



St. George's
Catholic Primary School

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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 7

Autumn Term 2024

Thursday 17 October

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	
RS	
1K	Joseph, Mia
1W	Cillian, Ava
2B	Adeeb, Bonnie
2GS	Mary, Lola
3DN	Leo, Athaliah
3M	Jude, Roisin
3OS	George D-C, Sara
4A	Olivia, Neil
4P	Leo, Sienna
4R	Gloria, Rafael
5B	Dylan, Rory
5CN	Flynn, Robyn
5S	Joe, Ryan
6C	Erin, Dylan
6K	Ethan, Cian
6M	Kaliyah, Gabriel
Music	Ivy (2B), Flora (5CN)

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Next Week in School

Tuesday 22 October
Governor SDC meeting 6pm

Friday 25 October
'Catholic Concern for Animals' assembly
School closes for half term

Our commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment has been exemplified through our special Black History Month assembly, which captivated many of our pupils. In this vein, Class 6M led an inspiring Celebration of the Word this morning, drawing inspiration from Saint Josephine Bakhita. Their choice not only resonated with the Black History Month theme but also celebrated the life of this influential woman, whom our children have already identified as a beacon for one of our house patron saints.

There was an impressive turnout at our first open afternoon of the autumn for prospective parents. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to those who helped spread the word about this event. Our Year 6 pupils, serving as tour guides, truly embodied the spirit of St George's, acting as exemplary ambassadors for our school – we are incredibly proud of them. Our next open afternoon is scheduled for Tuesday, 19 November.

Our pupils continue to excel beyond the classroom walls, as demonstrated by our cross country runners. Their remarkable third-place finish at Friday's event is a testament to their dedication and sportsmanship. We extend our warmest congratulations to all participants for this outstanding achievement.

As we look ahead, please note that our school will close for half term on Friday, 25 October. This is a week later than usual, which has caused some confusion! Additionally, our Book Looks are scheduled for the week following the half-term break. Specific dates can be found later in this newsletter, and I encourage you to book your slots via the school website.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support and engagement in our school community. The successes we celebrate and the challenges we navigate are made possible by our collective efforts. These are essential ingredients to nurture an environment where every pupil can thrive, learn, and grow.

Don't be Idle

If you drive your children to school, please switch off your car engine while waiting. Idling engines cause significant air pollution. For instance, an idling engine can produce up to twice the emissions of a moving car. It pumps out a mixture of unnecessary chemicals into the atmosphere. These chemicals all have a negative effect on air quality and contribute to asthma, heart disease and lung cancer. This is the last thing we want in the air around our school.

"It is an act of justice for the rich to help the poor."
(St Josephine Bakhita)

School Building Fund

I would like to draw your attention to a very important letter that is being distributed to parents alongside our newsletter this week. From our governors, it outlines the crucial importance of contributions to the school building fund. I urge you to read through the information and understand why the school, along with all Catholic schools, requests this contribution.

Thank you to those who have made a payment to the building fund this year.

Black History Month

I am delighted to share with you the vibrant educational journey our pupils are embarking upon this Black History Month. This year's theme, centred on reclaiming narratives, offers us a unique opportunity to honour the remarkable achievements of black women and men who have played pivotal roles in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities.

Through diverse and engaging activities, we aim to foster a deep appreciation for the contributions of black individuals throughout history and in contemporary society. We believe that by illuminating these stories, we are not only educating our pupils but also inspiring them to become agents of positive change in their own right.

As we continue this journey of discovery and celebration, I encourage our entire school community to engage in conversations about the rich tapestry of Black history and its enduring impact on our world today.



Breaktime Breakages!

Over the past year, we have made a concerted effort to provide our pupils with a wider range of engaging activities to keep them active and entertained during lunchtimes. To this end, we have introduced a variety of new equipment, including frisbees, soft footballs and basketballs, skipping ropes, board games, soft tennis equipment, and table tennis equipment.

