



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

School Newsletter Newsletter 7

Spring Term 2024
Thursday 29 February

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

Next Week in School

Friday 1 March
Year 6 at Church 10am
Year 3/4 cross country at Lea Valley

Tuesday 5 March
Hearing checks for Reception
Football (girls) at Enfield Grammar 3.45pm
Governor Committee Meeting

Friday 8 March
World Book Day

Our School Houses

St Thérèse of Lisieux
St Oscar Romero
St Francis of Assisi
St Josephine Bakhita

Blue

Red

Yellow

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	Ava, Elias
RW	Matteo, Matias
1GS	Azrae, Ryan
1W	Ella, Ethan
2B	Hugo, James
2K	Bonnie-Blue, Orla
2DS	Oliver, Jeremiah, Evangeline
3M	At Celtic Harmony
3OS	
3S	
4A	Cara, Tyrone
4P	Oliver, Flynn
4R	Lily, Christiano
5B	At Mass
5CN	
5S	
6C	Sara, Amelia
6K	Megan, Akua
6M	Raphaelle, Callyanne
Music	Rowan (4R)

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I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Year 5 students for their outstanding behaviour at Mass last Friday. The messages of praise I received for them were truly inspiring and showcased their spirituality and respect. Well done, Year 5! Tomorrow, we will commemorate St David's Day, a day that holds great significance for those of us with Welsh heritage. I would like to extend warm St. David's Day wishes to all of you, as we celebrate the rich heritage and cultural diversity that our school embraces. Let us take this opportunity to appreciate the beauty and strength of Welsh culture, as well as the vibrant tapestry of cultures represented within our school community.

I am thrilled to share the news of our netball team's fantastic victory on Tuesday. Their hard work, determination, and teamwork paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments. Well done, team! Looking ahead, I would like to remind you that World Book Day is being celebrated at St George's on Friday, we encourage all pupils to dress up in a way that represents their favourite book characters. This event promises to be a delightful celebration of literature and imagination, and we can't wait to see the creativity on display.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the entire St George's Catholic Primary School community for your unwavering support and commitment to our students' education. Together, we are creating a nurturing environment that fosters growth and learning.

Parent survey

These were distributed last week and the deadline for their return is **Friday 8 March**. They can be returned by your child to their teacher. If you decide to return it in an envelope, it will only be opened by me or one of the deputy heads.

Full instructions are contained within a letter being attached again to this newsletter today.

I would like to thank you for your time in completing these surveys and reassure parents that the responses do make a difference. I would also like to remind parents that they are not a forum for complaints, and please do not make any negative or hurtful personal remarks about members of staff.

"Be joyful and keep your faith and your creed. Do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about. I will walk the path that our fathers have trod before us" (St David)

Dress Up

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day 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.

There are many costumes that can be bought for this occasion, but we always stress that this is not an expectation. Each Book Day, parents and children prove how creative they can be at recreating the look of a book character for little or no cost.

For those of you who drive your children to school, please:

- **Drive carefully** on the roads surrounding school
- **Park considerately** to our neighbours
- Turn your **engine off**, not leave it running while parked
- Make every effort to walk all or some of the way to school if possible. It's healthy and good for the environment.



Parkrun

If your child enjoys cross country, running or just enjoys getting their daily steps in for exercise or enjoyment, then look no further!

Parkrun is a free, fun and friendly weekly 5k community event.

Walk, jog, run, or spectate – it's up to you!

It is timed 5k run that takes place every Saturday at 9 am.

There is also a Junior Parkrun 2k event specifically for 4 to 14 year olds, every Sunday at 9am. It's not a race, it's just a regular timed run so it's you against the clock. For more information regarding this event please go on their website: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>

If your child would like to take part, please tell them to find me around the school and share their achievement with me!

