



School Newsletter

Newsletter 12

Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 27 November

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

Our School Houses	House Points	House Points
St Thérèse of Lisieux	1174	Blue
St Oscar Romero	1192	Red
St Francis of Assisi	1624	Yellow
St Josephine Bakhita	1100	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	Elena, Oisin
RS	Zane, Teo
1K	Isla, Liliana
1W	Venus, Naomi
2B	Leo, CM
2GB	Lika, Chaithri, Yasmin
3A	Ryan, CM
3M	Ella, Valentina
4DS	Deniz, Jude
4OS	Sonari, Kinga
4P	Cian, Orlagh
5B	Robson, Clodagh
5CN	Dominic, Ciaran
5S	Luiza, William
6B	Diana, Pinidi
6K	Leon, Helena
6W	Nicolas, Malaysia
Music	Julia (2B), Cinar (3A), Liam (5CN)

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Next Week in School

Friday 28 November

Advent Spirituality Day
 Year 4 reconciliation (at school)

Monday 1 December

KS1 gymnastics (9.15am) Southbury Leisure Centre
 Open Afternoon for prospective parents

Tuesday 2 December

Year 3/4 gymnastics (9.30am) Southbury
 Reception 'Wriggly Nativity' 9.30am
 Full Governing Body meeting

Wednesday 3 December

Year 5/6 gymnastics (9am) Southbury
 Reception 'Wriggly Nativity'
 Choir at Chase Farm Hospital
 Helping Hands Wreath Making workshop

Thursday 4 December

Year 3 Carols (2.45pm) school hall

Friday 5 December

RG Stay and Play
 Non-uniform day £1 per family

As we approach the season of Advent, our school community prepares for a time of joyful waiting and spiritual reflection. This time reminds us that God's light shines in the darkness, bringing hope, peace, joy, and love to our lives. Our pupils have been engaged in this spiritual journey, with Year 4, 5, and 6 participating in reconciliation opportunities this week, culminating in our Advent Spirituality Day.

The spirit of Christmas is unfolding across our school. Our youngest pupils in Reception will delight parents with their Nativity performances, while Year 3 will fill the air with festive carols. Mr Cox's Christmas Choir continues our tradition of community outreach, with their first performance scheduled at Chase Farm Hospital. We're also excited to invite parents to our Helping Hands Wreath Making workshop on Wednesday – a wonderful opportunity for practical Christmas preparations. I encourage all families to carefully review the detailed document distributed by the school office, which provides comprehensive information about event dates, times, and booking details.

I am thrilled to share some wonderful news. Our pupils have achieved remarkable success in the national 'Radio Maria' competition, securing both first and second place. This outstanding achievement is highlighted in more detail later in the newsletter.

For those considering St George's for their child's education, our final Open Afternoon takes place on Monday. If you know of any families exploring school options, please encourage them to book a visit through our school website.

As we prepare for our upcoming Christmas Fair on Sunday at 1pm, I remind everyone that next Friday (5th) will be a non-uniform day. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our incredible Helping Hands team, whose tireless efforts have made this fantastic community event possible.

"Let us continue our journey as Pilgrims of Hope, carrying into the future the light of faith, justice, and love.

Pope Francis

Primary Maths Challenge

We are thrilled to announce that Year 6 students have once again taken part in the annual Primary Maths Challenge (PMC), organised by The Mathematical Association. This engaging competition encourages a love for mathematics through a series of stimulating problems. Congratulations to all participants for their efforts and enthusiasm. A special commendation goes to our top scorers: Oscar and Joe, followed closely by James and Ryan, with Cressida, Fiona, and Pinidi (all children in 6B apart from James in 6W) also achieving commendable results. Well done to everyone who took part!



What an Honour

I am delighted to share this photograph of Deborah Thompson, one of our school governors and a proud grandparent of pupils at St George's. Last week, Deborah was awarded an MBE at Windsor Castle in recognition of her many years of dedicated service to education. An MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) is a prestigious honour that celebrates outstanding contributions to the community.

We are incredibly proud of Deborah and thrilled for her family; she is pictured here with her sons. This recognition is a wonderful achievement and we are delighted that it has been awarded to a member of our school community.

Please join us in congratulating Deborah on this well-deserved honour.

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 28th Advent Spirituality Day
Year 4 reconciliation at school

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 RG Stay and Play
Non-uniform day for School Fair
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
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Thurs 11th RS Stay and Play
Fri 12th Choir Carol singing at Elsyng House
4DS Advent Liturgy (hall) 9.15am
Mon 15th Carol Service at Church 6pm
Tues 16th Choir Carol singing at Tesco
Weds 17th Christmas lunch
Nursery Nativity (hall) 2.30pm
Thurs 18th Christmas jumper day
Class parties
Fri 19th End of term Mass
School closes for Christmas 2pm

January

Mon 5th Teacher training day
Tues 6th School reopens
Thurs 15th Admissions deadline (reception & nursery)
Weds 21st 4OS Celebration of the Word assembly

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

A Move for Stationery

Our school is a member of the Enfield Town Schools Partnership (ETSP). The organisation has been running a stationery campaign that is now drawing to a close. St George's has already benefitted by receiving a box filled with lovely new stationery. We are also delighted to share some recent press with you.

