



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

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

# School Newsletter

## Newsletter 9

Summer Term 2026

Thursday 18 June

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	149	Blue
St Oscar Romero	135	Red
St Francis of Assisi	178	Yellow
St Josephine Bakhita	181	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	CM
RS	Raul, Emi
1K	Emily, CM
1W	Cassie, CM
2B	Mass at Church
2GB	Mass at Church
3A	Foteini, CM
3M	Scarlett, Luke
4DS	Educational Trip
4OS	Educational Trip
4P	Educational Trip
5B	Harvey, Clodagh, CM
5CN	Sienna, CM
5S	Jessica, Zachary
6B	CM
6K	CM
6W	CM
Music	Amalie (RG), Florence (6W)

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### Next Week in School

**Friday 19 June**  
ETSP Chess Tournament

**Wednesday 24 June**  
Sports Day

**Friday 26 June**  
Non-uniform Day

**Saturday 27 June**  
Summer Fair



Thank you to RS for their joyful "Celebration of the Word" assembly yesterday on the theme of Fratelli Tutti. They reminded us that we are all brothers and sisters and of our responsibility to care for one another, a lovely reflection of our school values. A big thank you also to Mrs Theocharides-Andreou. (Apollonia's mum) for speaking with year 4 today and telling them all about the Greek Orthodox faith.

A few important notices for the week ahead:

Tomorrow is Mrs Byfield's last working day before she begins her maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to meeting the newest member of her family very soon.

You should have received a separate letter today from our Chair of Governors, Deborah Thompson, about a change to my role for the autumn term. Please read it carefully. If you have any questions, I am usually available to chat briefly at the start or end of the school day.

Sports Day (Years 1-6) is on Wednesday. Years 1 - 3 will compete in the morning and Years 4 - 6 in the afternoon. The forecast looks favourable, but we will adapt timings if it threatens to become too hot. We look forward to welcoming parents to cheer on the their children and house teams.

The Summer Fair is next Saturday. Huge thanks to the Helping Hands team for all their hard work - they always do a brilliant job. Please come along and bring friends and family. As usual, the day before the fair will be a non-uniform day; a £1 cash donation helps provide a float for the stalls and gives our fundraising a great start.

Correction: the closing time for school on Friday 17 July should be 2:00pm, not 2:30pm as previously published. My apologies for the error.

Later in this newsletter you will find important information about an increase to charges for our wrap-around care (Breakfast Club and After School provision). If you use these services, please read that section carefully.

I wish everyone a pleasant weekend, and good luck to everyone joining me to take part in the London to Brighton bike ride.

*"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great." (Zig Ziglar)*

## 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

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  
Tue 30th Year 1 Songsack performance 9.10am

### July

Weds 1st Reserve Sports Day  
Thurs 2nd 1W Celebration of the Word assembly

Early Years Sports Day  
9.30am (Reception) and 2.30pm (Nursery)  
Fri 3rd Spirituality Day  
Year 4 lead Mass at Church 10am  
Rock Steady Concert 2.45pm  
Mon 6th New Starters parents Evening 6pm  
Tue 7th New Starters Stay and Play  
Full Governors meeting  
Weds 8th Year 6 Production of Oliver 2pm, 6.30pm  
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 9.15am  
Friday 17th End of term Mass  
School closes for summer 2pm

## 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. Put your child's full name and class/year on each item.

### 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 19 June**. Unnamed items will be placed in the playground for parents to look through after school (from 3:20pm). Any items not claimed by Friday 26 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 **95.5%**, a little lower than the previous week, and a little above our average. There were **40** late arrivals over the week, which is above our average, and higher than the previous two weeks.

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.

## Wrap Around Care Charges

The governing body of the school has agreed a small change to the charges for our wraparound care that will take effect from Friday 4 September 2026.

### Why the change?

Over recent years the costs of running our breakfast and after-school provision have risen significantly. This is the first increase to our wraparound charges for many years. The additional income will help us maintain the quality of care, cover staffing and resource costs, and keep the provision sustainable so it remains available to our community.

### What is changing?

The charge for each wraparound session will increase by £1.50.

The sibling discount will be adjusted so that the price for each additional sibling increases by £1.00.

The increase applies to all children, even if they currently have free places.

We have checked affordability carefully and continue to believe that our wraparound offer represents an excellent and affordable childcare option for families at St George's. If the increase would cause you financial difficulty, please contact the school office in confidence so we can discuss options and signpost support.

### Thank you

I would like to thank Mrs Allen and her staff for the excellent care they provide to our pupils every day. Their professionalism, kindness and commitment are why our wraparound provision is so highly valued.

## Free Breakfast Club Plans

You may be aware that the government has announced a phased rollout of support for schools to provide a free breakfast club option. Over the next academic year we will be working to understand what this means for St George's and how we can implement a free breakfast offer where appropriate and feasible. We will keep parents updated as plans develop and once we know how St George's will be included in the phased rollout.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. Our aim is always to provide safe, high-quality care that supports our pupils and families and reflects our school values of justice, respect and care.



Dear Mums,

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

**Wednesday 24th June**

**9 to 9.45am**

prayer time 🙏 + coffee/tea time 😊

Please come directly to the office after drop-off

## Chair of Governors Change

Eagle-eyed parents will have noticed that today's communication from the Chair of Governors was signed by Deborah Thompson. This is because our Chair of Governors Michael Lacquiere, has resigned from the role with immediate effect. On behalf of the school, I want to thank him sincerely for his extremely diligent service, the positive changes he brought to our governing body, and the consistent support he has given to leaders and staff across the school. His work has helped strengthen our governance and contributed to the best interests of our

pupils and community.

Until a new chair is elected, Deborah Thompson has kindly agreed to act as interim Chair of Governors. Deborah brings extensive experience and a deep knowledge of the education sector; I am confident her leadership will be of real advantage as she assumes responsibility for the role. Deborah and the governing body will continue to work closely with the senior leadership team to maintain stability and to progress our current improvement priorities.

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



*Congratulations to all the children who represented our school in the Borough Athletics event at Lee Valley yesterday. I am always proud of the children as, come first, last or somewhere in the middle, they always do their very best and are brilliant ambassadors for our school. Well done Azrae, Ella, Ryan, Joseph, Bernie, Sonari, Mia, Lily, Rose, Kloe, Orla, Ben, Chimnoya, Finn, Callum, Ethan, LaRoux, Danni, Oliver, Malaysia, Maya, Robyn and Nina-Sophia. If your child does not appear in these photographs, please send one in so that they can be included in a future newsletter.*



**Please ensure that your child has sun-screen applied and has an hat to wear each day during the hot weather.**



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# SUMMER FAYRE

**SAT 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 12 - 4PM**

**KIDS ENTERTAINMENT** BBQ  
**ICE CREAM** FESTIVAL GEMS  
**IRISH DANCING** SWEET TREATS  
**PIZZA** BOUNCY CASTLE **BAR**  
**PETTING FARM** LIVE MUSIC  
**ARTS & CRAFTS** RAFFLE

**ENTRANCE ON HALIFAX  
ROAD, ENFIELD, EN2  
ADULTS £2 KIDS £1**

**AND  
MUCH  
MORE...**

