



St. George's
Catholic Primary School

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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 8

Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 23 October

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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

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	Liam, Adaeze
1W	Maksymilian, Ada
2B	Omari-Faith, Maya
2GB	Gabriel, Noah
3A	Renatta, Juan Pablo
3M	Clara, Leonora
4DS	Avery, Leon
4OS	Athalia, Sophia T
4P	Lorenzo, Olympia
5B	Orla, Gracie
5CN	Moses, Semi
5S	Gloria, Saoirse
6B	Oscar, CM
6K	Giorgia, Logan
6W	William, Rowan
Music	Emily (1K), Katie (6W)

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Next Week in School

Friday 24 October

Non-uniform Day (£1 per family)
School closes for half term

Monday 3 November

School reopens
Mass for All Souls

Tuesday 4th November

Book Looks: Year 6 (9.15am), Year 3 (2.45pm)

Wednesday 5 November

Book Looks: Year 5 (9.15am), Year 2 (2.45pm)

Thursday 6 November

Year 4 Book Look (9.15am)
Nursery Curriculum Meeting (2.45pm)

Friday 7 November

Year 3 lead Mass at Church (10am)
Year 1 Book Look (2.45pm)

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to making these weeks so special at St George's. Our prayerful reflection through the Rosary during October ends today. We are deeply grateful to all the parents who joined us in this meaningful devotion, helping to strengthen our community's faith and spirit.

A special thank you goes to Class 5S for their wonderful leadership during our Harvest assembly yesterday. Their enthusiasm and dedication were inspiring. We also want to express our sincere gratitude to all families for their generous donations of gifts, which will now be delivered to the North Enfield Food Bank to support those in need. It was a pleasure to welcome 5S parents to join us for this celebration, adding to the warmth and community spirit of the occasion. Congratulations to the pupils who proudly represented our school at the Borough Cross Country event held last Friday at Enfield Playing Fields. Their determination and sportsmanship was fantastic. Photographs from the event are available on 'X', but please do get in touch if you do not use this platform and would like my copy of your child's action shot.

Thank you all for your continued support throughout this first half term. Whether attending meetings, supporting your children at church, joining our Celebration of the Word assemblies, or engaging with our faith life by supporting our saint's feast days, your involvement is invaluable. We also appreciate the dedication of our Helping Hands (PTA) team and the kind words from our community that motivate us every day.

Wishing you a restful and safe half term break. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back on Monday, 3 November.

"Cling to the Rosary as the creeper clings to the tree, for without Our Lady we cannot stand. She is our tender Mother, eager to grant all we need if only we will come to her with trust and love." (St Teresa of Calcutta)

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!



Mass

A special children's Mass will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George Church at 5pm on Friday 31 October. This date marks All Hallows' Eve, the beginning of Halloween, a three-day period in the Church calendar dedicated to remembering the saints and the faithful departed.

To celebrate this important spiritual observance, Fr Daniel warmly invites the children to attend Mass dressed as their favourite saint. Following Mass, there will be a gathering in the parish centre with activities and refreshments in a joyful and respectful environment.

This Mass and celebration offer a meaningful way for our children to focus on the spiritual significance of this time, fostering faith and reflection. We hope many families will be able to attend this special occasion.

Preventing Illness

Special guidance has been published by the DfE on health and attendance, including reducing the spread of illness. Please take a look at the [guidance](#) to learn more.

Book Looks

A reminder that booking for our upcoming Book Looks is now live on the school website. This year, to make things easier for parents, we have made a slight change to the format, meeting as a whole year group, you will have the opportunity to spend time one-to-one with your child, exploring the work they have been doing in class.

Book Looks offer a valuable chance to see your child's progress and celebrate their achievements ahead of the parental consultations taking place the following week, starting Monday 10 November.

To book your session, please visit the school website and follow the link to the Book Looks booking page. We encourage all parents to take part in this important event to support your child's learning journey.