The campaign kicked off with a partnership-wide appeal for grants and donations that led to support from the Enfield community, Tesco Stronger Starts, EVO Foundation, and physical donations from nationwide organisations.

This week, the [Enfield Dispatch](#) ran a story about the success of the campaign and the impact it has on our children.

The EVO Foundation are supporting with monthly donations for a minimum 12 month term, therefore our school will receive more stationery in the second half of the academic year!

The success of the campaign is a testament to the vision and hard work of Jennifer and Debbie of the ETSP.



COMHALTAS
Irish music lessons
Wednesday Evening
Beginners - 5.00
Intermediate - 5.30
Advanced - 6.30



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 George church hall**
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Admissions

Admissions Deadline for Nursery and Reception – Thursday 15 January 2026

If your child is due to start Nursery or Reception at St George's Catholic Primary School in September 2026, please ensure you submit your application by the deadline of Thursday 15 January 2026.

How to Apply:

- **Nursery Applications:** Please complete the [nursery application](#) form available on our school website.
- **Reception Applications:** Applications for Reception places must be made through the [Enfield Admissions](#) website. In addition to the online application, please provide any required supporting documents directly to the school. Further details and guidance on the application process and required documents can be found on our school website.

Submitting your application on time will help avoid any delays or complications. Please visit [our website](#) or contact the school office if you need any assistance with the application process.

The Ceol na nGael Music School are having a Social Event on Sunday 30th November at 1pm in the Parish Centre of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Christmas Card Competition

If your child enjoys being creative, we warmly encourage them to enter the Diocesan 'Design a Christmas Card' competition this year. The theme is **"Our Hope is in the Child of Bethlehem."** As the Bible reminds us, "Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts" (Romans 5:5).

Children can use any artistic medium to create their card, but please ensure their name is **not** written on the front of the design. This helps keep the judging process fair and anonymous.

Completed entries should be brought into school and handed directly to me by **Friday 5 December**. A panel of judges will then select one winning card from each key stage to be sent to the Diocese of Westminster.

Our school winners will be proudly featured on the Diocese website and awarded a special certificate to celebrate their achievement.

We hope many of our pupils will take part in this wonderful opportunity to share their creativity and the true spirit of Christmas.



**Diocesan Christmas Card
 Competition 2025**

I recently mentioned in our school newsletter that our school funds were "diminished." Since then, I have been deeply touched by the incredible understanding and support from many of you. Some parents have even made kind donations to help us during this challenging time. I want to sincerely thank you all for your kind words and generous contributions.

Having been a headteacher for nearly 20 years, I can honestly say that I have never seen school finances as stretched as they are now. The challenges we face are significant and affect every aspect of our school life. There are many wonderful ideas and initiatives we would love to implement to enrich our pupils' learning experience, but unfortunately, we must make difficult decisions about which basic necessities we can afford.

This situation is not unique to our school and many schools are navigating similar financial pressures. If you are able and willing to support us further, we have set up a donation facility on the ParentPay website. Even small contributions can make a meaningful difference and help us continue providing a high-quality education for your children.

To make a donation, please log into your ParentPay account and follow the link to the school donations page. Your support is invaluable and deeply appreciated by everyone at St George's Catholic Primary School.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and understanding.



RADIO MARIA

ENGLAND

In September, we invited children to take part in a competition led by Radio Maria, England. There were two competitions that children could enter; one for Spoken Word, Song and Poetry and one for Broadcasting. Earlier this week, we heard that some of our children won! Sebastian (4P) came first in the Spoken Word, Song and Poetry competition and joint second in the Broadcasting competition. Sonari (4OS) Mairead (6K) and Apollonia (4OS) came joint second in the Spoken Word, Song and Poetry competition and Sonari and Apollonia also came joint second in the Broadcasting competition. These children have been invited to visit the Radio Maria studio in London for a tour and to receive their trophy and prize. We were delighted to hear from Jerry, who works at Radio Maria England, that Sebastian, Apollonia, Sonari and Mairead have been invited to host their own radio programme! This is a wonderful opportunity, following in the footsteps of Saint Oscar Romero, who used a radio station to communicate the Word of God and Saint Carlo Acutis, who inspires our pupils to become Digital Apostles.

A big well done also to Starjoy (5CN) Valentina, Jessica and Cliodhna (6B) Pinidi (6B) Pia (4P) Ugonna, Leon (4DS) Erin, Rosie, Berenice, Lily-Grace, Ruby and Charlize (5S) for your fantastic entries too. We are so proud of all of the children who entered. This is another example of how the children are living out the lines in our school hymn, *'The talents you gave, I'll use not save, to show them to the world.'*