



St. George's
Catholic Primary School

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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 11

Summer Term 2026
Thursday 2 July

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	95	Blue
St Oscar Romero	120	Red
St Francis of Assisi	128	Yellow
St Josephine Bakhita	162	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	Padraig, Rose
RS	CM
1K	Peter, Xavielle, CM
1W	Orla, Darcey
2B	Matteo, Chilekwa
2GB	Callum, Amber
3A	Gyima, Esteban, CM
3M	Valentina, Eyosias
4DS	Arti, CM
4OS	Shindara, Sonari
4P	Henry, Ruth
5B	Rory, Niko
5CN	Rose, Drexel
5S	CM
6B	Miguel, Zuzanna
6K	Zara, Fred
6W	Ella-Mae, Elyzander
Music	Cian (4DS), Olimpia (6K)

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Next Week in School

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

Monday 6 July
New Starters Meeting 6pm

Tuesday 7 July
New Starters Stay and Play
STEM fair (year 5) at Chase Community
Governing Body meeting

Wednesday 8 July
Year 6 production of Oliver (2pm, 6.30pm)

Thursday 9 July
Reception visit Enfield Market and Town Park
Year 6 production of Oliver (6.30pm)

Friday 10 July
School closed - teacher training day (INSET)

This morning we were treated to a lovely Celebration of the Word assembly by Class 1W on the theme of Gifts. They reminded us that we should be thankful for things that are meaningful in our lives.

It has been quite a week for year 1 as they impressed their audience with a stunning performance on Tuesday to conclude their 'Songsack' programme that they have been enjoying each week this term under the expert guidance of Eleanor from the Enfield Music Service.

On Monday, parents enjoyed a lively 'Dance Stables' performance. The children have been attending classes with Cara this year and impressed us all with their energy and coordination...and groovy glasses!

Sports Day was a delight this year and I would like to thank all parents for their support and commitment. It makes a massive difference to the children's experience when they are supported so enthusiastically. We are looking forward to enjoying the Reception and Little Dragons events today. I will add their scores to yesterday's and announce this year's winners on Monday. All I can tell you after day 1...it's very close!

We wish the year 6 children who are attending their transition days the best of luck. I am sure they are approaching these days in their new secondary schools both excitement and a little trepidation, but I know they will all be brilliant ambassadors for St George's.

We look forward to our spirituality day tomorrow. In addition to this day focused on developing our own personal faith, however that relates to individual children, Year 4 will be leading Mass at Church. Please join and support them if you can.

*"No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow you progress, you are still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying."
(Tony Robbins)*



Summer Fair

If you joined us at the Summer Fair on Saturday, you will know what a wonderful day it was. The incredible range of activities on offer was a testament to the imagination and hard work of the Helping Hands committee and everyone who supported them. Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the afternoon - here was so much to enjoy!

We hope the event proves successful in raising funds for improvements to the Key Stage 1 playground. Equally important, the fair brought our community together in an uplifting shared experience that truly reflects the spirit of St George's. The afternoon was memorable in so many ways; thank you to everyone involved.



Measles cases are rising

No family wants to see a loved one hospitalised

For protection against measles, scan the QR code to get your free MMR vaccine

Catching measles can cause complications such as blindness, hearing loss, pneumonia, brain damage and death



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Congratulations

Please join me in congratulating Ethan and Oliver Vargiu who have both been awarded their Black Belts in kickboxing. This is a superb achievement after five years of training, including 18 months of focused preparation and six months of continuous assessment. Their parents rightly highlight the commitment, discipline, resilience, respect and perseverance they showed throughout the journey — qualities that reflect our school values.

Well done to Ethan and Oliver, we are very proud of you both.

The Year 1 children impressed their parents with a superb performance on Tuesday. We are always proud of the wonderful music opportunities that the children receive at St George's because they consistently respond with such enthusiasm and talent.

House points

Our school is made up of four houses named after saints, originally chosen by the pupils. Our house system was illustrated most colourfully this week at our sports days. Each week, pupils are awarded house points in recognition of many things: good behaviour, working hard, and upholding our school values in all sorts of ways. These points are collected by our house captains and a winning house is announced each week. At the end of each term, scores are added together and the winning house receives a special treat.

Next week will be the last week for earning points, as we need to leave time to prepare the winning house's treat. I can confirm that, after the whole term, one house currently has 1,567 points — only 30 points more than the house in second place. It is very close all to play for!



Upcoming Dates

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

July

Weds 1st 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

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

September

Friday 4th Autumn Term begins

Starting term on a Friday?

We appreciate that beginning the autumn term on Friday 4 September does not happen often, so we wanted to explain the potential benefits our pupils and families. This pattern has been used previously and had many advantages: pupils settled quickly, teachers could focus on learning straight away the following week, and families appreciated the reduced disruption.

A short, effective 'getting to know you' day

Starting on a Friday gives children a calm, one-day introduction to their new class. Teachers use that day to re-establish routines, check equipment, and carry out welcome activities. Because this settling work is completed in one manageable session, pupils move into a full week of focused learning from Monday with no slow start. Our experience in previous years shows this helps classes make rapid progress in the first full week.

A gentler return after the long holiday

For many pupils, coming back after a long break is tiring. A single Friday welcome day eases them back into school life: new desks, new routines and simple activities - before asking them to sustain a full week. In some instances, this has led to increased confidence and fewer anxious starts with a gentler gentle one-day start.

Small practical benefits for families

Because the first day is welcoming rather than a full curriculum day, uniforms worn on that Friday are often suitable for the following week. Some parents commented that this small practical advantage can reduce laundry pressure at the start of term!

Fewer interruptions during the school year

By placing two INSET (teacher training) days together at the start of term, we reduce the need to schedule training days that interrupt learning and family routines later in the year. For example, this helps avoid mid-week or randomly placed closures that can disrupt family routines and childcare.

At St George's we always endeavour to put pupils' learning and well-being first, so thank you for your understanding and continued support.

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 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.