



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



School Newsletter 3

Autumn Term 2026

Thursday 1 October

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

Blue

St Oscar Romero

Red

St Francis of Assisi

Yellow

St Josephine Bakhita

Green

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	
RS	
1C	Amalie, Emma
1S	Riona, Elodi
2BN	Jessica, Tommy
2C	Xavielle, Liam
3M	Amelia, Noah
3S	Joy, Frema
4A	Hannah, Niamh
4OS	Alexander, Leonora
5A	Mass at Church
5B	Mass at Church
5GN	Mass at Church
6B	Finn, Daniel
6CK	Anna, Harvey
6W	Saoirse, Charlize
Music	Kenechi (1S), Alice (3M)

Next Week in School

Friday 2 October

Year 4 Lead Mass at Church

Monday 5 October

Happy Bag Collection
Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Tuesday 6 October

Spurs Football sessions with years 5 & 6
Carlo Acutis Procession & Exhibition
Year 6 Secondary Transition Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 7 October

6B Celebration of the Word Assembly 9.15am
Year 2 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm

Thursday 8 October

Year 1 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm

What a busy and exciting week we have ahead. Year 4 will lead Mass at our parish church on Friday. On Monday we celebrate the feast of our house patron, St Francis of Assisi.

On Tuesday we are very fortunate to welcome the relics of St Carlo Acutis. Pupils will hear special talks about his life and work, view an exhibition of artefacts and images, and join a procession through the school. The exhibition will allow children to reflect on the power of using technology for good.

On Wednesday, 6B will welcome parents as they lead their Celebration of the Word.

In addition, Tottenham Hotspur Foundation will lead 30-minute football sessions for each class in Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday. That evening, Year 6 teachers and I will run a meeting about secondary transfer and next May's residential. We also have curriculum meetings for parents of Years 1 and 2, to explain the year ahead and how you can support learning at home.

Thank you to all parents for supporting the flu vaccination programme, a 'mop-up' session is planned in three weeks. I also appreciate the attendance of Year 3 and 4 parents at this week's curriculum meetings, and a big thank you to the staff who led them.

Finally, tomorrow we will bless a memorial bench in the Rosary Garden in memory of Lily Burton, who we remember with great fondness. Fr Daniel will lead the blessing and we are honoured that Lily's family will join us; the short service will give pupils and parents a chance to give thanks for her life.

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"What is the greatest sign of a successful education? That the children learn to look at the world with a clean and loving eye, and that they love their teachers and their schools." (Pope Francis)

Curriculum Meetings

Begin the school year fully informed about your child's learning and our daily routines by attending your child's Curriculum Meeting. These important sessions give parents the chance to hear about the year ahead directly from class teachers and to ask any questions. Meetings will usually take place in the school hall shortly before pick-up time. Please enter via Gordon Road gate.

If you expect to arrive late, please come to the school office on arrival. For the safety of our pupils and staff we cannot keep the gates open.

Confirmed Upcoming Curriculum Meeting dates:

Year 2— Wednesday 7 October 2.45pm

Year 1—Thursday 8 October 2.45pm

Reception— Monday 2 November 2.45pm

We value your partnership, and your attendance helps us work together so your child can thrive this year.

Meet our House Captains

We are delighted to introduce this year's house captains and vice-captains.

This autumn many pupils wrote thoughtful letters to Mrs McGivern to explain why they would make a best house captain and what they would bring to the role. We asked for particularly special applications this year as we want to develop the role further, and we were not disappointed. The quality of the letters was very impressive. Pupils used the special attributes of their patron saints to inspire their pledges, showing real thought about service, leadership and our school values of justice, forgiveness, love, respect and trust. Thank you to every pupil who nominated themselves. Your willingness to serve the school community is heartening and models the kind of responsibility and courage we hope to grow in all our pupils.

If you were not selected this time, please be proud. Applying and putting yourself forward takes bravery and demonstrates the leadership potential we want to nurture. There will be many ways to lead across school as prefects this year and we encourage you to take them.

We have great pleasure in informing you that the house captains and vice-captains for 2026–27 are:

Captain	Vice Captain
St Thérèse of Lisieux	
Clodagh S	Jessica W
St Josephine Bakhita	
Edie C	William P
St Francis of Assisi	
Orla D	Jayden J
St Oscar Romero	
Daniel O	Berenice R

We look forward to you supporting younger pupils and modelling our school values around school each day.

Please join us in congratulating our new house captains and vice-captains. We look forward to watching them put their pledges into action and help every pupil feel proud to belong to St George's.

Upcoming Dates

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

October

Thurs 1st St Thérèse of Lisieux Feast Day
 Fri 2nd Year 4 lead Mass at Church 10am
 Mon 5th St Francis of Assisi Feast Day
 Tues 6th Year 6 Meeting 5.30pm
 Spurs Football Fun Day (Years 5 & 6)
 Carlo Acutis exhibition
 Weds 7th 6B Celebration of the Word Assembly
 Year 2 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
 Thurs 8th Year 1 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
 Tues 13th Flu vaccine catch up session
 Thurs 15th 6W Celebration of the Word Assembly
 Fri 16th Year 5/6 Cross Country 1pm
 Tues 20th Open Afternoon 2pm
 Governor Committees
 Weds 21st Harvest Festival (5A) 9.15am
 Thurs 23rd School closes for half term

November

Mon 2nd School reopens
 Reception curriculum meeting 2.45pm
 Tues 3rd Year 6 Book Look 9.15am
 Year 3 Book Look 2.45pm
 Weds 4th Year 5 Book Look 9.15am
 Year 2 Book Look 2.45pm
 Thurs 5th Year 4 Book Look 9.15am
 Year 1 Book Look 2.45pm
 Fri 6th Year 3 lead Mass at Church 10am
 Mon 9th Parent Consultations
 Weds 11th Parents Consultations
 Remembrance Service (5GN)

Please consult the [calendar](#) section of our school website where dates for the year ahead are continually updated.

The Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and the children pray this special devotion in the Rosary Garden.

The rota is available on the [school website](#) so that you will know when it is your child's turn.

Please come and join us when it is your child's turn. Enter school via the Gordon Road gate and make your way to the school hall. The Rosary Garden is found through a door to the right. The Rosary begins at 3.25pm and will finish in time for you to collect your child and any siblings in other classes.

Come and join us this week:

Friday 2 October The Sorrowful Mysteries
 Agony in the Garden 6CK

Monday 5th October The Joyful Mysteries
 The Annunciation 6W

Tuesday 6th October The Sorrowful Mysteries
 Scourging at the Pillar 5A

Wednesday 7th October The Glorious Mysteries
 The Resurrection 5B

Thursday 8th October The Mysteries of Light
 The Wedding at Cana 5GN

Friday 9th October The Sorrowful Mysteries
 Crowning with thorns 4A

Little Owl's Music

Come and join Ben our music teacher and Oakley the Owl
for our toddler music and movement class.

Little Owl's Music is packed with age-appropriate singing, action songs, puppets, instruments and bubbles! Our classes will introduce your toddler to fun and educational themes such as animals, transport, the weather, using nursery rhymes, props and action songs to get everyone involved!

Sessions will be held every Wednesday 2:30pm-3:15pm
in the Music Room (Entrance via Gordon Rd Gate at 2:25pm)

Please book your place on Happity

<https://www.happity.co.uk/little-owl-s-music-st-george-s-catholic-primary-school>

For more information see www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk (Parents tab)

Sessions cost **£7** (£5 for second child) **Book a block of 6 and only pay for 5!**

Sessions are appropriate for confident walkers -3 year olds

**We are now taking
block bookings for
this term!**



Dear Mums,

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

**Wednesday 7th October
9am to 9.45am**

prayer time 🙏 + coffee/tea time 😊

Please come directly to the office after drop-off

Feast Days

This week and next in our school community we will be celebrating two significant saints' days, honouring St Thérèse of Lisieux and St Francis of Assisi. Pupils in these houses will be able to wear their own clothes, with the condition that they incorporate their house colour - blue for St Thérèse and yellow for St Francis.

This special occasion provides an invaluable opportunity for our pupils to engage in spiritual reflection on their house patron saint. They will delve deeper into understanding the exemplary lives of these saints and explore ways to emulate their virtues. To further mark the significance of the day, these pupils may just be granted some extra playtime!

Our aim is to foster a profound sense of belonging within each house, whilst strengthening our pupils' connection to their patron saints. We believe this experience will enrich their spiritual growth and reinforce our school's values.

Thursday 1 October - St Thérèse of Lisieux (Blue)

Monday 5 October - Francis of Assisi (yellow)

Please do not use the Key Stage 2 playground equipment after school

We ask kindly that children are not allowed to play on the Key Stage 2 playground equipment after school and that adults do not use it at any time. A number of items have been damaged recently by improper use and additional weight. This equipment was installed thanks to the incredible fundraising work of our Helping Hands PTA and we need it to be safe and available for pupils during the school day.

Why this matters

Safety: Broken or weakened equipment can cause injuries to children and adults.

Preservation: The equipment is designed for day-time pupil use and sometimes cannot withstand heavier loads or different types of use it sees after school.

Wasted cost: Damage creates avoidable repair or replacement costs. Money spent fixing or replacing equipment reduces funds available for resources and activities that directly benefit our pupils, including future projects the PTA is fundraising for.

Respect for Helping Hands effort: The equipment was paid for by our PTA's fundraising — we must protect that investment so all pupils can benefit.

What we ask you to do

Please supervise your child at pick-up and ensure they do not climb on or use the equipment.

Kindly remind relatives, older siblings and friends not to use the play equipment either.

If you see any damage or unsafe items on the equipment, report it immediately to the school office or a member of staff.

Thank you for your support in keeping our pupils safe and preserving resources bought through the generous efforts of our Helping Hands. Your cooperation helps us protect what the PTA worked so hard to give our children.

Please find an important letter distributed with this newsletter. It is a consultation on our Admissions Policy for the academic year 2028.29.

MYME Coffee Morning

Parents are invited to join us for the upcoming MYME Coffee Morning on Thursday 15th October 2026. Please see leaflet below for further information.

Coffee Morning with MYME (My Young Mind Enfield)

Join our coffee morning to learn about the support we offer to schools, children and families.

This is a friendly and welcoming space for all parents/carers, where you can discover more about our team and the support we provide, ask questions, and connect with others in the community.

Date: Thursday 15th October 2026

Time: 9:15 – 10:15am

Location: St George's Catholic Primary School

