



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

*Congratulations to St
Josephine Bakhita,
our winning house
this term*

School Newsletter Newsletter 13

Summer Term 2026

Thursday 16 July

Headteacher: Mr P O'Rourke
Deputy Heads: Mrs C McGivern
Mrs S Hukowski
Assistant Head: Mrs L Byfield
SENCo: Mrs J Burke

Next Week in School

Friday 17 July
End of term Mass
School closes for summer 2pm

Friday 4 September
School reopens

Our School Houses	House Points	
St Thérèse of Lisieux	1478	Blue
St Oscar Romero	1480	Red
St Francis of Assisi	1693	Yellow
St Josephine Bakhita	1801	Green

As we reach the close of another busy and successful school year at St George's, it is time to reflect with gratitude on the journey we have taken together. With the summer holidays almost here, it is right to pause, celebrate our achievements and thank the people who make our school such a special place.

To our parents and families, thank you. Your support, partnership and commitment have been central to the vibrant learning community we build every day. That teamwork means our pupils can flourish. To the families leaving us this summer: it has been a privilege to teach and care for your children. You will always remain part of the St George's family.

This week's Year 6 celebrations captured everything we hope for in our pupils. Monday evening's Leavers' Mass was a moving and joyful occasion; it was wonderful to welcome so many staff and families to share in the moment. This morning's Leavers' Liturgy gave our Year 6 community a final time of prayer and reflection together. We are proud of how these pupils have grown in confidence and responsibility, and of the remarkable performance of Oliver, which was a genuine highlight of the celebrations. As they move on to the next stage of their education, they leave with our prayers, our pride and every good wish for the future.

I also want to acknowledge the exceptional commitment of our staff. From classroom teachers planning ambitious lessons, to our support and administrative teams working quietly but tirelessly behind the scenes, every member of staff plays a vital role in giving our pupils the best opportunities to learn and thrive. Their professionalism and care are the backbone of St George's.

As we look towards September, we say farewell to valued colleagues and prepare to welcome new faces. We wish Mrs Williams a long and happy retirement and thank her for the inspiring, nurturing teaching she has given so many children. We also send our best wishes to Andrea Willans as she begins her degree studies — we are grateful for the creative energy she has brought to our wrap-around care.

May everyone in our school and parish community enjoy a restful, joyful summer full of precious family time. Thank you for everything you have done this year to support our pupils to grow as confident, complete and loving individuals, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Paul O'Rourke
Headteacher

Our Sporting Year

I am delighted to include with this newsletter a special document titled 'Our Sporting Year.' This showcases the wonderful sporting achievements of our pupils throughout the year and celebrates the many children who have proudly represented St George's Catholic Primary School in inter-school competitions.

If you notice any errors in the names listed, please do let me know so I can make the necessary corrections.

Representing my own primary school in football and cricket remains a very special memory for me, even after 48 years. I am incredibly proud of our pupils who continue this proud tradition, and deeply grateful to all parents for your ongoing support that makes these memorable sporting moments possible.

We hope you enjoy reading about and celebrating the fantastic efforts and successes of our pupils this year.



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*"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you
have imagined."*

(Henry David Thoreau)



Mrs Williams is retiring. Her inspiring teaching and unique care that she has given countless children at St George's will be missed. We wish her health, happiness and fulfilment for the future and know that she will be with us on many occasions even after her departure, and we very much look forward to those moments.

Joseph and Florence, our Year 6 roving reporters, caught up with Mrs Williams earlier in the week to ask her some questions and put her under intense pressure one last time.

What was your favourite year group to teach?

I love all of the children I have taught and really enjoyed it when I taught in reception.

Why did you decide to teach primary children?

When I was at school some of the teachers made me sad, so I wanted to change that and make children have a happier experience at school

What is your favourite subject to teach?

RE, because of the chance to experience awe and wonder

What was your favourite school trip?

I loved taking year 1 to the Gunpowder Mills

Did you always want to become a teacher?

I have always wanted to work with children

How long have you been teaching at St George's?

I have taught at St George's for 14 years. I have taught in 6 schools in total, but St George's is like a family to me.

Thank you for answering our questions and for all you have given to the children at St George's.



This beautiful portrait of Mrs Williams was drawn by Carissa and Lila (6W)

Wishing you a lovely summer; may God bless and watch over you, near or far.