



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

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

# School Newsletter 14

Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 11 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	Amalie, CM
RS	Roan, CM
1K	Amelia, Lionel
1W	Jessica, Lainee
2B	Evie, Freddie
2GB	Erin, Simife
3A	Agnah, CM
3M	Joshua, Azaria, CM
4DS	Reece, Jefisha
4OS	Jack, Sophia
4P	Henry, Elliot
5B	
5CN	
5S	
6B	
6K	
6W	
Music	

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## Next Week in School

**Friday 12 December**

4DS Advent Liturgy (hall) 9.15am  
RS Stay and Play

Christmas Choir at Elsynge House  
Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm



**Monday 15 December**

Carol Concert (Y2 and Y6) 6pm at Church

**Tuesday 16 December**

Christmas Choir at Tesco

**Wednesday 17 December**

Christmas Lunch  
Nursery Nativity (New Hall) 2.30pm

**Thursday 18 December**

Christmas Jumper Day and Class Parties

**Friday 19 December**

End of Term Mass  
School Closes for Christmas 2pm

What a privilege it was to attend the showcase choir event at St Andrew's Church, Southgate on Tuesday. It was truly memorable. The 'Show Up' singers performed songs from musicals. They were joined by our Christmas Choir who sang absolutely beautifully, filling the evening with joy and pride. I must extend heartfelt appreciation to Mr Cox, whose musical leadership continues to provide extraordinary opportunities for our children.

Our year groups have each contributed wonderfully to our Advent reflections and Christmas preparations. Year 1 crafted a very moving nativity scene, inviting us all to be part of that timeless story. Year 4's Advent liturgies explored Christmas traditions from around the world, thoughtfully emphasising the universal themes of peace and welcome. Year 5 delighted us with their performance of 'Bethlehem, the Musical' - a contemporary retelling complete with great acting and, I must admit, some wonderfully terrible jokes.

I want to praise everyone involved in organising these events. The patient preparation, the countless rehearsals, and the dedication of staff and pupils have made each moment special. I would like to thank all of our families for attending and supporting these events so enthusiastically. Your kind comments mean such a lot to us. A special mention goes to our upcoming Carol concert at 6pm on Monday at the Church, which this year will be beautifully led by Year 2 and Year 6 together - a true community event.

Lastly, I must congratulate the Helping Hands team and all families who made our Christmas Fair on Sunday such a resounding success. The large attendance and collective effort demonstrate the strength of our school community. The time, effort, and fundraising contributed by our parents deserve great credit.

*"This time of Advent is a time for hope... Ask our Lady, along with me, to make it come true. Try to imagine how she spent these months, waiting for her Son to be born." (St Teresa of Calcutta)*



Our **Junior Travel Ambassadors** are an enthusiastic pupil leadership group organised by Miss Packenham.

In recognition of their inspiring work they have recently ensured that our school has been recredited with a TfL Gold Award.

In light of their award, they were invited to create some Christmas Cards for the King! These pictures prove that they are great artists as well!

## Supporting a Wonderful Cause

### **Ava's Hair Donation and Fundraising**

Last week we featured 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. Since I wrote last week's article, I have been sent a picture of Ava, proudly showing off the 15 inches of hair that was cut off. There is still time to support her and donate to this wonderful cause by using the QR code.



## 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 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.

## 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.

## Reminders

Thursday	Christmas Jumpers
Friday	School closes at 2pm
Jan 6th	First day of term



## The Times Top 1000

We are delighted to share the exciting news that St George's Catholic Primary School has been recognised as one of the top 1000 primary schools in the country by The Times. This prestigious accolade reflects the outstanding efforts and commitment of our entire school community.

This achievement is a testament to the dedication of our hardworking staff, the diligence and enthusiasm of our pupils, and the unwavering support of our wonderful parents. Together, we have created an environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential.

It was a proud moment for me, alongside our school governors, to receive this notification. We are grateful to all the parents who have passed on their congratulations and kind words. They mean a lot to us.

As we continue on our journey to provide a quality education grounded in our values of justice, forgiveness, love, respect, and trust, this recognition motivates us to aim even higher for the benefit of all our pupils.

Thank you for being part of the St George's family and for your continued support.

We follow in the footsteps of Jesus, as a school community, striving for excellence in everything we do.



*Our wonderful Christmas Choir in action with the Show Up Singers at St Andrew's Church, Southgate on Tuesday evening.*

## Marking A Special Memory

As we approach the end of the Autumn term and prepare for the festive season, it is with a heartfelt reflection that we remember the tragic circumstances in which our term began. We were deeply saddened by the loss of our wonderful pupil, Lily Burton.

In memory of Lily, and in the week of her birthday, we invite all families to participate in this year's Christmas Jumper Day. We kindly ask for a suggested donation of £1 per child, which will be available to contribute via ParentPay. Of course, if you wish to donate more, your generosity will be warmly welcomed. If any parents know of any comp[nies that will match-fund donations, please let us know.

All proceeds from this event will go towards creating a meaningful memorial in Lily's honour, ensuring her spirit and memory continue to be part of our school community.

Thank you for your support and kindness during this time.

## TT Rock Stars

The latest challenge is to compete against our neighbouring partnership schools in the ETSP Autumn Challenge. The competition runs until the end of term.



## 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 \*



# 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. 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 brothers and sisters in our local community. We ask that all donations are brought in by **Thursday 18th December**.

**Advent Giving Calendar** Caritas Westminster

24 Something festive

1 Rice

2 Pasta

3 Shampoo

4 Cooking oil

5 Cereal

6 Tinned sweet corn

7 Nappies or baby wipes

8 Dried herbs or spices

9 Cleaning product

10 Tea and coffee

11 Detergent

12 Lentils or beans

13 Long life milk

14 Deodorant

15 Biscuits

16 Tinned fruit or pudding

17 Sanitary products

18 Nut butter or jam

19 Sugar or honey

20 Shower gel or soap

21 Tinned meat or fish

22 Cooking sauce or condiment

23 Chocolate

24 Something festive

Download the calendar here →

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