Upcoming Dates

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

October

Fri 24th Non-uniform day for The Passage
School Closes for Half Term

November

Mon 3rd School reopens
Mass and Liturgy for All Souls
Tue 4th Year 6 (9.15) and Year 3 (2.45) Book Looks
Wed 5th Year 5 (9.15) and Year 2 (2.45) Book Looks
Thurs 6th Year 4 Book Look (9.15am)
Nursery Curriculum Meeting (2.45pm)
Fri 7th Year 3 lead 10am Mass at Church
Year 1 Book Look (2.45pm)
Mon 10th Anti-Bullying Week
Parent Consultations (online)
Tue 11th Remembrance Day Liturgy
Governor committee meetings
Wed 12th Parent Consultations (face to face)
Thurs 13th Parent Consultations (F2F 2B and 4DS)
Fri 14th RJED Meeting**
Tue 18th Spelling Bee Competition
Wed 19th Image Theatre
Open Afternoon for Prospective parents
Thurs 20th Image Theatre
Scholastic Book Fair starts
Mon 24th Flu vaccination catch up session
Year 5 reconciliation at Church
Tue 25th Year 6 reconciliation at Church
Year 5 to Cineworld "White Sky"

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

School Council visit Westminster

I am very grateful to Lorenzo for writing this lovely account of the School Council's visit to the Houses of Parliament last week.

With the rest of the School Council, we walked to the train. It was fast and then another school came on and made lots of noise. After a few stops we went to the second train then we made it. I smelled the air of London!

We were greeted by a lady named Rita. She took us to the king's robing room and told us Queen Victoria was about the same height as us. Then we went to a room where debating happened. We saw a bill and were surprised that the actual Prime Minister was there.

We went to a workshop, we played a guessing game and a man named Scott showed us pictures that we could draw. I had a wonderful time.

Lorenzo 4P



Cross Country

Well done to our wonderful Cross Country runners who participated in the Enfield Borough Cross Country races last Friday. An amazing 30 schools with over 500 children took part. St George's achieved an impressive 8th place in the 'A' races and 6th in the 'B' races. Mrs Fearnley and I, along with all of the parents who spectated, are very proud of all of our runners.



Athletic Achievement

We are delighted to share the fantastic achievements of Avery and Sonari, both in Year 4, who competed at Lea Valley on Saturday representing Enfield and Haringey Athletics Club. Avery excelled by winning both the 200m and 60m races, earning the second-fastest overall time in the 200m event. Sonari also delivered an impressive performance, recording the third-fastest time in her 60m race. Both girls were honoured to receive their medals from GB athlete and Under-18 Champion Lyla Belshaw. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and success, and I thank Avery's mum for forwarding this information and lovely picture of the girls.

Leaps and Bounds

Parents may be interested in an affordable tuition solution that I was alerted to this week. A poster is attached to this newsletter for further information, and please note that St George's is not affiliated with the company. It is an opportunity for discounted tuition from an independent provider, Leaps and Bounds Educational Services, who they affirm have worked closely with Haringey schools for over 10 years providing affordable tuition offers. This offer is now also being extended to Enfield schools.

For more information regarding this offer, please contact Leaps and Bounds Educational Services directly: info@leapsandboundsedu.com.



Avoiding Lateness

At St George's Catholic, we understand that life can sometimes throw up unexpected challenges that make punctuality difficult. Whether it's a delayed bus, a last-minute appointment, or other unforeseen circumstances, we appreciate that some lateness is unavoidable. Our priority is always to support families while ensuring our pupils have the best possible start to their school day.

Why is being on time so important?

- **Maximising Learning Time:** Arriving on time means your child doesn't miss out on vital instructions and learning opportunities at the start of the day.
- **Building Routine and Confidence:** Consistent punctuality helps children settle quickly, feel secure, and develop good habits that will benefit them throughout their education and beyond.
- **Minimising Disruption:** Late arrivals can disrupt the class and affect both your child's learning and that of their peers.

We kindly ask all families to aim for punctuality as much as possible. To support this, please note the following important reminders from the school office regarding scooters and bikes:

- If you arrive late to drop off your child, you will need to take their scooter or bike with you when you leave. This helps us keep the playground safe and organised.
- If you are late collecting your child, please be aware that you will not be able to enter the playground to collect their scooter or bike. Unfortunately, staff are not available to supervise or retrieve scooters and bikes from the playground at these times.
- The Cheviot Close entrance is designated for unavoidable one-off lateness only and should not be used routinely for drop-offs or collections.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, welcoming, and efficient environment for all our pupils. This will ensure every child enjoys a positive start and end to their school day.

The Rosary

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all families who joined their children in praying a decade of the Rosary throughout October, the Month of the Holy Rosary.

This special devotion, alongside the Rosary in May, holds a special place in the life of the St George's community.