Mrs Cattini (PE Lead)



Upcoming Dates

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

March

Fri 1st	Year 6 Mass (at Church) 10am
Tues 5th	Girls Football (3.45pm) Grammar School Reception hearing checks
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 Sublime Science Workshops
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
Thurs 21st	Enfield Sings (2.40pm) Year 4 performance
Fri 22nd	Year 4 Mass (at Church) 10am RG Stay and Play 8.45am
Tues 26	Easter Praise (9.45am & 2.15pm) Year 3
Weds 27	Mass in school (Holy Week)
Thurs 28	School closes for Easter 2pm

April

Mon 15th	School reopens
Tues 16th	National Offer Day for primary places
Weds 17th	1W Easter Liturgy

Prayer Life



Thank you to Mrs Williams who met with our Prayer and Liturgy Team to lead a very special mindful meditation prayer. We joined together in the Rosary garden and during the periods of stillness during our prayer—aided by some beautiful music—we were able to focus on the Word of God and reflect on what it means to us. It was very fitting that we met in the Rosary Garden, the centre of our school and a reminder that Christ is at the very heart of all we do. Our Prayer and Liturgy team are keen to make more use of prayer spaces in our school, as well as introducing a greater variety of prayer to the children, so we are thankful to Mrs Williams for providing an excellent model of practice.

Mrs McGivern

Little Owls

Little Owls Music is a pre-school music group that runs every Wednesday afternoon in the music room by Mr Cox. It is open to school parents and those in the local community who are not (or not yet) part of our school. Booking can be made through our school website: 'Parent Information > Little Owl Music' where there is a link to the booking page.





World Book Day Blue Peter Reading Badge Challenge

We would like to set a challenge for the Children of St George's to earn a coveted Blue Peter Badge for reading.

The Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn the badge, just share your love of books with The Blue Peter Team by answering the questions below! You can apply using their online form or by post.

Apply for your Book badge online using the uploader form, or click the 'get the Book badge' button on line, to download the paper application form.

Ask your parent or guardian for permission to apply and ask them to read the Privacy Notice and badge attraction terms and conditions.

Tell them about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.

Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.

Let them know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.

Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.

If applying by post, send your application with the correct postage to: Blue Peter, BBC Bridge House, MediaCityUK, Salford, M50 2BH.

Mrs Smith (English Lead)

Netball News

On 27th February, our brilliant netball team of six (Megan, Caitlin, Isla, Freddie, Ella, Mirabelle) played an excellent two games against St Michael's and Worcesters. We began by challenging St Michael's, and by half time we were already exhausted! By the end of the game we won 7-1. With confidence achieved from the first win, the second game flew by too quickly and we had already finished the second game with a 13-1 win. We were all very pleased to go home with two spectacular wins against some amazing teams.

Thank you to Mrs Fearnley, Mr B and Mrs Cattini for helping us all.
Isla (6K)

Numbers Day Competition winners

Year 3 competition results:

1st place: 3M 2nd place: 3OS 3rd place: 3S

Year 4 competition results:

1st place: 4P 2nd place: 4A 3rd place: 4R

Year 5 v year 6 – winning classes:

1st place: 5S 2nd place: 6M 3rd place: 6K

The top 3 players for each competition:

Year 3 players:

1. Dominic S (3M)
- 2 Rosie CD (3M)
- 3 Nana-Kofi O (3M)

Year 5 and 6 players:

- Mirabelle O (5S)
- Petra T (5S)
- Alexander G (6K)

Year 4 players:

- Ethan C (4P)
- Flynn E (4P)
- Zuzanna B (4A)

Thank you everyone for taking part in the Number's Day Fun. The children had a fun day of maths whilst raising money for the NSPCC and maths resources.



WORLD
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WORLD BOOK DAY SALE

Thursday 29th February

The Nightingale Charity Shop, 188 Baker Street, EN1 3JY

Get ready for
World Book Day with
reduced costumes and
your **favourite** books!

Children's books
from **25p**

Dressing-up gear
from **50p**



Our Voice

Our Voice is the parent-carer forum supporting the families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in the London Borough of Enfield. Please find three attachments relating to events that they are holding in the near future, including:

- A Q&A session with a panel of key professionals from Health and therapies including Speech and Language (including ECASS), CAMHS, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy.
- A choice of two workshops
- Opportunities to request a 1:1 meeting with key professionals (limited availability).

Celtic Harmony

Year 3 visited Celtic Harmony in Hertfordshire last Friday

We have really enjoyed our trip to Celtic Harmony. We met people from the Iron Age who taught us about life in Stone Age and Iron Age. Our favourite activity was building a shelter with logs, sticks and leaves.

