



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

School Newsletter 4

Spring Term 2024

Thursday 1 February

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	Gabriel, Noah
RW	Isla, Lois
1GS	Bonnie, Liam
1W	Joshua, Valentina
2B	Roisin, Isla
2K	Benjamin, Thalys
2DS	Heorhii, Cian, CM
3M	Rose, Sophia S
3OS	Gloria, Calum
3S	Sebastian, CM
4A	Clara, Diana
4P	Sebastian, Rocco
4R	Carissa, James
5B	Isla, Calvin
5CN	Nathaniel, Patrick, Joey
5S	Brodie, Jesse
6C	Nida, Didjan
6K	Alex, Isla
6M	Mia, Ansia
Music	Sebastian (2DS), 6C

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Next Week in School

Friday 2 February

Mass for Candlemas 9.15am

Monday 5 February

Children's Mental Health Week Assemblies

Tuesday 6 February

Football (girls) Enfield Grammar School 3.45pm

Wednesday 7 February

Happy Bags collection

Thursday 8 February

Primary Maths Challenge
Spirituality Day

Friday 9 February

NSPCC Number Day



Next week is Children's Mental Health Week, and this year's theme is 'My Voice Matters.' Our week will begin with a special launch assembly and special activities will take place throughout our week before the half term break. In addition to school resources, the dedicated [website](https://www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk) has engaging activities for families to enjoy at home.

Thursday next week will be our Spirituality Day. In addition to our usual array of enjoyable faith-based activities, children in St Josephine Bakhita house will be allowed to wear their own clothes...provided green is featured.

Tomorrow we will be marking the end of the Christmas Season with Mass for Candlemas in school. We will use the occasion to pray specifically for those members of our school community who are in particular need at this time.

Collecting Children

As part of our commitment to upholding the highest of safeguarding standards, we have strict rules about collecting children at home time. Each class teacher knows who the nominated adults are for collecting their children. If this changes for any reason, you must inform the school office and/ or class teacher as soon as you can. If another parent has been asked to collect your child but we have not been told, we will not release the child, even if they are known to the child.

We understand that unforeseen events can happen at any time that may prevent the usual arrangements taking place, but informing the school must be a priority. We appreciate your support for our arrangements and for the countless times that you have taken the time to inform us in a timely manner.

'Love, life, friends ...
these three words
are important for life'

POPE FRANCIS

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.

Children's Mental Health Week

From 5th - 11th of February, we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health week. Marking this week with assemblies, activities and discussions in class will help to highlight the importance of children's mental health in our school and ensure that every child understands they never have to face a mental health issue alone. The theme for this year is "My Voice Matters" which is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. You will find an attachment with this newsletter with some tips to support conversations around mental health with your child.

Mrs Byfield



Our wonderful choir at the O2 Young Voices concern last night. See some video footage on our 'X' account. More news in next week's newsletter!

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.

Tissues

A few years ago, our school council had a great idea - if each child brought to school a box of tissues, the class would never run out and it would save the school a lot of money.

The system is still in operation and, as our supplies have diminished, I am asking parents to honour the children's wishes and send a box of tissues to school with their child.

The school council did not specify that it had to be a particular standard of tissue, so an economy box would be as welcome as a 3-ply luxury brand!

Bless you!

Upcoming Dates

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

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
Weds 7th	Happy School Bag collection
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
	Netball (3.45pm) Enfield County
Tues 27th	
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)
Mon 11th	Year 4 reconciliation
	Sublime Science Workshops
Tues 12th	Football (boys) Grammar School 3.45pm
Fri 15th	Year 5 reconciliation
Mon 18th	Year 6 reconciliation
	Parent Consultations 3.40pm - 6pm
Tues 19th	AIM High poetry workshops
	Parent Consultations 3.40pm - 6pm
Fri 22nd	Year 4 Mass (at Church) 10am
	RG Stay and Play 8.45am



MANNA DAY CENTRE

12 MELIOR STREET, LONDON SE1 3QP

Tele: 020 7357 9363 - option 3

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)



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) **Book a block of 6 and only pay for 5!**

Sessions are appropriate for confident walkers -3 year olds

**We are now taking
block bookings for
next half term!**

After school French club January 2024



At Ecole Nicole, we give children a head start by introducing them to a second language at an early age, through a structured and fun method of teaching. We encourage speaking, listening and reading in French through music, role-play, story reading, games etc. This really helps the children when starting languages in secondary school. Our GCSE/A-levels results are very high!



When: Thursdays 3.30 to 4.30 pm- they will be collected directly after school at 3.30pm.

Age groups- From year 2

Price: £120 per term.

To book a space for January start, please contact Deborah at ecolenicole@hotmail.co.uk

www.ecolenicole.com

www.facebook.com/ecolenicole



The Enfield Educational Psychology Service will be running a two-part online workshop for **Parent and Carers** and another two-part workshops for **School Professionals**.

You can find more information and sign-up links on the flyers attached.

Please forward these to your teams or parent and carers who may be interested in attending the workshops.

Parent and Carers workshop:

Session 1- 5th March 1.30-2.30

Session 2-21st March 1.30-2.30

Staff workshop:

Session 1- 5th March 4-5pm

Session 2- 21st March 4-5pm

Listening to Children Read

Are you a parent, grandparent or special family member who loves listening to children read? Perhaps you love reading yourself and would like to help to instil that love of reading in the children at St George's? If this sounds of interest, we would like to invite any volunteers who have some time available to spend listening to children read to email the school office with the attention of Mrs Byfield who will then contact you with more details. We thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Byfield



Class Act

I would like to thank Sinead Munroe for forwarding these lovely photographs of our children performing at the Make Believe 'Class Act' performance at the Millfield Theatre on Saturday night. Parents will remember that the company visited school to lead a special assembly and to hold workshops in the Autumn term. Following that, auditions for the show were held from which the four final acts were selected. Well done to all the children who took part in the auditions, their talents were a privilege to watch. A big congratulations to the acts performing on Saturday night. Your bravery in performing in front of such a large audience, literally in the spotlight, is admirable. Congratulations to you all. As for Mia, she only went and won the competition! She told me "It felt exciting to sing and dance, there were about 300 people there! I was surprised to win but I'm very proud."

Measles

Parents will be aware that there is a lot of current publicity about the rise in cases of measles. Here is some advice should you suspect your child has measles:

Recommended Period to be kept away from school: **Four** days from onset of rash.

Try to avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Measles is spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Children with rashes should be considered infectious and assessed by their doctor.

Do

wash your hands often with soap and warm water

use tissues when you cough or sneeze

throw used tissues in the bin

Do not

share cutlery, cups, towels, clothes, or bedding

Immediate Action Required - Call 999 or go to A&E if:

Shortness of breath

High temperature that does not come down after taking paracetamol.

Confusion

Seizures