With just two exceptions, we were blessed with the weather allowing us to gather in the serenity of the Rosary Garden, both physically and spiritually the heart of our school, to pray together. October's dedication to the Rosary is a meaningful tradition as it encourages our pupils to deepen their personal relationship with Mary and seek her intercession.

The Rosary is more than just a prayer; it is a meditative reflection on the life of Christ and Mary. This practice nurtures our pupils' spiritual growth and enriches their understanding of the Catholic faith.

By observing this sacred month, we are able to unite pupils, staff, and families in shared prayer, strengthening our sense of Catholic identity and community at St George's.

We warmly invite any members of our school community to join our staff Rosary tomorrow at 3.45pm in the Rosary Garden. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and reflection.



Parkrun School

We are now officially a Parkrun School. I am still gathering information on exactly what this entails, but the exciting news is that, as a school, we will be attending the Enfield Town Junior Parkrun on **Sunday 9 November at Enfield Town Park**. It would be lovely to see lots of children there, regardless of age or ability. Parents need to [register their children beforehand](#) and I will provide additional information in the next week or so. Please let me know if you encounter any difficulties in the registration process.



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 3 November. Please sign up on the school website so that we know we are expecting you! [parents > parent forms > book looks](#)

Tuesday 4 November

Year 6 9.15 - 9.45am Year 3 2.45 - 3.15pm

Wednesday 5 November

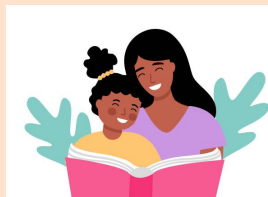
Year 5 9.15 - 9.45am Year 2 2.45 - 3.15pm

Thursday 6 November

Year 4 9.15 - 9.45am

Friday 7 November

Year 1 9.15 - 9.45am



Reminder!

Reminders

Tomorrow Non-uniform Day £1 per family

By Monday Book a 'Book Look' slot
Book your parent consultation

Parent Consultations

Classes 3.50pm to 6.10pm
Little Dragons 3.50 to 4.40pm

Monday 10 November

Online
All Classes

Wednesday 12 November

Face to Face
All classes except 2B and 4DS

Thursday 13 November

2pm to 4.40pm
Face to Face
2B and 4DS

We look forward to welcoming you either online or at school.
[Access the booking page here.](#)



All Souls Remembrance

During the month of November, we will be remember our family and friends who have died with a special book of Remembrance in our Oratory. If you would like to send in a photograph of a dearly departed relative or friend, please place in an envelope F.A.O Mrs McGivern. Please make sure you clearly mark the back of the photograph as shown below:

Name of the dearly departed.
Relationship to child at school.
Name of child.
Class.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen*

The Passage - Non Uniform Day

Tomorrow is our non-uniform day! We invite all pupils to come to school wearing their own clothes in exchange for a [£1 donation](#) per family. All funds raised will go to The Passage, a local charity in Westminster that supports people experiencing homelessness.

We are pleased to welcome Anna Church from [The Passage](#), who will be visiting to lead a special assembly. Anna will share important information about the charity's work and help our pupils understand how they can make a difference in their community.

I also want to say a further huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me in the Royal Parks Half Marathon last weekend. Thanks to your generous support, we have now raised over £400 for The Passage. Your kindness and commitment make a real difference.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us care for those in need.



Book of Remembrance

As part of our school's tradition and in keeping with the spirit of the month of the Holy Souls, we would like to remind all families that we have a **Book of Remembrance** in our school oratory. This special book contains photographs and memories of loved ones from our school community who have passed away.

Each November, we take time to reflect and honour those who are no longer with us. This year, we will be dedicating a special page in the Book of Remembrance to **Lily Burton**, a cherished member of our school family.

We warmly invite you to contribute by sending a photograph and a brief message or information about your loved one for inclusion in the book. Your contributions help us to remember and celebrate the lives of those who have touched our community (see below).

In addition to the Book of Remembrance, we will be holding our **special Mass for All Souls** on the first day back after half term, where we will come together to pray and remember.



raffle



Irish

children's
tombola

music



and

dances



refreshments

afternoon

30th November from 1:00

MUSIC BY EAST LONDON COMHALTAS : CEOL NA GAEL

DANCING BY BROOKS ACADEMY

Parish Centre, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and
St. George, Enfield.

