



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

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

# School Newsletter

## Newsletter 1

Spring Term 2026

Thursday 8 January

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Deputy Heads: Mrs C McGivern  
Mrs S Hukowski  
Assistant Head: Mrs L Byfield  
SENCo: Mrs J Burke

### Next Week in School



**Friday 9 January**  
Solidarity and Peace Assembly

**Tuesday 13 January**  
Year 5 Swimming starts

**Thursday 15 January**  
Admissions deadline for September 2026  
MYME Coffee Afternoon (2.15pm)

#### Our School Houses

#### House Points

St Thérèse of Lisieux	206	Blue
St Oscar Romero	284	Red
St Francis of Assisi	245	Yellow
St Josephine Bakhita	222	Green

### Celebration of the Word

Over the school year, each class leads an act of worship to which parents are invited. These are scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

These occasions are special times when parents can join their children in school for prayer, reflection and often some learning too!

When it is the turn of your child's class, please join us in the school hall at the start of the day, accessed via the junior playground. We aim to begin by 9.15am, and a Celebration of the Word assembly will typically last around 15 minutes.

Please note that these are spiritual occasions, and not performances, but they are always enjoyable nonetheless.

The next assembly is 6W on Thursday 15 January.

### Snow

With widespread freezing temperatures this week and the threat of snow forecast, these are the procedures should we need to close the school unexpectedly. Closing school is always the very last resort, is only considered in the most extreme circumstances, and it is usually difficult to make such a decision far in advance.

As soon as a decision is made that school will close, a text will be sent to all parents, a message posted on the school website and the local authority will be informed so that the information will be posted on their website too.

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I am delighted to extend a warm welcome as we return to school this term. Our journey into 2026 began with a lovely Mass led by Father Daniel, who shared the story of the wise men and their gifts, marking the Feast of the Epiphany.

Tomorrow, we embark on an important phase of our Catholic social teaching, focusing on the theme of 'Solidarity and Peace'. We are delighted to welcome Aisling Griffin from Pax Mundi, who will speak to our pupils in an assembly, sharing insights into the organisation's vital work and promoting understanding of these fundamental values.

For parents with children set to start reception class in September, the admission deadline is Thursday, 15 January - which is next week. Father Axcel will be available this weekend to sign Certificates of Catholic Practice, and I urge you to ensure all necessary documentation is prepared. Should you encounter any problems or require any guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. This deadline also applies to our nursery admissions.

We are committed to keeping our school community informed and engaged. I encourage all parents to regularly refer to our school website and the 'Upcoming Dates' section of the newsletter to stay informed of our all the activities in our vibrant school life. This half term offers several opportunities for parental involvement, including Celebration of the Word assemblies led by 6W, 4OS, 5CN, 3A, and 4DS, a MYME Coffee Afternoon, and Stay and Play sessions in our Reception classes.

As we embark on the new year, I wish everyone in our school community the very best with their resolutions. We pray that this term is filled with learning, growth, and community spirit.

### The Times

Recently, the Enfield Dispatch published an article highlighting The Times top 1000 primary schools, along with other local schools that made the list. You can read the [article here](#) or visit the Enfield Dispatch website to learn more about this exciting recognition. Thank you to all the parents and community members who have sent their congratulations on our inclusion in the list. Your support means a great deal to us.

*"God is so good to give us new days and New Years since He knows we need so many times to start over." (Lucy Sturm)*

## Staying Healthy

With many illnesses circulating at this time of year, we want to share some helpful advice from the Department for Education on how to keep your child healthy and well enough to attend school. Following these simple tips can help prevent illness and reduce the chances of your child missing valuable learning time.

We encourage you to take a moment to [read the guidance](#), which includes many practical suggestions for you and your family.

Regular attendance is vital for your child's progress and wellbeing, and by working together, we can give every pupil the best chance to stay engaged and succeed.

