



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

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

# School Newsletter

## Newsletter 10

Summer Term 2026

Thursday 25 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	219	Blue
St Oscar Romero	219	Red
St Francis of Assisi	278	Yellow
St Josephine Bakhita	271	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	Alessia, Shalom
RS	CM
1K	Adaeze, Elise
1W	Bessy, Venus
2B	Andreas, Alanna
2GB	Amelia, Alicja, CM
3A	Azrae, Gyima
3M	Sara, Evie
4DS	Reece, Hugo, CM
4OS	Jimmy, Jack, CM
4P	Orla, CM
5B	Robson, Jude
5CN	Natalie, Ciaran
5S	Saoirse, Lily
6B	Maria, Noah
6K	Sebastien, Rocco
6W	James, Joseph
Music	Delfina (1W), Tommy (3M), Robyn (6K)

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### Next Week in School

**Friday 26 June**  
Non-uniform Day

**Saturday 27 June**  
Summer Fair

**Monday 29 June**  
Dance Stables Performance

**Tuesday 30 June**  
Y1 Songsack performance 9.10am

**Wednesday 1 July**  
Sports Day

**Thursday 2 July**  
1W Celebration of the Word assembly  
Early Years Sports Day

**Friday 3 July**  
Spirituality Day  
Year 4 lead Mass at Church 10am  
Rock Steady Concert 2.45pm

What a week it has been! We are extremely grateful for the way parents have supported the school during the unusually high temperatures; your swift responses and sensible choices for uniform have helped everything run smoothly. The pupils have been brilliant: calm, resilient and kind. Our staff have shown great diligence in continuing to teach and care for children in difficult conditions.

A few important reminders and celebrations: we will be holding a non-uniform day tomorrow for a £1 donation in preparation for our much-anticipated Summer Fair on Saturday. Congratulations to our chess team for their excellent performance at the inaugural ETSP tournament; it was a very proud moment for St George's.

We were sad to postpone Sports Day this week because of the heat. The new arrangements are for next week: Sports Day will begin at 10am for Years 1, 2 and 3, and at 1.30pm for Years 4, 5 and 6. We look forward to welcoming you then. Best wishes to our Year 6 pupils who will be visiting their new secondary schools over the next couple of weeks; we know they will represent St George's well.

There are several performances next week: Dance Stables and Rock Steady will be performing for the pupils who attend those clubs, and Year 1 will present their 'Songsack' performance for all Year 1 parents. We look forward to seeing families at these events. Finally, Year 4 will be leading Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George next Friday at 10am. Please join us to support them if you can.

Thank you again for your continued support and for working with us to keep the school community safe, happy and learning.

*"Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16:14)*



## 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

Fri 26th	Non-uniform day
Sat 27th	Helping Hands Summer Fair
Mon 29th	Reception hearing re-tests
Tues 30th	Year 1 Songsack performance 9.10am

### July

Weds 1st	Sports Day (Years 1-6)
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
Tues 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.

We appreciate your help in keeping our pupils' belongings together.

## Wrap Around Care Charges

As reported last week, there will be 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 school 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 continue to believe that our wraparound offer represents an excellent and affordable childcare option for

## Attendance and Punctuality

I will not report on attendance this week as this week has been exceptional. However, ahead of next week, a reminder about punctuality, 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.

families at St George's.

### 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.

## Coping with the Heat

Thank you to all of our school community for supporting the smooth operation of our school during the extreme weather that affected us this week. Completing our online forms promptly meant that we could plan effectively for our early collection procedures. We also thank parents for collecting so promptly. We do not have the freedom of keeping the gates open as the school is still in operation and we have important safeguarding considerations. Thank you also for supporting the 'PE kit' uniform option and ensuring children had named water bottled with them.

For the remaining children, we implemented a number of measures to cope with the conditions within school many of which I communicated to you in the letters sent this week. Teachers kept windows open and doors open to let cooler air into the rooms during the early parts of the morning, closing them, as well as closing blinds and turning off lights in the afternoon to reduce heat generation and reduce the warmer air coming into the school. Conditions were helped by the reduced numbers in the classrooms, so once again, thank you to those of you who decided to collect your children early.

Our Early Collection option was available for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. However, high temperatures are set to continue through Friday even though it is beyond the extreme weather warning window. We will therefore offer the early collection option at 1pm on Friday too. There is no need to complete additional forms for this, but please inform the school office directly if someone new will be collecting your child. Phew!

On Friday 19th June, seven of our Year 6 pupils, Carissa, John, Owen, Elyzander, Oscar, James M and William attended the Enfield Town School Partnership Chess Tournament at Suffolks Primary School. This was organised in association with Chess in Schools and Communities. The children played 5 games each, playing against children from 7 other primary schools. 65 pupils in total were at the tournament. The children did incredibly well with some individual medals achieved: Elyzander achieved Silver and James M won and achieved Gold. Every point that the children earned from each game went towards an overall total and we were delighted to hear that St. George's won the whole tournament! This is an incredible achievement and a great team effort. Well done!



**Here is a message from the organisers...**

The standard of play was fantastic, but what stood out even more was the way every participant conducted themselves throughout the event. The children demonstrated excellent focus, determination, respect for their opponents, and outstanding sportsmanship.

The children should all be incredibly proud of their achievements and the positive way they represented your schools.

We were also delighted to welcome Enfield North MP Feryal Clark, who attended the tournament and praised the impressive level of participation and concentration shown by the children. She said, "It was inspiring to see so many young people exercising their minds through chess, and I hope even more schools across Enfield will take part next year."

Please ensure that your child has sunscreen applied and has a hat to wear each day during the hot weather.

**CHESSFEST**  
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**FREE**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 12pm to 7pm  
Trafalgar Square, London

Fun, family-friendly chess in the open air, free and open to all



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## Epic Epping Forest

Last week we went on our visit to Epping Forest. The first thing we did there was pond dipping which is where you collect water, plants and little creatures from the pond using a net. You then look at what you have found using a small pot with a magnifying glass as a lid. We found lots of interesting things like snails and beetle lava and Zachary's group found a newt.

Afterwards, we went into the forest to look for mini-beasts. We had to roll logs to find them. I found lots of woodlice but they were very sly and kept getting away. We had lots of fun and learnt lots of interesting facts about habitats and food chains.

*Princess 4OS*

