



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

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

# School Newsletter

## Newsletter 13

Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 4 December

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	House Points	
St Thérèse of Lisieux	368	Blue
St Oscar Romero	407	Red
St Francis of Assisi	384	Yellow
St Josephine Bakhita	310	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	Mason, Ellie
RS	Cora, Louis
1K	Shaya, Olivia
1W	Delfina, Adaora
2B	Maya, Frema
2GB	Nuala, Cillian
3A	Renatta, Hannah
3M	Ethan, Azaria
4DS	Erin, Ruby
4OS	Oliver, Leo
4P	Sebastian, Oliver
5B	Rory, Josh
5CN	Alex, Daniel
5S	CM
6B	Jack, CM
6K	Mairead, Danny
6W	Christiano, Kyle
Music	Chaithri (2B), Jimmy (4OS), Berenice (5S)

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### Next Week in School



**Friday 5 December**  
RG Stay and Play  
Non-uniform day £1 per family

**Tuesday 9 December**  
4P Advent Liturgy (hall) 9.15am  
Year 1 Christmas Liturgy (hall) 2.45pm

**Wednesday 10 December**  
4OS Advent Liturgy (hall) 9.15am  
Year 5 - 'Bethlehem, the Musical' (hall) 2.15pm

**Thursday 11 December**  
Year 5 - 'Bethlehem, the Musical' (hall) 2.15pm

**Friday 12 December**  
4P Advent Liturgy (hall) 9.15am

I hope that your Advent season is providing some moments of spiritual reflection for you and your Christmas preparations are beginning in a calm and stress-free way!

What a wonderful way to mark the first week of Advent in school, with the reception 'Wriggly' Nativity. The performance was beautiful, with particularly impressive singing that truly stood out. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all reception staff, our enthusiastic audiences, and the members of the Helping Hands team who organised the refreshments, all of whom created a wonderful atmosphere.

This week, Year 1 and Year 4 will be leading special liturgies for their parents to join. These lovely 'Celebration of the Word' opportunities provide a chance for pupils, parents, and staff to come together in a spiritual reflection of the most important messages at this time of year.

Yesterday, I had the absolute joy of joining the Christmas Choir at Chase Farm Hospital for their carol singing. A more detailed account of their lovely concert will appear later in the newsletter.

In sporting news, I am delighted to share an incredible achievement. Our key stage 2 gymnastics teams have enjoyed a particularly successful week, with two teams winning their competitions. I am immensely proud of all the children who participated. The accompanying staff spoke not only of their impressive gymnastics skills but also of their remarkable camaraderie and attitude - a true credit to our school. Congratulations to all involved!

A quick reminder: our non-uniform day is tomorrow. The cost is £1 per family, which will contribute to the float for the Christmas Fair. A huge thank you to all those involved in organising and setting up this lovely family event. The fair starts at 1pm.

Lastly, please bear with us over the next couple of weeks as we transition our management information systems. We hope you will not notice the change, but it involves significant preparation, and some delays may be inevitable.

*"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope," (Pope Benedict XVI)*

## UK Parliament week

Last Thursday, we enjoyed an assembly presented by a special visitor on the theme of UK Parliament. Learning about the UK Parliament helps our pupils understand how democracy works and their role as active citizens; Damien's visit from the House of Commons brought this to life, making the experience engaging and meaningful for the children.


He thoroughly enjoyed the visit, saying that he had a 'lovely time engaging with the students.'

His visit was invaluable, especially when Joseph (6W) proposed a four-day weekend! Damien promised to put the idea forward, and if over 10,000 people support it, it could be debated in Parliament, showing our pupils how their voices truly matter.

A big thank you to Miss Pakenham for organising this valuable opportunity for the children



# The ETSP Spelling Bee 2025



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A huge thank you to all our incredible pupils and teachers, who worked so hard to prepare and compete in this year's challenging

### ETSP Spelling Bee 2025!

Capel Manor Primary School	Prince of Wales Primary School
Carterhatch Infants Primary School	St Andrew's Enfield CE Primary School
Chase Side Primary School	St Andrew's Southgate CE Primary School
Enfield Heights Academy	St George's Catholic Primary School
Hadley Wood Primary School	St John's CE Primary School
Hazelwood Schools	St Michael's CE Primary School
Keys Meadow Primary School	St Paul's CE Primary School
Kingfisher Hall Primary Academy	Suffolks Primary School
	Worcesters Primary School

## Upcoming Dates

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

### December

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
Thurs 11th	Year 5 'Bethlehem' production (hall) 2.15pm
Fri 12th	RS Stay and Play 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 (new 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
Weds 7th	Mass for the Epiphany
Thurs 15th	Admissions deadline (reception & nursery) 6W Celebration of the Word assembly
Weds 21st	4OS Celebration of the Word assembly
Mon 26th	Reception/ Year 6 Height and weight check
Weds 28th	5CN Celebration of the Word assembly

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

Please see an important document attached to this newsletter regarding Christmas Dinner options. The deadline is Monday.