These new resources have been met with tremendous enthusiasm by our pupils, who have embraced the opportunity to participate in a diverse array of physical and recreational pursuits. The active playtimes, led by Mrs Byfield and managed by our wonderful team of midday supervisory assistants, have been a tremendous success, fostering a spirit of camaraderie, healthy competition, and joyful engagement among our pupil community. However, the frequent use of this equipment has resulted in a certain degree of loss and damage, necessitating the need for regular replacement. To this end, we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 25 October**, with a donation of **£1** per pupil. The funds raised from this event will be dedicated to the replenishment and maintenance of our playtime resources, ensuring that our pupils can continue to enjoy these enriching activities for years to come.

I am immensely proud of the progress we have made in enhancing the quality of our pupils' playtime experiences, and I am confident that with your support, we can sustain and build upon this success. Thank you for your continued commitment to the well-being and development of our wonderful pupils.



Upcoming Dates

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

October

Tues 22nd Girls' Football (Grammar School) 3.45pm
Fri 25th Catholic Concern for Animals assembly
Non-uniform day
School Closes for Half Term

November

Mon 4th School reopens
Tues 5th Year 6 Book Look (9.10am)
Year 1 Book Look (pm)
Girls' Football (3.45pm) Grammar School
Weds 6th Year 5 Book Look (9.10am)
Year 2 Book Look (pm)
Thurs 7th Year 4 Book Look (pm)
Fri 8th Year 3 Book Look (pm)
Cross Country at (Forty Hall) 2pm
Mon 11th Remembrance Day service
Parent Consultations (online) 3.50pm
Weds 13th 1W Class Assembly
Parent Consultations (in person) 3.50pm
Thurs 14th Caritas Ambassadors at Westminster
Fri 15th Year 4 lead Mass at Church 10am
Tues 19th Open afternoon 2pm
Weds 20th Image Theatre performances
Thurs 21st Image Theatre performances
Scholastic book fair (until Weds 27th)
Fri 22nd Mass for Holy Souls

The Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and the children pray this special devotion in the Rosary Garden.

The rota is available on the school website so that you will know when it is your child's turn: 'About Us > Our Catholic School'.

Please come and join us when it is your child's turn. Enter school via the Gordon Road gate and make your way to the school hall. The Rosary Garden is found through a door to the right. The Rosary begins at **3.25pm** and will finish in time for you to collect your child and any siblings in other classes.

Sharing the Rosary with your children in a meaningful way to support your child's spiritual development and creates a special memory.

Come and join us this week:

Monday 21st October
The Nativity

The Joyful Mysteries
1W

Tuesday 22nd October
The Scourging at the Pillar

The Sorrowful Mysteries
1K

Wednesday 23rd October
The Assumption of Our Lady

The Glorious Mysteries
RG

Thursday 24th October
The Institution of the Eucharist

The Mysteries of Light
RS

Friday 25th October
The Crowning with thorns

The Sorrowful Mysteries
Staff (3.40pm)

Parents and children are welcome to join the staff rosary!

Book Looks

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents into school for you and your child to look through their school books together. This is an ideal opportunity for you to share their learning, the work that they are proud of and even some areas that they are trying to get better at!

All 'Book Looks' take place in the New Hall (Scout Hut) during the week beginning Monday 4th November. Please sign up on the school website so that we know we are expecting you! 'parents > parent forms > book looks'

Tuesday 5 November

Year 6 9.10 - 9.40am
1K 2.30pm
1W 3pm

Wednesday 6 November

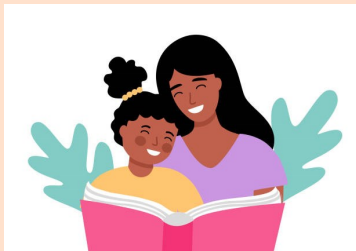
Year 5 9.10 - 9.40am
2B 2.30pm
2GS 3pm

Thursday 7 November

4A 2pm
4P 2.30pm
4R 3pm

Friday 8 November

3DN 2pm
3M 2.30pm
3OS 3pm



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