



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

# School Newsletter 5

Spring Term 2024

Thursday 8 February

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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

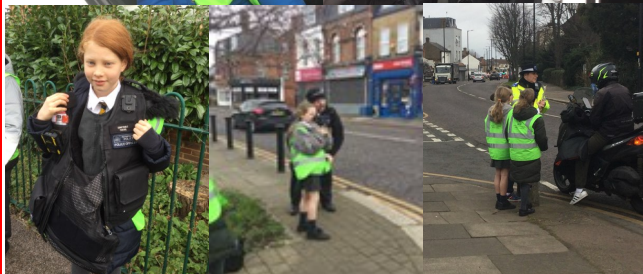
Green

## Road Safety Watch

*Our Junior Travel Ambassadors had a very enjoyable and informative morning with the road traffic police on Tuesday. I am thankful to Sofia (5CN) for this lovely report.*

Today we met with the police. We held speed guns to see if people were speeding. It was a fun experience. You aim the camera at a car, motorbike or van, and hold the trigger to see what miles per hour it was. If the car was speeding it was pulled over and we could ask the driver questions like 'Will you speed in the future' or 'Why did you speed?' Afterwards we went into the police van with a police officer. We pressed 999 and the sirens went off! We also wore a helmet and a police hat which was very heavy! Then we looked at handcuffs and tried them on...including Miss Packenham!

*Sofia 5CN*



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## Next Week in School

### Friday 9 February

NSPCC Number Day 'Dress as a Rock Star'  
RW Stay and Play 8.45am  
School closes for half term

### Monday 19 February

'Hands On, Hands Out' charity assembly

### Tuesday 20 February

School photographs (individual & sibling)  
Football (boys) Enfield Grammar 3.45pm

### Wednesday 21 February

Young Shakespeare Company (Year 6)

### Thursday 22 February

Caritas assembly

### Friday 23 February

RG Stay & Play  
Year 5 at Church 10am  
Year 3 visit to Celtic Harmony

I would like to use this final message before our half term break to express my gratitude for the unwavering support we have received from our wonderful parents. Your commitment to our school and our Catholic community has been truly inspiring and, I am confident, quite unique.

The home school partnership that we have fostered together has proven to be invaluable in ensuring the success and well-being of our pupils. Your active involvement in their education has made a significant difference in their progress and achievements throughout the school.

As we approach the end of this half term, I want to take this opportunity to commend our pupils for their hard work and dedication. Their enthusiasm for learning, coupled with your encouragement, has created a nurturing and stimulating environment for growth. All who have visited our school this term have commented on their exemplary behaviour for learning and politeness.

Together, we are creating a strong foundation for our pupils to flourish academically, spiritually, and emotionally.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

## Half Term Safeguarding

If you are worried about a child or young person you can call 020 8379 5555, Monday to Thursday from 9am to 5pm, Friday 9am to 4:45pm. Out of office hours on 020 8379 1000 (select option 2 and you will be transferred to an advisor). You can also email [childrensmash@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:childrensmash@enfield.gov.uk).

*Seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself, 'Who could be the Master of these beautiful things?' I felt a great desire to see him, to know him and to pay him homage.*

*(St Josephine Bakhita, feast day February 8th)*

## Dress Up

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

On **Friday 9 February (tomorrow!)** 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.

## New Bike and Scooter Racks

After the half term break you should be able to park bikes and scooters in some new racks being installed during the break.



## Life Saving Skills

We are so grateful for the support of Lisa who has visited the school on a number of occasions recently to talk about her work as a paramedic and pass on some essential skills to the pupils. She has been working in Year 4 this week and it looks as though they are learning some essential life-saving skills quickly. We might have to rename this class 4CPR.



