



St. George's
Catholic Primary School

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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 2

Summer Term 2026

Thursday 23 April

Headteacher: Mr P O'Rourke
Deputy Heads: Mrs C McGivern
Mrs S Hukowski
Assistant Head: Mrs L Byfield
SENCo: Mrs J Burke

Next Week in School

Saturday 25 April

London Mini-marathon

Tuesday 28 April

RG Story Café (2.45pm) Scout Hut

Wednesday 29 April

2B Celebration of the Word Assembly (9.15am)

Thursday 30 April

RS Story Café (2.45pm) Scout Hut

Friday 1 May

6B Rosary (3.25pm) Rosary Garden

Our School Houses	House Points	
St Thérèse of Lisieux	235	Blue
St Oscar Romero	130	Red
St Francis of Assisi	225	Yellow
St Josephine Bakhita	208	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	Helena, Emma
RS	Benjamin, Riona
1K	Lincoln, Olivia
1W	Thais, Felicity
2B	Leo, Lois
2GB	Erin, Simife
3A	Niamh, Marina
3M	CM
4DS	Ruby, Ariana
4OS	Apollonia, Leo
4P	Sara, Elijah
5B	Mass at Church
5CN	Mass at Church
5S	Mass at Church
6B	Elodie, Perla
6K	Rocco, Robyn
6W	Eva, Nina-Sophia
Music	Mason (RG), Cinar (3A)

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"Acknowledge your talents and successes are gifts from God"

Happy St George's Day to all our children and families. Our teachers have prepared some lovely lessons to explore the life of, and lessons from, our patron saint. The day will begin with Mass for our older pupils and a special liturgy for our younger pupils.

Well done to our Year 1 classes who led really lovely Easter celebration assemblies for parents this week. They showed clearly why Easter is a season of celebration, with God's love and forgiveness at the heart of our faith. Thank you also to the Year 5 children who led Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George last Friday, and to the parents who joined and supported them.

From next Friday we invite parents to join their child to pray a decade of the Rosary at 3.25pm. This gives you time to join us before collecting any other siblings. The rota for May was emailed to parents this week, so please check your inbox for the message from the school office! Updates will appear each week in our newsletter.

Congratulations to our girls' football team on finishing their season unbeaten. Their three victories at Enfield Grammar on Tuesday were a fitting end to a brilliant season. I will share their final league position as soon as we receive confirmation.

Good luck to the children running in the London Mini Marathon on Saturday. We have around 40 children taking part in the 1 mile and 2.6km races. I look forward to meeting them there. Good luck to any of our parents competing in the big race on Sunday!

Fabulous Footballers

Congratulations to our girls' football team. Three victories on Tuesday meant that they ended the season unbeaten. The scores last night were:

3 - 0 v St Michael's

3 - 0 v Forty Hill

3 - 1 v George Spicer

We are so proud of the player's teamwork, effort and sportsmanship. They are brilliant role-models and deserve their hard-earned success. A big thank you to Mr B for coaching them each week and to our parents for supporting them so enthusiastically.

Attendance Matters

A heartfelt thank you. Because of your support, our whole school attendance this week has been over 97%, an outstanding result and well above national averages. This is a real achievement for St George's and shows our community living the values we hold dear: responsibility, respect and care for one another as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Why this matters

- Pupils who attend regularly are more engaged, develop positive attitudes to school and make stronger progress in reading, writing and maths.
- Good attendance is one of the most important things we can do to improve life chances: consistent learning time builds knowledge, confidence and opportunities later in life.

Regular attendance also helps teachers identify and support pupils who need extra help before small gaps grow into larger ones.

Term Time Leave Applications

We know families sometimes ask for leave during term time. With increasing pressure on schools to improve attendance, the school is now approving fewer requests for term-time absence, only in exceptional circumstances. This is so we protect pupils' learning and maintain the strong progress we see across the school.

How you can keep helping

- Plan appointments outside the school day where possible.
- If your child is unwell, let us know first thing and follow the usual absence procedures.
- Talk positively about school routines and punctuality - children follow our example.

