



St. George's
Catholic Primary School

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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 4

Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 25 September

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Mrs S Hukowski
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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	Anaiyah, Cillian
1W	Amaria, Jamal
2B	Julia, Andreas
2GB	Maria, George
3A	Ivy, CM
3M	Arunan, Jozef
4DS	Isla, Roisin
4OS	Jimmy, Georgia
4P	Sienna, Orlagh
5B	Tilly, Kyra
5CN	Zoe, Sienna
5S	Kaiden, Ben
6B	Mass at Church
6K	Mass at Church
6W	Mass at Church
Music	

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Next Week in School

Friday 26 September

Year 5 lead 10am Mass at Church
Year 2 Curriculum Information Meeting 2.45pm

Monday 29 September

Flu Vaccine
Year 1 Curriculum Information Meeting 2.45pm

Tuesday 30 September

Write2Speak workshops (year 4)
Boy's football league (Grammar School)

Wednesday 1 October

Rosary begins
Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux

Thursday 2 October

National Poetry Day
Under the Sea themed lunch

Friday 3 October

Year 4 lead Mass at Church
Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi

The rosary will commence next week, and I warmly invite all parents to join their children's classes on their designated day. Full details can be found in the separate article later in this newsletter.

We are approaching the feast days of two of our house patron saints, which presents a wonderful opportunity for celebration. Pupils in the relevant houses are invited to wear own clothes in their house colours, and we will hold a special assembly to explore the lives and significance of these saints, understanding why they were chosen to represent our school community.

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who led Mass at Church last week, setting an impressive standard. Year 5 will continue this tradition tomorrow, maintaining our meaningful partnership with our parish.

I have been delighted with the parent meetings over the week and thank parents for attendance and the teachers for the additional work and commitment of presenting these. Both Year 3 and Year 4 curriculum meetings were exceptionally well-attended, and I was particularly gratified by the significant turnout at our secondary transfer meeting on Monday. This is a crucial time for our families, and I am especially grateful to those parents who have 'enjoyed' these meetings multiple times over the years.

Today, our entire school community's thoughts and prayers are with Lily's family as they lay her to rest. It is a profoundly sombre day that reminds us of the privilege of knowing such a wonderful pupil. Every individual who encountered Lily was enriched by the experience. Please read the later article detailing the special collection established in her memory and in aid of GOSH.

"Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love." (St Thérèse of Lisieux)
(feast day Wednesday 1 October)

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 (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

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

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

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, particularly today.

Feast Days

Next week in our school community we will be celebrating two significant saints' days, honouring St Thérèse of Lisieux and St Francis of Assisi. Pupils in these respective houses will have the privilege of wearing their own clothes, with the condition that they incorporate their house colour - blue for St Thérèse and yellow for St Francis.

This special occasion provides an invaluable opportunity for our pupils to engage in spiritual reflection on their house patron saint. They will delve deeper into understanding the exemplary lives of these saints and explore ways to emulate their virtues. To further mark the significance of the day, these pupils may just be granted some extra playtime!

Our aim is to foster a sense of belonging within each house, whilst strengthening our pupils' connection to their patron saints. We believe this experience will enrich their spiritual growth and helps to reinforce our school's values.

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

- Fri 26th Year 5 lead 10am Mass at Church
Year 2 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
- Mon 29th Year 1 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
Flu vaccine
- Tues 30th Boys' Football league (Enfield Grammar)

October

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

November

- Mon 3rd School reopens
Book Look week
- Fri 7th Year 3 lead 10am Mass at Church
- Mon 10th Parent Consultations (online)
- Weds 12th Parent Consultations (face to face)
- Weds 19th Image Theatre

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

Give and Take Event

One person's rubbish could be another's treasure!

Enfield Town Library:
(Tuesday) 28/10/2025 11-3pm

Edmonton Green Library:
(Wednesday) 29/10/2025 11-3pm

The Recycling Team are hosting the event to encourage items to be shared with others instead of the items going into the bin.

Bring along your unwanted items and see if there is anything that catches your eye!

Everything is free, there is no exchange of money and people do not have to give something to take something.

We can accept the following items:

- Clothes and shoes
- Toys and games
- Baby items
- Books & DVDs
- Kitchenware
- Bric-a-brac
- Bedding

Items we cannot accept:

- Electrical items
- Heavy furniture
- Pierced jewellery
- Underwear



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New Arrivals

This week we have welcomed Leonora (3M) and Helena (RG). We hope that you love being part of the St George's family.

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Following our year 6 [secondary transfer](#) and [school journey](#) meeting on Monday, the presentations are now on the school website for your reference.

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Grub's Up!

We are delighted that our catering company has introduced 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 again 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.

Curriculum information meetings

By attending our curriculum information meetings you will gain valuable insights into the curriculum, and ways to support your child's learning at home.

