



**St. George's**  
Catholic Primary School

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

# School Newsletter

## Newsletter 3

Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 18 September

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.' The following children have been chosen by their teachers (CM = Class Merit).*

| Class | Name of children |
|-------|------------------|
| RG    |                  |
| RS    |                  |
| 1K    | CM               |
| 1W    | CM               |
| 2B    | CM               |
| 2GB   | CM               |
| 3A    | CM, Travis       |
| 3M    | William, Leonor  |
| 4DS   | Rianna, Sergi    |
| 4OS   | CM               |
| 4P    | Pia, Sara        |
| 5B    | Edith, Chimnoya  |
| 5CN   | Finn, Nana       |
| 5S    | Ruby, Olivia     |
| 6C    | Sean, Ohene      |
| 6K    | Jan, CM          |
| 6M    | Eva, Luca        |
| Music |                  |

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### Next Week in School

**Friday 19 September**

Year 6 lead 10am Mass at Church

**Monday 22 September**

Year 6 Transition/ School Journey meeting 5.30pm

**Tuesday 23 September**

Year 4 'Write to Speak' workshops

Year 3 Curriculum Information Meeting 2.45pm

**Wednesday 24 September**

Year 4 Curriculum Information Meeting 2.30pm

**Friday 26 September**

Year 5 lead 10am Mass at Church

Year 2 Curriculum Information Meeting 2.45pm

We have been delighted to welcome our newest pupils into our reception classes, who have made an exceptional start to their educational journey. Mr Gavas and Mrs Skrodzka are expertly guiding these young learners, supported brilliantly by Kelly and Kaisa - an outstanding early years team.

Our nursery provision continues to flourish, now in its third successful year. Mrs Dermikaya and Mrs Suarez, assisted by Mrs Tomoriova and Mrs Neli, have created a wonderful environment where our Little Dragons are thriving and enjoying their first educational experiences.

Year 4 pupils are currently experiencing an exciting enrichment opportunity through the 'Write to Speak' workshops, led by the enthusiastic Tyler from our Enfield Town School Partnership. This wonderful project will culminate in a performance at the Dugdale Theatre on Tuesday 7 October.

This week, we have been focusing on our Catholic Social Teaching theme of 'Care for Creation'. Our special assemblies have reflected deeply on Pope Francis's messages in Laudato 'Si, encouraging our pupils to make meaningful pledges about how we can individually and collectively care for the Earth - God's precious gift to us.

I would like to inform parents about upcoming house saint feast days. Families with children in St Therese of Lisieux should prepare to wear blue on Wednesday 1 October, while those in St Francis of Assisi should wear yellow on Friday 3 October.

Mrs McGivern has also organised the Rosary rota for October, which has been distributed. We look forward to welcoming you to share this special devotion with the children in our Rosary Garden.

Finally, a special Mass in memory of Mary Bennett, who taught at our school for many years and may have taught some of our parents, will be held on Sunday 28 September at church. This Mass has been kindly arranged by our governors to honour her dedication and service to our school community.

*"A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings." (Pope Francis, Laudato 'Si)*

# Little Owl's Music

Come and join Ben our music teacher and Oakley the Owl  
for our 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](https://www.happity.co.uk).

<https://www.happity.co.uk/little-owl-s-music-st-george-s-catholic-primary-school>

For more information see [www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk](http://www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk) (Parents tab)

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  
this term!



## Lily

It is with deep sadness that we share the funeral arrangements for our dear former pupil, Lily.

Lily will be laid to rest on 25th September at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George. The service will begin at 12pm, and the family warmly welcomes anyone who wishes to come and say their own goodbye to Lily.

In lieu of floral tributes, a memory page has been set up for donations to Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), reflecting the family's wish to support a cause close to their hearts. Donations can be made at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/lilyburton>

Please note that following the service, there will be a family-only burial.

The family have expressed their heartfelt thanks to the St George's community for all the kind words, support, and prayers over the past few weeks. Your compassion has been a great comfort to them during this difficult time.

We hold Lily and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

## Assessment Booklets for Parents

I am pleased to inform you that we have uploaded a series of assessment information booklets produced by the Department for Education (DfE) onto the 'Helping at Home' page of our school website.

These booklets provide clear and helpful explanations about how assessments work for pupils in Reception, Years 1, 2, 4, and 6. They also outline how assessment results are shared with you and how to understand and interpret these outcomes.

We believe that by understanding the assessment process, you will be better equipped to support your child's learning journey at home and engage confidently with their progress. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the best education for your child.

## Upcoming Dates

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

### September

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Thurs 18th | Y5 Curriculum and RSE meeting (2.15pm)                              |
| Fri 19th   | Year 6 lead 10am Mass at Church                                     |
| Mon 22nd   | Yr 6 secondary transfer meeting (5.30pm)                            |
| Tues 23rd  | Year 3 Curriculum meeting (2.40pm)                                  |
| Weds 24th  | Year 4 Curriculum meeting (2.30pm)                                  |
| Fri 26th   | Year 5 lead 10am Mass at Church<br>Year 2 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm |
| Mon 29th   | Year 1 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm<br>Flu vaccine                     |
| Tues 30th  | Boys' Football league (Enfield Grammar)                             |

### October

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|-------------|---|
| Weds 1st    | St Thérèse Feast Day<br>Rosary begins                   |
| Fri 3rd     | Year 4 lead 10am Mass at Church<br>St Francis Feast Day |
| Tues 7th    | Yr 4 'Write to Speak' event (Dugdale) 5pm               |
| Tues 14th   | Open afternoon for prospective parents                  |
| Weds 15th   | School council visit Houses of Parliament               |
| Friday 17th | Borough Cross Country competition (Yr 5/6)              |
| Weds 22nd   | Harvest Festival  |
| Fri 24th    | School Closes for Half Term                             |

### November

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|----------|---------------------------------|
| Mon 3rd  | School reopens                  |
| Fri 7th  | Year 3 lead 10am Mass at Church |
| Mon 10th | Parent Consultations (online)   |

Please consult the calendar section of our school website where dates for the year ahead are continually updated.

