



St. George's
Catholic Primary School

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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 7

Summer Term 2026

Thursday 4 June

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| Our School Houses | House Points | |
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| St Thérèse of Lisieux | 167 | Blue |
| St Oscar Romero | 161 | Red |
| St Francis of Assisi | 171 | Yellow |
| St Josephine Bakhita | 182 | 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 |
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| RG | Attended Church |
| RS | Attended Church |
| 1K | Anaiyah, CM |
| 1W | Jamal, CM |
| 2B | Jan, CM |
| 2GB | CM |
| 3A | Foteini, Cinar, CM |
| 3M | Joanna, Jozef, CM |
| 4DS | Alex, Nevaeh |
| 4OS | Florence, Matthew |
| 4P | Evangeline, Rosie |
| 5B | Keiran, William |
| 5CN | Semi, Jayden |
| 5S | Erin, CM |
| 6B | Valentina, Clíodhna |
| 6K | Logan, Olimpia |
| 6W | Carissa, Luca |
| Music | Harrison (4DS), Klarisa (4OS) |

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Next Week in School

Friday 5 June
Year 5 to HYMB

Monday 8 June
Year 6 School Journey to Norfolk

Wednesday 10 June
3M Celebration of the Word assembly
Year 6 return from Norfolk

Thursday 11 June
Deanery Singing Festival

Friday 12 June
Year 4 to Epping Forest
Year 2 lead Mass at Church 10am

This morning we held our Benediction Service and Corpus Christi procession. This way of venerating the blessed sacrament is one of our cherished traditions at St George's and we thank Father Daniel for his support in preparing the children for the service and for leading it for us...even teaching us some Latin in the process! Tomorrow our Year 6 children who are altar servers will join the parish for a short while to be part of their veneration observance.

Next week Year 2 will lead Mass at our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George at 10am. Please join them if you can.

In assembly tomorrow we will launch our final Catholic Social Teaching theme of the year, and that is Dignity. The children always respond well to these themes, allowing them to appreciate how faith and scripture can inform their everyday actions to create a better world for everyone.

On Thursday we host children from our partner deanery schools at our Singing Festival. Mr Cox has worked hard to ensure this is a very special afternoon.

This is always a time of year when our older pupils get truly engaged with their 'Outdoor and Adventurous' curriculum. Year 5 will spend two days at the Herts Young Mariner's Base (HYMB) today and tomorrow taking part in some fantastic water sports and team building activities. Our Year 6 children embark on their residential School Journey to PGL Overstrand in Norfolk on Monday. Let's hope that the weather clears enough for them to spend some time on the beach to relax after their vigorous activities and before their return to school on Wednesday. Both Year 5 and 6 will benefit from the experience of the fantastic instructors at the centres.

Finally we wish Year 4 pupils the best of luck as they embark on their Multiplication Tables Checks over the next week. Year 1, similarly, will begin their Phonics checks on Monday. The teachers have been working very hard to prepare the classes for these checks and we know the children will do their very best.

"Today the Church shows the world the Corpus Christi – the Body of Christ. And she invites us to adore him: Venite adoremus – Come let us adore him." (St John Paul II)

Upcoming Dates

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

June

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| 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 |
| Thurs 16th | Governor committee meetings |
| Weds 17th | RS Celebration of the Word Assembly Borough Athletics Competition |
| Thurs 18th | New starters welcome session 2.45pm |
| Weds 24th | Sports Day |
| Thurs 25th | 1K Celebration of the Word assembly |
| Fri 26th | Non-uniform day |
| Sat 27th | Helping Hands Summer Fair |
| Mon 29th | Reception Hearing Re-Tests 9.30am |

Tue 30th Year 1 Songsack performance 9.10am

July

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| Weds 1st | Reserve Sports Day |
| Thurs 2nd | 1W Celebration of the Word assembly |
| Fri 3rd | Spirituality Day Year 4 lead Mass at Church 10am Rock Steady Concert 2.45pm |
| 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 | Nursery 'Graduation' 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.

Uniform Matters

Please make sure your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name and class, especially jumpers and coats. With the changeable British weather, children often take off extra layers at playtime, and named items are much easier to return to the correct pupil.

Each class has a uniform box for items taken off at playtimes. Please encourage your child to put any removed items in their class box so they can be collected at the end of play.

Put your child's full name and class/year on each item. Consider using iron-on name tapes, sewn-in labels or a permanent marker on the care label so the name stays after washing.

Unnamed Items Amnesty

We regularly collect unnamed uniform that cannot be reunited with its owner. The first uniform amnesty will take place at the end of the school day on **Friday 12 June**. Unnamed items will be placed in the playground for parents to look through after school (from 3:10pm). Any items not claimed by Friday 19 June will be donated to charity.

Thank you for your help in keeping our pupils' belongings together.

Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance was **95.8%**, a little lower than the previous week, but a little above our average.

There were **30** late arrivals over the week, which is above our average, but an improvement on the previous two weeks 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.



Year 2 (left & below) spent a fantastic day at Mountfichet Castle on May 20th, whilst a day later Year 1 enjoyed some fascinating workshops at the Gunpowder Mills.