Next events are:

Year 2 Friday 26 September (2.45pm)
Year 1 Monday 29 September (2.45pm)

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:

Wednesday 1st October The Glorious Mysteries
The Resurrection 6B

Thursday 2nd October The Mysteries of Light
Baptism in the Jordan 6K

Friday 3rd October The Sorrowful Mysteries
Agony in the Garden 6W

The Wednesday Word

This week, we will reissue The Wednesday Word. The Wednesday Word was designed to share the Gospel each Sunday, helping to connect home, school and parish. From this week, each child will take it in turn over the year to bring home The Wednesday Word book. The child will have a paper copy of The Wednesday Word and will be invited to reflect upon the Gospel reading. Each week there is a special 'word' to focus on, which is often a value or virtue based on the Gospel. For example, this week, the word is 'sharing' and we learn of the words of Saint Baldwin of Canterbury, *'Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God are to be shared with the entire community'* - this also reminds us of the line from our school hymn, 'The talents you gave, I'll use not save, to show them to the world'.

What ways can you share what you have, whether it be food, clothing, or your talents, with others this week?

More information can be found inside the Wednesday Word book. If it is not your child's turn to take home the book, you can still access the readings, reflections and activities on <https://www.wednesdayword.org/>



Awe and Wonder

Thank you for the beautiful images sent in of times where you have been filled with the Awe and Wonder of God's beautiful Creation. Below is an image that Maria (6B) sent in last September of a caterpillar and a butterfly that she recently saw. Maria wonders if the butterfly below is from the same caterpillar- I wonder that too! Thank you also to Rosie (5CN) for sending in this breath-taking photo of a sunset at Strandhill, County Mayo. During this Season of Creation, why don't you spend some time outside being still, reflecting on God's Creation and saying a prayer of thanks?

We praise you, Lord, for all your creatures, especially for Brother Sun, who is the day through whom you give us light. We praise you, Lord, for Sister Moon and the stars, in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair. (St Francis of Assisi, Canticle of the Sun)





RADIO MARIA

ENGLAND

At the end of our Celebration of the Word last Friday, children in Key Stage 2 were invited to take part in an exciting broadcasting and poetry/song writing/spoken word competition led by Radio Maria. We reflected on how Saint Oscar Romero used a radio station to help spread the Word of God and how Saint Carlo Acutis used the internet—this competition is a great way for children to live out and share their faith in another creative and engaging manner.

Radio Maria England, a non-profit organisation, is a 24-hour Catholic Radio Station that broadcasts programmes promoting and expressing the Christian Faith. Radio Maria aims to '*support Catholics and others in their spiritual life and witness to those who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith.*' Radio Maria currently has 77 radio stations across 5 continents with 500 million listeners world-wide.

Radio Maria have two competitions available for pupils in Key Stage Two.

Radio Maria England Young Presenter/Broadcaster competition

Radio Maria is searching for new and talented young people, who are interested in broadcasting, to support their mission of evangelisation and to develop some youth-based programmes with Christian content. Please submit a 15-minute audio demo – this can be recorded on a phone or any simple device. To have an idea about what to include, it would be helpful to listen to some of the programmes that Radio Maria currently have on their podcasts. Your audio-demo should be appealing to young people of school age or possibly even families with children. The programmes do not have to have religious themes per se, but preferably some Christian aspects woven in. Radio Maria currently have programmes on the arts, poetry, music, entertainment, current affairs, news, philosophy and even the seasons of the year with Christian traditions. What ideas do you have for a show? You can submit your entry individually, or as a group.

Winners will have the opportunity to broadcast their own monthly show, as well as an invite to the Radio Maria London studios for a tour and live radio sessions with some goodies!

Radio Maria England School Poetry/Song writing/Spoken Word competition.

Radio Maria are inviting children to write a poem, song or spoken word on the theme: '*A prayer for Christian Unity.*' In John's Gospel, Chapter 17: 1-26, Our Lord prays for all people to be united with God and one another. This prayer inspired the motto of Pope Leo XIV, '*In the One, we are one.*'. Inspired by this passage, we invite children to write their own poem, song or record an audio piece on Christian Unity.

Children can enter as an individual, or work in a group- there are no restrictions on how many participants there are for each entry, as long as all work entries are their own work and named. The use of AI is not allowed.

Finalists will have the opportunity to perform their poem/song/spoken word at a special event which will also be broadcast live on Radio Maria England. Winners will be announced at the event and will receive the Radio Maria Young Herald's Trophy and perform on live radio. Details of specific prizes will follow.

If you would like your child to take part, please submit entries to Mrs McGivern by **Monday 29th September**, either in person or via the school office, dependent upon whether the competition entry is audio or written. Please ensure that audio submissions do not contain any visuals. Any recording or uploading must be done by an adult.

The children were very enthusiastic about this amazing opportunity and we can't wait to hear and read their entries!