## Twenty's Plenty

Enfield Council is proposing to introduce 20mph speed limits on residential streets and roads in town centres - part of their wider plan to make the borough safer, cleaner and greener for everyone. Speed was a contributing factor to 61% of recorded injury-related collisions in Enfield over the past 5 years. Evidence shows that lower speed limits reduces the number of accidents and makes everyone feel safer in their local areas. The Council want your views on our 20mph proposals. Your feedback will help shape how we roll out these changes to benefit the whole community. Find out more and take the survey at <https://letstalk.enfield.gov.uk/20mph> by Sunday 21 September 2025.

## A Parkrun School

We are delighted to announce that St George's Catholic Primary School is now an official Junior Parkrun school! This exciting affiliation means we are part of a positive, welcoming, and inclusive community event that encourages health, fitness, and friendship.

As part of this new connection, we warmly invite all St George's pupils to join us for the Enfield Town Parkrun on **Sunday 9 November**. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to take part together, enjoy some fresh air, and experience the joy of running in a supportive environment.

We hope to make this a regular event, strengthening our school's links with the Parkrun community and promoting a healthy lifestyle among our pupils.

As those of you who participate in Parkrun, it welcomes everyone, regardless of ability or experience, and we look forward to seeing many of our pupils and their families joining us on this special day and in future runs.

Let's get moving and show our St George's spirit!

## Grub's Up!

We are delighted to announce that our catering company will be introducing special Theme Days for school lunches, starting with the very first one on Thursday 2nd October!

This is a fantastic opportunity for any pupils who do not usually have school lunches to give them a try and enjoy a delicious, themed meal. We have attached the menu for this exciting lunch, which promises to be both tasty and fun.

If your child typically brings a packed lunch but would like to experience the Theme Day lunch on Thursday 2nd October, please complete the consent form available on our School Website. You can find it under the ['Parents' tab > 'School Meals'](#) section.

We look forward to seeing many pupils enjoying this special meal and hope it will be the first of many themed days to come!



## Uniform

Please ensure that you label each item of school uniform with your child's name, particularly jumpers/ cardigans and coats. The children often remove these items during playtimes. If they forget to collect them, a named item will get back to them. Please take the time to ensure that all jumpers, cardigans and coats are clearly labelled with your child's name.



## School streets

I want to inform you that I have once again submitted an application to the London Borough of Enfield for the area around St George's Catholic Primary School to become a designated School Street.

Despite our ongoing efforts, including regular messages in this newsletter and visits from traffic enforcement officers, careless parking and aggressive driving continue to pose a serious threat to the safety of our families, especially our pupils. This is a concern we all share deeply, and I dread the day when a serious injury might occur.

I receive numerous messages from parents and local residents expressing the same worries, and I want to assure you that your concerns are being taken seriously. If you have any additional comments or experiences you wish to share regarding traffic and parking issues around the school, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will gladly forward your feedback to the council to support our application.

Together, we can work towards creating a safer and more welcoming environment for our children. Thank you for your continued support.

## Welcome to Our Family

We are delighted to warmly welcome all our new Reception pupils into the St George's family! Starting school is an exciting milestone, and we are thrilled to have you join us on this wonderful journey of learning and growth.

At St George's, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, embracing values of justice, forgiveness, love, respect, and trust. Here, every child is valued and supported to reach their full and unique potential in a safe, welcoming, and engaging environment.

We look forward to sharing a year full of discovery, friendship, and joyful learning with our newest members of the St George's community.

Please join us in warmly welcoming: Ezri, Ramiro, Lida, Joy, Alessia, Amalie, Eden, Aiden, Tiagio, Luke, Shalom, Rose, Cian, Hugh, James, Alex, Elie, Ciara, Alevari, Emma, Ryan, Pdraig, Elena, Marcel, Aurora, Mason, Ivy, Oisín, Izza, Zane, Yeva Benjamin, Raul, Vince, Roan, Ethan, Erin, Theodore, Meeka, Tomas, Elodi, Nora, Evelina, Kenechi, Cara, Riona, Isabella, Cora, Liam, Rosa, Louis, Sarim-Bin, Emi, Lennon, Emily and Teo

## Curriculum information meetings

Thank you to the parents who have joined us at the curriculum meetings that have been held so far. These have been scheduled early in the school year to provide a comprehensive overview of your child's educational journey for the year ahead. You will gain valuable insights into the curriculum, teaching methodologies, and ways to support your child's learning at home. All meetings will take place in the school hall.

Slides used for the presentations are uploaded onto the 'Parents' area of our website. Next events are:

|        |                                 |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| Year 3 | Tuesday 23 September (2.45pm)   |
| Year 4 | Wednesday 24 September (2.30pm) |
| Year 2 | Friday 26 September (2.45pm)    |
| Year 1 | Monday 29 September (2.45pm)    |

This year we are going to incorporate our RSE messages for the older year groups at this meeting, avoiding the need for parents to attend a separate meeting. We will happily receive any feedback to see if this works for you.