



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

# School Newsletter 2

Summer Term 2022

Thursday 15 September 2022

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## Our Mission Statement

**Following** Jesus and His way, we

**Aim** to be the best we can be and to respect everyone. We

**Inspire** each other to learn, play and pray

**Together** as children, staff, home and Parish. We grow in

**Holiness** by putting Love into Action every day.

## Our School Houses

St Therese of Lisieux

Blue

St Oscar Romero

Red

St Francis of Assisi

Yellow

St Josephine Bakhita

Green

## Our School Uniform

### Boys

#### Winter

White shirt

Grey trousers

Navy V neck jumper

Grey socks

Sensible black shoes (no trainers or boots)

Navy and gold tie

#### Summer

Grey trousers

White short sleeved shirt and tie, or

White Polo shirt.

### Girls

#### Winter

White blouse

Grey tunic, skirt or trousers

Navy V neck jumper or cardigan

White socks or navy/ grey tights

Sensible black shoes (no trainers or boots)

Navy and gold tie.

#### Summer

Light blue and white checked

dress, or

white polo shirt

grey skirt.

*Summer uniform can be worn until October half term. Please note that the PE uniform requirement is for jogging bottoms, not leggings or cycling shorts!*

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I had an early morning start today, visiting the floral tributes to The Queen in Green Park before coming into school. It was a very moving experience. In saying a few words of prayer, I was mindful not only of the loss that the Royal family have experienced, but of all of our community who have lost loved ones and mourn their loss in individual, private ways.

Thank you to year 6 who led Mass beautifully last Friday, being praised by Fr Daniel for setting such a great example. The rest of key stage 2 joined Mass together in the school hall via the parish live stream. It was very fitting, being together to celebrate Mass together in this way. A pigeon even tried to join us half way through!

Two of our school house saints have feast days imminently. This year, we are going to invite the children from each house to wear the colour of their house to school on the appropriate feast day. The children in the house of St Therese of Lisieux are invited to wear blue on Friday 30 September (her feast is on Saturday 1 October!), and those in St Francis of Assisi house may wear yellow on Tuesday 4 October.

I hope your long weekend provides you with special family time where possible.

## School Places for September 2023

The Governors invite applications from the parents of children born between 1st September, 2018 and the 31st August 2019.

Parents need to complete:

1. The application to the London Borough of Enfield (online).
2. The supplementary information form from our website, please download, complete and email to us. Please include in your email a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.
3. A certificate of Catholic Practice. To obtain this, please visit the Parish website [www.catholicoenfield.org](http://www.catholicoenfield.org) and follow their instructions.

Come and visit us? Please call our school office to arrange a school tour.

Whilst the Borough application is completed online, the three other forms should be submitted to the school together via email to [admin@st-georges.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-georges.enfield.sch.uk)  
Closing Date for Admissions: 15th January 2022.  
For further information, please contact the school office on 0208 363 3729

Applications across Enfield were significantly less this year, to compound lower numbers of applicants last year. This has resulted in most schools in the borough having surplus places, with many reducing the size of the school intake to lessen the financial impact of the lower numbers. This year we are running two reception classes - RG and RW.

"her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises." (Pope Francis)



For those of you who drive your children to school, please

- **Drive carefully** on the roads surrounding school
- **Park considerably** to our neighbours
- Turn your **engine off**, not leave it running while parked
- Make every effort to walk all or some of the way to school if possible. It's healthy and good for the environment



*Please avoid parking close to the school. Park a little further away and walk a short distance with your children. I have already received complaints about cars parking over driveways and blocking local residents from leaving their premises.*

## First Holy Communion

The application process for children in primary school years 3&4 who wish to make their First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion, is now open. Forms are available from the presbytery or online at [www.catholickenfield.org](http://www.catholickenfield.org)

The programme is due to start the 9th January 2023 with celebration masses taking place mid May. For further information please contact the Catechetical Coordinator on 0208 363 2569 or email [enfieldcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:enfieldcat@rcdow.org.uk). Deadline for the return of the forms is Monday 14th November 2022.

## Upcoming Dates

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

### September

Mon 19th School closed  
Fri 23rd Year 5 Mass at church 10am

### October

Tues 4th Y3 curriculum meeting  
Boys football at Enfield Grammar  
Fri 7th Y4 to St Albans  
Y5/6 Cross Country at Forty Hall  
Fri 14th Harvest Festival 9.15am  
Tues 18th Y6 curriculum information meeting  
Girls football at Enfield Grammar  
Weds 19th Y3 Egyptian Day  
Thurs 20th Y5/6 Cross Country  
Fri 21st School Closes for half term  
Mon 31st INSET day - school closed

### November

Tues 1st school reopens  
Mass for All Souls  
Parent Consultations

## Drill

Well done everyone on a brilliantly observed fire drill this morning. The children evacuated the building in an exemplary fashion with all 600 lined up in silence in the playgrounds in under a minute!

Please label children's uniform clearly with their name, particularly jumpers, cardigans and jackets. We already have a large number of unclaimed uniform items in the lost property boxes!

## Comings and Goings

I hope that the letters that I sent out earlier in the week regarding dropping and collecting children, particularly in relation to the 'one-way' area, helped to clarify any misunderstandings. We have erected some signs around the school entrances that should also help.

Please only enter the Halifax Road gates if you are intending to access the infant playground only. This is for classes RW, RG, 1A, 2NS, 2K only. If you need any of the other classes, please use the Gordon Road gate and pick up from the junior playground first. Once you have gone through the link corridor doors, please do not double back as this would be against the one way system.

When the link doors allowed 'two-way traffic', the chaos that often ensued generated many parental complaints as children often became detached from their parents in the large numbers of people all trying to get through the door at once!

The one-way system that we implemented as part of our COVID risk assessment demonstrated how efficient this was and meant that the unpleasantness around getting large numbers of people through a small doorway could be overcome.

We acknowledge that new rules can sometimes take some getting used to, but we do appreciate your patience and reassure you that the rule was implemented for safeguarding reasons, and to provide a more comfortable route through school at the beginning and end of each day..

## Year 6 Meetings

A big thank you to year 6 parents who attended our meeting on Monday evening in such large numbers. A reminder that the deadline date for secondary school applications is **Monday 31 October**, and the documents presented at the meeting can be found on the school website '*parent information > secondary transfer*'. Do not hesitate to talk to me or the year 6 team if you have any questions in the coming weeks.

Also available on the school website is the presentation used by the year 6 teachers to inform you of the residential visit to Overstrand Hall in Norfolk in May 2023. This can be found by following '*parent information > parent meetings*'. We hope that you found the meeting helpful and informative.

## U10's Players Wanted



*School Years  
4 & 5 from September '22*

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