## 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

## 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

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  
Thurs 22nd Caritas Assemblies  
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)  
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  
Tues 26th Year 3 Easter Production (9.45am, 2.15pm)  
Netball (Enfield County) 3.45pm  
Weds 27th Holy Week Mass  
Thurs 28th Stations of the Cross  
School Closes for Easter

### April

Mon 15th School reopens

## Uniform

Please ensure that your children adhere to our school uniform code which can be found on the school website. Some of the items spotted recently include sheer (not grey or navy) tights, different colour tracksuit bottoms worn for PE (not plain navy), necklaces and bracelets being worn, hooped earrings (not plain studs), and children not wearing ties when they should be as part of the winter uniform.

Your support is always greatly appreciated.

## ART CLUB

**TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30**

To book a place, please contact Heather by email with your child's name, year group and school.

Available to all children in years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The cost for the 6-week half term is £60.



Email: [Art-School@outlook.com](mailto:Art-School@outlook.com)





# 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](http://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!**



## WINTER CRICKET NETS

AT  
**EAST BARNET SCHOOL**  
EVERY FRIDAY  
UNTIL 29TH MARCH 2024

<b>PRIMARY AGES (YRS 2-6) - £7.50</b>	<b>SECONDARY AGES - £11</b>
<b>18:30-19:25</b>	<b>19:30-21:00</b>

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[WWW.ENFIELDCRICKETCLUB.COM](http://WWW.ENFIELDCRICKETCLUB.COM)  
OR CALL NIGEL ON 07984 606 009

Enfield Cricket Club  
SINCE 1856

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

## Goals Galore for the Girls

*Thank you to Megan for reporting this wonderful victory for the girls. Photograph on the next page!*

On Tuesday the girl's football team (Megan 6M, Grace 6K, Isla 6K, Olivia 6K, Niamh 6K, Megan 6K, Caitlin 6K, Franciska 6M) played a match against Chase Side Primary. Caitlin scored our first and third goals, Grace scored our second and Isla scored our fourth before half time. We were very happy, but even better when Caitlin scored a hatrick and made it 5-0. Yay!

*Megan (6K)*



## Chinese New Year in Year 1

This half term the children have enjoyed our topic **China**. We have learnt lots about China including, "China has emperors not kings like England" (Joshua) and "China farms Rice and England farms wheat" (Tommy). This week we had a Chinese dragon parade and a Chinese banquet to celebrate the end of our learning. Chinese New Year is on Saturday 10th February and it will be the Year of the Dragon.

*Mrs Williams*



*Our girls are all smiles following their amazing victory on Tuesday*

## 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



*Year 1's China topic culminates in a special banquet*

## O2 Be a Rock Star

On Wednesday 31 January, we went to a Young Voices concert at the O2 in Greenwich. Everyone was exhilarated on the day and lots of happiness could be felt inside. We took a picture of us all outside the O2 and headed in.

After a small snack the rehearsals started. We saw a few celebrities such as MC Grammar, Nátalié Williams and Urban Strides. There was also a thirteen year old girl drummer who played really well.

After going through the songs we had a two hour break to eat our packed lunches and look for our parents amongst the crowds as they came in.

The show commenced. The cameraman came to us at different parts of the show. Our torches looked like little stars lighting up the dark sky. Our parents were so proud of us and we had a great time.

*Azhahinii 6C*





## Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity and Peace

We recently held our Catholic Social Teaching focus on Solidarity and Peace. As part of this, the children completed a range of reflections and activities- you can find some beautiful examples of this below. The children learnt that we are all brothers and sisters, made in God's image and likeness. The children learnt that being in Solidarity with one another means a commitment to action to try and bring about change- to put Love into Action. During our Celebration of the Word, the children reflected upon a number of scripture references reflecting this. I was particularly impressed when, after reading the following piece of scripture from Colossians 3:14-14: *'Bear with each other and forgive one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity,'* I asked the children what it meant to 'put on love' and Mia in 3S responded by saying, 'It means to put on Jesus Christ'. Mia then linked this to her previous work on Baptism, where she learnt that the placing of the white garment symbolises 'putting on Jesus' – amazing, Mia! The children were then asked to reflect on a big question, thinking of ways in which they can achieve Solidarity and Peace in our community.

Mrs McGivern