## 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.

## Supporting a Wonderful Cause

### Ava's Hair Donation and Fundraising

We are proud to share the inspiring story of Ava from class 3M, who has been growing her hair with the goal of donating it to The Little Princess Trust. This past Saturday, Ava had an incredible 15 inches of her hair cut to contribute to this worthy cause.

Ava is now very close to reaching her fundraising target of £700, which will help provide a wig for a child in need.

If you would like to support Ava's fundraising, please use the QR code that links directly to her fundraising page.

Thank you for helping us support Ava and The Little Princess Trust in making a difference for children facing hair loss.

Do congratulate Ava if you see her...if you still recognise her!



## 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

Yesterday, our Christmas Choir travelled to Chase Farm Hospital, bringing festive cheer and much-needed smiles to the patients and staff. The heartfelt singing lifted spirits and created a warm atmosphere for everyone present.

One patient expressed their gratitude by saying, "They are brilliant, a real credit to you." Such kind words reflect the dedication and talent of our pupils and the positive impact of their visit.

We extend a special thank you to the parents who joined us, ensuring the visit was safe and enjoyable for all involved, particularly on our W8 bus journey! Our gratitude also goes to Mr Cox for organising this wonderful event and for continually inspiring vibrant musical experiences within our school.

Michelle, from the Royal Free charity, shared her delight at the enthusiasm of the visitors. Many were moved by the choir's performance and generously made donations to support the vital work of the charity.

We always aim for our pupils to be confident, loving individuals who bring joy and kindness to the wider community.

## ENFIELD TOWN SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP TTRS



### ETPS AUTUMN CHALLENGE

**11 NOVEMBER - 19 DECEMBER 2025**

\* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE \*  
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE \* THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE  
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL \*  
ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES \*



## TT Rock Stars

Congratulations to 5CN, 4P, and 6B for their outstanding achievements in the recent TTRockStars - London Rocks competition, securing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places! Each class's most valuable players received certificates, with special recognition to Jayden J (5CN), Elliot D (4P), and Oriah P (3M) for being the most valuable players in the entire school.

Well done to everyone who participated! Your hard work and dedication are truly commendable.

Keep up the fantastic effort!

The latest challenge is to compete against our neighbouring partnership schools in the ETSP Autumn Challenge.

The competition runs until the end of term.



# Caritas Advent Giving Calendar

This Advent, we invite families to donate one or more of the gifts below. The donations received will go to the North Enfield Foodbank—where donations are always in need, particularly during this time of year. We ask that donations are brought in from **Monday 8th December** to your child's class teacher. Please note that you do not have to donate items only on the dates on the calendar below— you can bring them in on any date. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping our brother and sisters in our local community.

**Advent Giving Calendar**

Caritas Westminster

24 Something festive

1 Rice

5 Cereal

2 Pasta

7 Nappies or baby wipes

15 Biscuits

23 Chocolate

20 Shower gel or soap

17 Sanitary products

22 Cooking sauce or condiment

11 Detergent

14 Deodorant

19 Sugar or honey

9 Cleaning product

12 Lentils or beans

3 Shampoo

4 Cooking oil

8 Dried herbs or spices

10 Tea and coffee

13 Long life milk

6 Tinned sweet corn

21 Tinned meat or fish

16 Tinned fruit or pudding

18 Nut butter or jam

Download the calendar here →

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# Spirituality Day

On Friday 28th November, we held our Advent Spirituality Day. Our Prayer and Liturgy team planned a reflective and creative day for all the children in school. Children prayed a Visio and Lectio Divina, became Advent Angels by carrying out acts of kindness and contributed to a beautiful whole-school Advent wreath. The children used scrabble tiles to create words to do with Advent, drew pictures of religious art, explored titles given to Jesus and made baubles representing Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. A special thank you to our Helping Hands team for generously funding the resources for this day.