We always aim to support our families, not penalise.

Here are some lovely photos of some of our pupils at Sunday's St George's day parade.

Upcoming Dates

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

April

Thurs 23rd	St George's Day MYME Coffee Afternoon 2.15pm
Sat 25th	London Mini Marathon
Tues 28th	RG Story Café 2.45pm
Weds 29th	2B Celebration of the Word Assembly
Thurs 30th	RS Story Café 2.45pm

May

Mon 4th	Bank Holiday - school closed
Weds 6th	Class Photographs
Thurs 7th	Crowning of Our Lady - led by 5B
Mon 11th	Year 6 SATs - Grammar
Tues 12th	Year 6 SATs - Reading
Weds 13th	Year 6 SATs - Maths
Thurs 14th	Year 6 SATs - Maths Ascension Day Mass 2pm
Tues 19th	Safer Screen Workshops
Weds 20th	Year 3 Communion Mass 9.15am Year 2 visit the Mountfitchet Castle
Thurs 21st	RG Celebration of the Word Assembly Year 1 visit the Gunpowder Mills
Fri 22nd	School Closes for half term

June

Mon 1st	School reopens
Thurs 4th	Year 5 to HYMB



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🕒 3.30pm- 4.30pm
📅 Monday 20 April 2026
👶 Reception to Year6





Dear Mums,

**We are happy to invite you to pray together
for our children**

Wednesday 29th of April 9 to 9.45am

prayer time 🙏 + coffee/tea time 😊

Please come directly to the office after drop-off



RADIO MARIA

ENGLAND

We are delighted to inform you that our Radio Maria Ambassadors first broadcast will be on **Sunday 26th April at 3:20pm**. The children have spent many weeks researching ideas for content, writing, editing and recording. The focus for this Sunday's programme will be on the variety of ways in which we can pray.

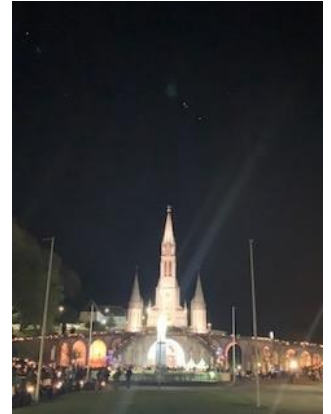
The children have already started to plan for their next programme, which they have chosen to be on Saints and Catholic Social Teaching. We are so proud of the children for using their gifts and talents to be modern day digital disciples, spreading the Word of God through creative means. Their work on the radio relates very closely to one of our House Saints, Saint Oscar Romero, who broadcast his homilies all across El Salvador, every week, in order to fight injustice, speak the truth and share knowledge.

We hope that you are able to tune in this Sunday. <https://radiomariaengland.uk/>

Catholic Mission

During the Easter break, Flynn in Class 6K and his mother went to Lourdes with HCPT. HCPT are a registered charity offering pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes in the south of France, for disabled and disadvantaged young people around the UK and further afield. The letters HCPT stand for Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust.

Every Easter, around 1,000 disabled and disadvantaged children enjoy a fun and safe week in Lourdes, staying in hotels with their volunteer helpers. It was lovely to hear how much Flynn enjoyed the pilgrimage and how his time there has inspired him to become a helper in the future. We are delighted that Flynn will be sharing his experience with HCPT with his peers later this term. Seeing young people put love into action in this way, and following in Jesus's footsteps by serving others, is inspirational. <https://www.hcpt.org.uk/>



Prayer Book

Art Competition

We are going to have a special prayer book made of the prayers we say in school. This prayer book will be given to each child in school. We would also like to include information on our House Saints.

We invite you to design a piece of artwork of your House Saint. Your work needs to be designed on a white sheet of A4 paper (portrait) and can be in any medium, as long as it is 2D. Please write your name and class on the back. The winning entries will be included in our prayer book.

There will be a prize for the winning entry for each House - so 4 prizes in total!

Every child in school is invited to take part. The closing date is on **Thursday 7th May**.

If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Prayer and Liturgy Team or Mrs McGivern.



Good luck and God bless!