St. George's
Catholic Primary School

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




# School Newsletter

## *Newsletter 8*

*Autumn Term 2026*

*Thursday 12 November*

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 | |
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| St Thérèse of Lisieux | **294** | **Blue** |
| St Oscar Romero | 185 | **Red** |
| St Francis of Assisi | 146 | **Yellow** |
| St Josephine Bakhita | 228 | **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 |
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| RG | |
| RS | |
| 1C | Alessia, Padraig |
| 1S | Erin, Louis |
| 2BN | Lainee, Natalie |
| 2C | Jordan, Anaiyah, CM |
| 3M | Mass at Church |
| 3S | Mass at Church |
| 4A | Maya, Gyima |
| 4OS | Evie, Jozef |
| 5A | George, Pia |
| 5B | Jimmy, Sonari |
| 5GN | Niall, Idiongomfon |
| 6B | Isla, Christine |
| 6CK | Tilly, Gracie |
| 6W | Callum, Erin |
| Music | Arya (2C), Sean (5B) |

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## Next Week in School

**Monday 16 November**
Odd Socks Day

**Wednesday 18 November**
Open Morning for prospective parents
Book Fair begins

This week, we have seen many examples of our school motto in action: "In everything we do today, we are following Jesus and his way."

Thank you to Class 5GN for leading a lovely Remembrance Day Celebration of the Word on Wednesday. It is important that we continue to mark this occasion, and the children did a wonderful job. Well done, too, to Year 3 for leading Mass so reverently at church on Friday. This is an important year in the children's faith development, and it was lovely to see them take such an active part.

A special thank you to our Prayer and Liturgy team, who led Friday's school assembly. They put together a thoughtful and carefully planned liturgy for the feast of All Souls.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting your children's learning by attending parent consultations this week. We hope the conversations, together with the Book Looks, have given you a helpful picture of your child's progress and how you can support their learning at home. We also recognise that this is a particularly busy and tiring week for our teachers, and we are very grateful for their hard work and commitment.

Well done to all the children who represented our school at the ETSP Spelling Bee competition this week. We are proud of the enthusiasm and effort they showed.

Next week, we will mark Anti-Bullying Week. To launch the week, whose theme is "Break the Silence", we invite all children to wear odd socks to school on Monday. I'm sure our staff will join in, and parents and carers are very welcome to take part too! This is a fun way to highlight the week's important messages: respect, kindness, inclusion, celebrating individuality and taking action together.

Our Book Fair begins on Wednesday next week. It will be held in the old Year 3 classroom, off the Key Stage 2 playground. The fair is always popular, with a lovely selection of quality books for children of all ages, as well as a few book-related gifts. It will be open from 3.30pm.

In this week of remembrance, we hope all our families enjoy a peaceful and restorative weekend.

Paul O'Rourke

*Headteacher*

*Use this QR code to **translate** our newsletter*

*"The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us." – Psalm 67:6*

## Upcoming Dates

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

**November**

| | |
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| Mon 16th | Odd Socks Day |
| Weds 18th | Open Morning 10am |
| | Book Fair begins |
| Mon 23rd | Bikeability (Year 6) |
| Tues 24th | Spelling Bee Finals |
| | Book Fair ends |
| Fri 27th | Spirituality Day |
| | Non-Uniform Day |
| Sat 28th | Christmas Fayre |
| Mon 30th | KS1 Gymnastics (Southbury) 9.30am |
| | Open Afternoon |

**December**

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| Tues 1st | Year 3/4 Gymnastics (Southbury) 9.30am |
| | Year 3 Carols 2.45pm |
| Weds 2nd | Year 5/6 Gymnastics (Southbury) 9am |
| | Reception Nativity 9.30am |
| Thurs 3rd | Reception Nativity 9.30am |
| | Choir carol singing at Chase Farm Hospital |
| Fri 4th | Rock Steady Concert |
| Mon 7th | 4A Liturgy 9.15am |
| Tues 8th | 4OS Liturgy 9.15am |
| | Year 1 Christmas Celebration of the Word |
| Thurs 10th | Year 5 Christmas Production 2.15pm |
| Fri 11th | RS Stay & Play |
| | Year 5 Christmas Production 2.15pm |
| Mon 14th | Year 2 and 6 Carol Service 6pm |
| Tues 15th | Christmas Lunch |
| Weds 16th | End of term Mass |
| | Little Dragons Nativity 2.30pm |
| Thurs 17th | Christmas Jumper and party day |
| Fri 18th | School closes for Christmas 2pm |

**January**

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| Tues 5th | School reopens |

*Please consult the calendar section of our school website where dates for the year ahead are continually updated.*

## Colder Weather



As the colder weather arrives, please make sure your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing each day.

Warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves will help children stay comfortable when travelling to and from school and while enjoying outdoor activities.

Please label all items clearly, as coats and accessories can easily be misplaced. Thank you for helping us keep everyone warm, comfortable and ready to learn throughout the colder months.






