



St. George's
Catholic Primary School

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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 6

Summer Term 2026

Thursday 21 May

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	108	Blue
St Oscar Romero	186	Red
St Francis of Assisi	135	Yellow
St Josephine Bakhita	156	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	Joy, Amalie
RS	Kenechi, Evelina
1K	Cillian, Phoenix
1W	Jessica, Amaria
2B	Freddie, Frema
2GB	Noah, Lucca
3A	Hannah, CM
3M	Leonor, William
4DS	Ariana, Jefisha
4OS	Elliott, CM
4P	Orla, Igor
5B	Sienna, Gracie
5CN	Sienna
5S	Gloria, Alex
6B	CM
6K	CM
6W	CM
Music	Darcey (1W), Orla (4P), Alex (5CN)

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Next Week in School

Friday 22 May
School Closes for half term

Monday 1 June
School reopens

Wednesday 3 June
New starters Meet and Greet

Thursday 4 June
Year 5 to HYMB
Corpus Christi and Benediction

Friday 5 June
Year 5 to HYMB

Thank you to everyone who joined us in May to pray a decade of the Rosary. This lovely tradition is an important part of our school's faith life and we appreciate families supporting it.

Yesterday we celebrated a special Mass for Year 3 and their families to mark those who made their First Holy Communion. It was a wonderful occasion. The children looked beautiful in their dresses and suits. Thank you to Fr Daniel for leading the celebration and to all who came along.

On Tuesday, Yael Shahar (One Collective Power) led Safer Screens workshops for pupils in Years 5 and 6. The sessions were engaging and gave children practical tips for keeping themselves safe and healthy online. We are grateful to Helping Hands for funding these important workshops.

Thank you to Mr Gavas and RG for leading a beautiful Celebration of the Word assembly this morning on the theme of Pentecost. We marked the 50 days after Easter with reflections on the coming of the Holy Spirit. I am sure that the pupils will prove worthy disciples through their actions as the Apostles in the story.

Several year groups enjoyed educational visits this week. Year 3 visited the British Museum on Monday, using local train lines, which linked classroom learning to real artefacts. Year 2 travelled to Mountfitchet Castle for hands-on history activities, and Year 1 went to the Gunpowder Mills for science workshops. Look out for photos and pupil reflections in the newsletter.

A reminder that the Helping Hands AGM is tonight at 7pm at the North Enfield Conservative Club. Please come along to hear about their work, find out how they support the school, and consider getting involved if you can.

I wish all families a restful and enjoyable half-term break in the promised sunshine. If you are travelling, safe journeys. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the second half of the summer term.

*"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."
(St. Teresa of Calcutta)*



Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Last week I informed you that we distributed some flowers, following the Crowning of Our Lady, to Elsyng Residential Home. During the week I received these lovely pictures of some of the residents of the home along with the following message from Alina, their hospitality manager, "I would like to say a big thank you for the flowers, our residents are really happy to have them in their rooms and look after them."



Yesterday, a visitor from the Safer Screen Workshop came to our school to tell us about the negative effect of too much screen time on our wellbeing.

We learnt a surprising fact: 40% of 2-year-olds have an iPad. She also showed us a graph from a study, which demonstrated how much sleep time, screen time, study time and free time young people actually have until they are 18. The graph showed us that we have lots of screen time but barely any free time. Free time is essential because it is when we practise our skills and our hobbies; unfortunately, so much screen time means we do not have enough time to enjoy them anymore.

We also talked about how games and apps are specifically targeted at children with their bright colours and endless reward systems. Because our brains aren't fully developed spending so much time on screens can dramatically affect our brain development.

We really enjoyed the physically interactive quiz at the end of the workshop where our judgements about online safety were put to the test. We have learnt that we all need to think about how we can reduce our screen time and spend our free time enjoying our other hobbies and interests.

By Miguel (6B)

Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance was **96%**, a little above our average and the same as the previous week. Well done!

There were **34** late arrivals over the week, which is above our average, but an improvement on the previous week which is great news.

A reminder that school starts promptly at **9am** each day. Arriving on time helps your child settle, access teaching from the first lesson and keeps the whole class learning on track. Lateness disrupts learning and can be unsettling for pupils. Easier parking on Cheviots close is not a justifiable reason for lateness (please see parking reminders).

Gates are open from **8.45am** each morning.