If you have any questions or need further support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

## Crossing Chase

I would like to bring your attention to an important campaign led by local residents to install a zebra crossing on Chase Side, near the foot of Gordon Hill, directly opposite Gordon Road. This stretch of road is particularly difficult and potentially dangerous to cross, especially for children walking to and from our school.

Many pupils and families use this route daily, and we believe that adding a zebra crossing here would significantly improve safety for our children and the wider community.

Please take a moment to consider supporting this campaign by [signing the petition](#). Your support could help make our local area safer for everyone.

The closing date is Monday 16 February.

## 2026 London Mini Marathon

I am pleased to inform you that St George's has secured a number of guaranteed places for this year's [London Mini-Marathon](#). This exciting event takes place on **Saturday 25 April**, the day before the London Marathon, and follows the iconic route past Buckingham Palace.

### Event Details:

- **Distances:** Participants can choose between **1 mile** (approximately 1.6 km) or **2.6 km** (approximately 1.6 miles).
- **Eligibility:** If your child is in Key Stage 1 or Year 3, please select the 1 mile option.
- **Siblings:** If you have siblings who wish to run together, please enter them for the same distance as the two events are held some hours apart. For families with younger children in Key Stage 1 or Year 3, please register all siblings for the 1 mile event to keep the group together.
- **Deadline:** Friday 16 January

The Mini-Marathon is open to all children, regardless of their running experience or ability. Whether this is their first run or one of many, it's a fantastic opportunity to enjoy being active and take part in a memorable event.

### How to apply:

To apply for a place, please complete the [online application form](#). (Please contact the school office if you require a paper copy). Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Last year's event was very popular, so we encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible. Please ensure that you are able to accompany your child on the day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## Upcoming Dates

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

### January

Thurs 15th	Admissions deadline (reception & nursery) 6W Celebration of the Word assembly MYME Coffee afternoon
Weds 21st	4OS Celebration of the Word assembly
Fri 23rd	RG Stay and Play
Mon 26th	Reception/ Year 6 Height and weight check
Weds 28th	5CN Celebration of the Word assembly
Fri 30th	RS Stay and Play

### February

Weds 4th	3A Celebration of the Word assembly
Thurs 5th	Year 3 visit to St Albans
Fri 6th	RG Stay and Play Feast of St Josephine Bakhita
Weds 11th	Photographs - individual and siblings
Thurs 12th	4DS Celebration of the Word assembly
Fri 13th	Numbers Day School closes for Half Term

*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

Those of you who are submitting a certificate of catholic practice, please note that these can be signed at the parish this Saturday between 2pm and 4pm. No individual appointments necessary.

## Reminders

<b>Thursday 15th</b>	Admissions Deadline
<b>Friday 16th</b>	mini marathon deadline








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# 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/little-owl-s-music-st-george-s-catholic-primary-school>

For more information see [www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk](http://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!**

## Coffee Afternoon

Dear Parents/Carers,

My Young Mind Enfield (MYME) will be hosting a Coffee Afternoon at your school on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 2.15pm until school pick-up.



This will include a presentation, delivered by MYME's School Wellbeing Practitioners focusing on how to support children with emotional regulation. All parents of children from all ages are welcome 😊

Please come to the school office and you will be directed to the session room.

Date	Topic	Location
Thursday 15th January 2026, 2.15pm	Parent Coffee Afternoon - Emotional Regulation	St George's Catholic Primary School School Office entrance

MYME works directly in schools offering a range of early intervention services including 1:1 work with parents, pupil groups, workshops around all aspects of wellbeing, including behavioural difficulties, anxiety, emotional regulation, and transition.

We look forward to meeting you then, if you would like any more information beforehand, please do speak to Mrs J Burke - SENCO.



*Fr Daniel blesses the school in keeping with a Catholic tradition. He uses blessed chalk to inscribe the current year and the initials of the Magi. The blessing means 'May Christ bless this dwelling.'*