19 January

RW stay and play 8:45am

Friday 26 January

RG stay and play 8:45am

Saturday 27 January

Class Act show at the Millfield Theatre

All of our children belong to one of four houses, named to the left of this column. Each of them boasts a 'House Captain' chosen from Year 6. This week, the captains have been busy in the key stage 1 playground telling our younger children, some of whom only know their house by its colour, all about the patron saint of their house. Many of the children were so taken with the stories that they were inspired to re-search their saints further. Further information can be found later in this newsletter.

Please note that each year group will be attending Mass at Church on Friday mornings at 10am following half term. The dates when you can join them at 10am Mass are shown below:

Year 5 - Friday 23 February

Year 6 - Friday 1 March

Year 4 - Friday 22 March

Year 5 - Friday 19 April

Year 1 - Friday 3 May

Year 6 - Friday 24 May

Year 2 - Friday 13 June

Year 4 - Friday 28 June

Year 3 - Friday 5 July

Year 1 - Friday 19 July

Snow

With widespread freezing temperatures still forecast for the days ahead and the threat of snow forecast (albeit a much diminished threat), these are the procedures should we need to close the school unexpectedly. Closing school is always the very last resort, is only considered in the most extreme circumstances, and it is usually difficult to make such a decision far in advance.

As soon as a decision is made that school will close, a text will be sent to all parents, a message posted on the school website and the local authority will be informed so that the information will be posted on their website too.

Late

Please only use the Cheviot Close entrance in extreme circumstances. It should never be the chosen point of entry. School gates are open each morning from 8:45 until 9am at Halifax Road and Gordon Road. Increased numbers of late arrivals puts unnecessary pressure on a school office at its busiest time. We thank you for your understanding.



"Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you." (Walt Whitman)

Dress Up

There are two occasions this term for the children to dress up...or dress down!

On **Friday 9 February** it is **NSPCC Numbers Day**. Usually, we ask the children to dress as or wear a number on that day. However, as our daily work with number includes Times Tables Rock Stars, we are inviting the children to let their imagination go a little wild and come to school dressed as a rock star! Singing like one will be optional. A £1 fee will be applied and a donation made to the NSPCC.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Friday 8 March** and this year we invite children to dress as a book character. We celebrate World Book Day each year, but dress up every other year, and it is always great fun.



Upcoming Dates

Advance warning of some key school dates. The school calendar is constantly updated on the school website, under the parents information section.

January

Fri 19th RW Stay and Play 8:45am
Fri 26th RG Stay and Play 8:45am
Sat 27th Class Act performance (Millfield Theatre)
Weds 31st Young Voices concert (O2 Arena)

February

Thurs 1st Rec/ Year 6 height and weight checks
Fri 2nd Mass at School (Candlemas)
Tues 6th Girl's football (3:45pm) Enfield Grammar
Thurs 8th Primary Maths Challenge (Guildhall)
Spirituality Day
St Josephine Bakhita Feast Day
Fri 9th NSPCC Number Day (Dress as a rock star)
RW Stay and Play 8:45am
School Closes for Half Term
Mon 19th School Reopens
Tues 20th School Photographs
Boys Football (3:45pm) Enfield Grammar
Weds 21st Young Shakespeare Company for Year 6
Fri 23rd Year 5 Mass (at Church) 10am
RG Stay and Play 8:45am
Year 3 to Celtic Harmony
Tues 27th Netball (3:45pm) Enfield County
March
Fri 1st Year 6 Mass (at Church) 10am
Tues 5th Girls Football (3:45pm) Grammar School
Fri 8th Book Day (Dress as a book character)

House Captains

One of the initiatives that the House Captains developed was to find ways in which they could help the younger children in school learn more about the lives of their House Saints. The House Saints suggested the idea of working with a class from Reception - Year 3 every Monday, when they would provide a colouring-in sheet of their house saint and use this time to talk to the children about the saints. This has already proved to be very successful and meaningful, with the children enjoying the activity and leaving the session with new facts learnt. One of the children even continued this further and researched more facts about their House Saint, St. Thérèse, when they got home. Well done Roisin (2B) for your beautiful picture and for teaching us some new facts too! A huge well done too to our House Captains for the impact that you are making! (House Captains: Zacariah, Jasmin, Akua, Megan T, Kian, Mela and Edna)

St Thérèse

Saint Thérèse name is Marie

She had a pet dog called Tom

Saint Thérèse can be called Little Flower

She was born in France

She died on September 30 1897

She was called Child of Jesus

When she died she was 29 years old





MANNA DAY CENTRE

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www.mannasociety.org.uk

(Day centre for homeless people & those in need)

FOOD

Pasta
Pasta Sauces
Sugar
Baked beans
Fish (Tinned)
Tomatoes (tinned)
Vegetables (Tinned)
Basmati Rice
Tinned veg
Soup
Dilutable drinks
Corned beef
Chopped ham
Luncheon meats
Meat (Tinned)

MEN'S CLOTHING

Jeans (Waist 30-38)
Jogging bottoms
Underwear
Trainers

TOILETRIES

Bodywash
Deodorants
Shaving foam
Shampoo
Disposable Razors

MISCELLANEOUS

Sleeping bags
Rucksacks
Toilet Rolls
Tea Mugs
Novels
Oyster cards
(Unregistered preferably)

Manna Day Centre

Every year Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George Parish organises a collection of non perishable goods for the Manna Homeless Centre at London Bridge.

<https://www.mannasociety.org.uk/>

In previous years St Georges School would promote a list of most needed items for Parents and Children to bring to Mass on the first weekend of February.

This year's collection will be on Sunday 4th February.

Link Corridor

Following COVID protocols, we designated the passageway between the two playgrounds (the Link Corridor) as one-way from junior to infant playground. Since restrictions have eased, we have not imposed this rule, although sticking to it does ease the flow of people through the school grounds.

Please use this passageway with consideration and never show aggression if someone should get in your way. It is inevitable.

If you need to use both playgrounds, we still recommend that you move in one direction only, from the junior (Gordon Rd) to the infant (Halifax Rd) playgrounds and use the walkway a little distance along Halifax Road to access Gordon Road once more.

Little Owl's Music

Come and join Ben our music teacher and Oakley the Owl
for our brand-new toddler music and movement class.



Little Owl's Music is packed with age-appropriate singing, action songs, puppets, instruments and bubbles! Our classes will introduce your toddler to fun and educational themes such as animals, transport, the weather, using nursery rhymes, props and action songs to get everyone involved!

Sessions will be held every Wednesday 2:30pm-3:15pm

in the Music Room (Entrance via Gordon Rd Gate at 2:25pm)

Please book your place on [Happity](#)

[click here for link](#)

For more information see www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk ([Parents' information](#))

Sessions cost **£7** (£5 for second child)

Sessions are appropriate for confident walkers ~3 year olds