



St. George's
Catholic Primary School

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

School Newsletter

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Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 13 November

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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	Arya, Kian
1W	Evan, Cassie
2B	Amelia, Jesslyn
2GB	Lana, Emily
3A	Mass at Church
3M	Mass at Church
4DS	Ariana, Nikolas
4OS	Elliott, Apollonia
4P	Evangeline, Rafaela
5B	Kieran, Elisa
5CN	Jayden, Olivia
5S	Alex, Saoirse
6B	Alexandra, Miguel
6K	Flora, Leah
6W	James, Katie
Music	Talia (1W), Jessica (5S)

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Next Week in School

Friday 14 November
RJED Coffee Afternoon

Tuesday 18 November
Spelling Bee Competition
Reception Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm

Wednesday 19 November
Image Theatre
Open Afternoon

Thursday 20 November
Image Theatre

Our Prayer and Liturgy Team made the start of our week a poignant one by creating and leading an exceptional Remembrance Day liturgy, weaving together prayers, artwork, music, and scripture to create a powerful Celebration of the Word. It was a thoughtful and spiritual reflection for our school community.

On Wednesday, I attended Mass at Westminster Cathedral, offered for the repose of the souls from our school communities. It was a moving opportunity to light a candle in memory of Lily Burton.

I encourage families to contribute to our Remembrance Book for the Month of the Holy Souls - details can be found later in this newsletter. The coming week will be the final opportunity to submit a photo and/or short memorial.

We are excited that our representatives are preparing to showcase their spelling prowess in the Enfield Schools Town Partnership Spelling Bee Competition on Tuesday. Meanwhile, our Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) demonstrated remarkable citizenship during their latest Roadwatch with local police, a lovely photograph of them appears later in the newsletter.

Christmas preparations are well underway. I encourage parents to take note of the dates of relevant nativity performances, carols and liturgies in the coming weeks, and news of a special Carol Service.

This week marks Anti-Bullying Week. In school we have been guided by Mrs Byfield, and pupils have been engaging with the theme 'The Power of Good' through a diverse range of meaningful activities.

Our second Racial Justice, Equality, and Diversity (RJED) coffee afternoon will take place next week, building upon the success of our initial forum.

A reminder that our book fair commences next Thursday, and we were delighted to see many families participate in the Enfield Town Parkrun on Sunday morning.

Thank you for your continued support, particularly for attending parent consultations. We hope that the hybrid format of online and face-to-face meetings continues to serve diverse parental needs.

*"Peace and war begin at home. If we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our own families."
(St Teresa of Calcutta)*



Flu

At St George's, we have always been grateful for the excellent response from parents to the flu vaccination programme. To ensure we can offer the vaccine to all children during the upcoming catch-up session on 24 November, we ask that parents who have not yet completed the online consent form do so as soon as possible.

Whether you choose to consent or decide to decline, please log in to the online system and indicate your decision. This helps us know that you are aware of the offer and allows the health team to plan effectively.

Thank you for your support in keeping our pupils healthy. If you need any assistance with the online form, please contact the school office.

Dr Dolittle

We are excited to offer your children the opportunity to attend a live Image Theatre production of Dr Dolittle next week. These enriching experiences play a vital role in broadening pupils' learning beyond the classroom.

Due to the current depletion of school funds, we must ask for a small contribution of £2.50 per child to help cover the costs of this performance. We have carefully set this amount to be as affordable as possible. Please be assured that the school does not make any profit from these contributions, they are solely to ensure we can continue providing such valuable experiences.

I understand that some families may face financial challenges, and want to emphasise that no child will be disadvantaged or excluded from this opportunity due to an inability to pay. If you have any concerns, please contact me confidentially.

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 have dedicated 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).



All Souls Remembrance

During the month of November, we will be remembering 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*



Upcoming Dates

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

November

Fri 14th	RJED Meeting
Tues 18th	Spelling Bee Competition Reception Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
Weds 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 Year 6 reconciliation at Church
Tues 25th	Year 5 to Cineworld "Deep Sky"
Weds 26th	Special Parliament Week Assembly
Thurs 27th	Advent Spirituality Day
Fri 28th	Year 4 reconciliation at Church