3M and 3A enjoyed their special First Communion Mass



Prayer Book Art Competition

Thank you to all the children who took part in our Prayer Book Art Competition. Children were invited to create a piece of artwork on their House Saint, and we were overwhelmed by the number of beautiful and creative entries received. It was wonderful to see the time, effort and care that everyone put into their art work. The standard of entries was exceptionally high, making it very difficult for Fr Daniel to choose the winners!

Congratulations to our winners, Callum (5S) Jesslyn (2B) Katie (6W) Ben (RS) Fiona (6B) Evie (2B) Rafael (5S) and Erin (2GB) and for everyone who entered. You all truly lived out the line from our School hymn, "The talents you gave, I'll use not save, to show them to the world." We are so proud of the wonderful talents you have shared with our school community.

A special thank you also to our Prayer and Liturgy team, who helped to lead and organise the competition so thoughtfully and enthusiastically. We look forward to celebrating and displaying all of the entries soon.



Staying Safe Online

In partnership with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), the DfE have published new resources on the '[Kids online safety](#)' website to help parents and carers understand and get support dealing with online misogyny.

This new section is designed to help families and give them more confidence in talking to their children about what they're doing and experiencing online.

The updated content includes:

- *what misogyny is*
- *why you should talk to your child about misogyny*
- *spotting the signs of misogyny*
- *how you can support your son or daughter*

They continue to link to trusted charities and expert organisations where families can find specialist support, including helplines and further advice

Parking Reminders

Now that the weather is kinder, please consider parking a little way from school in a less congested area and walk a few minutes to the school gates. Please can we ask everyone to be mindful of our neighbours and represent St George's positively when arriving and leaving each day. If you do drive:

- Please park considerately and legally. Do not block driveways, pavements or access or disabled spaces.
- Consider parking a short walk away and walking the last few minutes to the gates.
- Confronting or verbally abusing local residents or other members of the community is never acceptable. We expect all families to act with respect, we are ambassadors for our school.
- Where possible, please consider walking, cycling or scooting. It's healthier for pupils and adults and reduces congestion and stress for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping to keep our pupils safe and our relationships with neighbours positive.

Upcoming Dates

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

May

Fri 22nd School Closes for half term

June

Mon 1st School reopens

Thurs 4th Year 5 to HYMB
Corpus Christi Benediction service

Fri 5th Year 5 to HYMB

Mon 8th Year 6 residential to Kingswood, Norfolk
Year 1 Phonics screening starts

Weds 10th 3M Celebration of the Word assembly
Year 6 return from Norfolk

Thurs 11th Deanery Singing Festival

Fri 12th Year 2 lead Mass at Church 10am

Year 4 to Epping Forest

Weds 17th RS Celebration of the Word Assembly
Borough Athletics Competition

Thurs 18th New starters welcome session 2.45pm

Fri 19th Year 6 lead Mass at Church 10am

Weds 24th Sports Day

Fri 26th Non-uniform day

Mon 29th Reception Hearing Re-Tests 9.30am

July

Weds 1st Reserve Sports Day

Spirituality Day

Fri 3rd Year 4 lead Mass at Church 10am

Rock Steady Concert

Mon 6th New Starters parents Evening 6pm

Tues 7th New Starters Stay and Play

Weds 8th Year 6 Production of Oliver 2pm, 6.30pm

Full Governors Meeting

Thurs 9th Year 6 Production of Oliver 6.30pm

Fri 10th INSET Day - School Closed

Mon 13th Leavers Mass (Church) 6.30pm

Thurs 16th Year 6 Leavers Liturgy

Friday 17th End of term Mass

School closes for summer 2.30pm

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



Year 3 at the British Museum

At the British Museum I saw Canopic jars and also I found the Rosetta Stone and I couldn't believe it but...it was real! I felt surprised when I found out the Egyptians had games. I saw one game called the Snake Game which reminded me of Snakes and Ladders. My partner found a small Obsidian stone and it blew my mind! We saw some bones that were scary, but not scary for me!

Alanna (3A)

At the British Museum (on the steps we had a handy snack), I was looking at all the mummies and statues and surprisingly I saw the real Rosetta Stone. I also saw some of the games the Egyptians played. I found the Obsidian knife and I was very proud of myself. When I saw the sarcophagus I felt like my brain was saying '@oh My Gosh!'. It was in a glass cabinet and also one mummy didn't even brush his teeth or take care of them. Sadly there was no dentist.

Ithal (3A)