# Inter Faith Week 2026

Inter Faith Week is an opportunity to deepen our understanding of different faiths and beliefs and to celebrate the friendships that unite our communities. This week, each class learnt about Inter Faith Week, exploring the importance of respect, understanding and friendship between people of different faiths and beliefs. It has been lovely to hear of the conversations that occurred during this sessions, as well as looking at the beautiful and thoughtful reflections of children thinking of ways in which they can be a light to others.




As a Catholic school, we recognise that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and deserves dignity and respect. Inspired by Jesus' call to love our neighbour, we encourage our children to listen thoughtfully, ask respectful questions and show kindness towards people of all faiths and none.

We always welcome members of our school community to share their religious beliefs and traditions and to engage in dialogue, helping us to learn from one another and deepen our understanding. If you would like to contribute, please contact the school office, FAO: Mrs McGivern.

## Competition

Children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have also been invited to take part in a special competition organised by the Faith and Belief Forum. If your child would like to take part, they will need to write a poem, no more than 20 lines, in any style, on the theme 'Lighting the Way for a Shared Future'. Your child can draw on their own experiences to make it a personal poem, or it can be more general about what various faiths and cultures believe. There will be lots of exciting prizes and certificates for the wining entry. *Your child may wish to explore:*

- Sources of light, hope and guidance within different faiths and beliefs.
- Family traditions and community practices.
- How people with different worldviews can work together.
- Actions that can help create a fairer, more connected future.

*Reflection prompts include:*

- What lights the way for me?
- What do I hope our shared future will look like?
- How can I help others feel hopeful and included?
- What can different communities achieve together?




Here is an example of a poem from a primary school pupil:




**Different prayers, different ways,**

**Different words that people say,**

**But every heart can shine its light**

**Guided by what it feels is right**

**Hand in hand we stand as one,**

**Many paths but one same sun!**

Further information and resources can be found www.ifw4schools.co.uk I can only choose 1 entry each from KS1 and KS2 to be put forward for consideration in the competition, but I will display all entries in school. Please could you send all entries to **Mrs McGivern by Thursday 26th November.** Thank you.

# All Souls Remembrance



During the month of November, we will be remember our family and friends who have died with a special book of Remembrance in our Oratory. If you would like to send in a photograph of a dearly departed relative or friend, please place in an envelope F.A.O Mrs McGivern. Please make sure you clearly mark the back of the photograph as shown below:

Name of the dearly departed.
Relationship to child at school.
Name of child.
Class.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*
*May they rest in peace. Amen*

# 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!**

## Message from the Helping Hands Team

**ST GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE – SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 12-4pm**

It's that wonderful time of year again when our fantastic PTA team comes together, giving up their time and putting so much love and effort into organising another magical family day for St George's.

We would be so grateful if you could help us spread the word by sharing our Christmas Fayre posters with family, friends and the wider community.

We have a spectacular festive day planned, with something for everyone.
-Visit Santa in his magical grotto and capture some special family photos.
-Enjoy a delicious hot chocolate or a warming mulled wine.
-Take on the rodeo and see if you can win a prize.
-Enter our fantastic Christmas raffle, with so many wonderful prizes up for grabs.

Enjoy festive fun, laughter and a chance to bring our school and local community together.



## CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES

Would you like to advertise your business in our Christmas Fayre booklet? It's a fantastic opportunity to promote your business to local families while supporting our school, the deadline for artwork is Friday 6th November.(attached is more info).
Or perhaps you could kindly donate a raffle prize? Every donation, big or small, makes a difference, and we would be incredibly grateful.
Please get in touch if you would like to support us.



## DON'T FORGET OUR CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP!

One of our favourite festive traditions is back! See attached flyer.

**Wednesday 2nd December 7pm–9.30pm**

Our wreath-making workshops are always such a wonderful evening, full of laughter, creativity and Christmas spirit.

You'll be guided every step of the way by our amazing teacher, Yara, who will show you how to create your very own beautiful Christmas wreath.

There is something so special about hanging a wreath on your front door that you've made yourself, and you'll be so proud of your finished creation.

**Can't make the workshop? Don't worry**
You can request a wreath-making kit to create your own beautiful wreath in the comfort of your own home, so nobody has to miss out on the festive fun.

Please get in touch if you'd like to join us or request a kit, by clicking the link below.

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/helpinghandsstgenfield/




## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will soon be coming home in your children's school bags, so keep an eye out! We have some amazing prizes, and we wish everyone the very best of luck.

## EVERYONE IS WELCOME

You don't need to have a child at St George's to join us. Bring your grandparents, aunties, uncles, cousins, neighbours and friends!
Our PTA works incredibly hard to create these special memories for our children, and every penny raised goes towards supporting and improving our school.
Please share our posters and help us make this year's Christmas Fayre our biggest and best yet.

We can't wait to celebrate with you all

***Christina & the St George's PTA Team***