December

Mon 1st	KS1 gymnastics competition (Southbury) Open afternoon for prospective parents
Tues 2nd	LKS2 Gymnastics (Southbury) Reception nativity (9.30am)
Weds 3rd	UKS2 Gymnastics (Southbury) Reception Nativity (9.30am) Choir Carol singing at Chase Farm Hospital Helping Hands wreath making workshop
Thurs 4th	Year 3 Carols (hall) 2.45pm
Fri 5th	Nursery Nativity (hall) 2.30pm
Tues 9th	4P Advent Liturgy (hall) 9.15am Year 1 Christmas Liturgy (hall) 2.45pm
Weds 10th	4OS Advent Liturgy (hall) 9.15am Year 5 'Bethlehem' production (hall) 2.15pm
Thurs 11th	Year 5 'Bethlehem' production (hall) 2.15pm
Fri 12th	Choir Carol singing at Elyng House

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

The Power of Good

Throughout the week, St George's has been taking part in Anti-Bullying Week 2025, which has the theme "The Power of Good." Throughout the week, our focus has been on raising awareness about bullying and promoting kindness, respect, and positive behaviour among all pupils.

With the guidance of Mrs Byfield, to support this important work, teachers will be using resources from the Anti-Bullying Alliance, a trusted organisation dedicated to preventing bullying in schools. These resources include engaging presentations and activity ideas designed to fit smoothly into the school day, helping pupils understand the importance of treating others with kindness and respect.

If you would like to explore some of these materials or continue the conversation about kindness and respect at home, you can visit the [Anti-Bullying Alliance website](http://antibullyingalliance.org.uk) here: <http://antibullyingalliance.org.uk>

Thank you for supporting us in creating a safe and welcoming environment for all our children.





Our Junior Travel Ambassadors are a dedicated group of pupils who meet regularly with Miss Pakenham to think of ways to make travelling around our local area safer and more environmentally friendly. Their inspiring work has recently resulted in a continuation of their Gold accreditation. One of the highlights for this group is their partnership with the local police. They take part in the 'Roadwatch' scheme, where they help to promote safer driving near the school by monitoring traffic and raising awareness. Here is a photograph from their Wednesday morning duty!

House Captains

I am delighted to announce the House Captains for this year. Congratulations to these pupils who have been carefully chosen to lead their houses. Being a House Captain is a wonderful opportunity to develop leadership skills, and I am confident they will represent their houses with pride and enthusiasm:

- **St Francis of Assisi:** Florence Scott (6W)
- **St Oscar Romero:** Sophia Keohane (6K)
- **St Thérèse of Lisieux:** Victoria Bolavie (6K)
- **St Josephine Bakhita:** Maya Jankowiak (6K)

We also appointed Vice-Captains to support the House Captains in their roles:

- **St Francis of Assisi:** Eva Grealis (6K)
- **St Oscar Romero:** Maria Tomoriova (6B)
- **St Thérèse of Lisieux:** Mairead Munroe (6K), Victoria Ksyta (6K)
- **St Josephine Bakhita:** Joseph Gavaghan (6W)

To ensure a fair selection process, all applications were anonymised before being reviewed, so decisions were made based solely on the strength of each pupil's application. A big thank you to Miss Kika in the school office for helping us to manage this process.

I would also like to thank all the pupils who applied. Your enthusiasm and commitment were impressive, and I encourage you to keep developing your leadership skills throughout the year as more opportunities arise.



We are delighted that St George's Catholic Primary School is now officially a Parkrun School! It was wonderful to see so much positive energy and commitment from our pupils who took part in the Enfield Town Junior Parkrun last Sunday morning.

The [Enfield Town Junior Parkrun](#) takes place every Sunday at 9am in Enfield Town Park. It's just a short walk from the 8am Mass, making it easy for families to join in. Children of all ages and abilities (up to 14 years old) are always welcome to participate — you don't need to wait for an official school visit to take part. Please note that parents must [register their children beforehand](#) to join the Parkrun. If you haven't registered yet, you can find more information on the Parkrun website.

If your child participated last Sunday and you don't see their photo below, please send one in so we can celebrate their achievement in next week's newsletter.

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Prayer and Liturgy Team

Thank you to the Prayer and Liturgy Team for preparing and leading a very moving service to mark Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November. The children utilised their gifts and talents to write their own prayers, make a PowerPoint, play music and create beautiful artwork. The children look forward to meeting with Fr Daniel later today to see how they can use their gifts and talents further to help support our Parish community. The team are also busy planning for our Advent Spirituality Day at the end of the month.

