



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

School Newsletter 1

Spring Term 2023
Thursday 5 January

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

Next Week in School

Friday 6 January
Mass for the Epiphany
Key Stage 1 Epiphany liturgy

Tuesday 10 January
Open afternoon (prospective parents)

Our School Houses

St Thérèse of Lisieux

Blue

St Oscar Romero

Red

St Francis of Assisi

Yellow

St Josephine Bakhita

Green

Making a Difference

The London Ambulance Service had around 1500 staff working on Christmas Day, carrying out their vital work. We were only too pleased to oblige when asked if we could make some uplifting Christmas 'thank you' cards for them. The children busily set to work during November and the cards were taken to the service for the big day.

This week we received a wonderful email showing photographs of the staff opening and reacting to their cards. Comments such as 'my favourite card this year' and 'made my day' were typical of the responses. In thanking the London Ambulance, and of course all others who work on Christmas Day, I am really proud of the children for their amazing effort. Thank you especially to Ms Clancy for organising this, allowing the children to really make a difference in the community.



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Happy New Year to all our school community. If you or anyone you know has a child ready to start school in September this year, please be aware that the deadline for applying for places falls on Sunday 15 January. We are holding an open afternoon for prospective parents on Tuesday next week, so please pass on the message that places can be booked via the homepage of our school website.

Tomorrow will be the first time that Mass has been celebrated in school since before the COVID pandemic in 2020. We are looking forward to Fr Daniel joining key stage 2 for Mass, and for leading a special liturgy for key stage 1 children immediately afterwards.

Finally, some of you might have noticed Tony's absence at the school gates. He unfortunately suffered a fall at the end of last term leading to a nasty dislocation of his shoulder. We wish him well, and a speedy recovery.

Curriculum Overview

Our teachers have been busy preparing some exciting lessons for the children for the term ahead. An overview of the learning for each year group has been uploaded to the school website and can be found by following '**Curriculum > Year group Overview of Learning**'. We always value the work that parents/ carers do with their children at home, and the information on these website pages should help you to support your child's learning. If you need to find out further information, please contact your child's class teacher.

Nursery

St George's aims to start its very own nursery class in September 2023. The intention is to start a 16-place provision creating a vibrant Early Years unit for the school.

A lot of hard work needs to be undertaken before that can happen, and the first stage of this is a consultation in the local community. Our explorations so far have been supported by local authority advisers who are very positive about this exciting move. The diocese have been equally as encouraging.

If you wish to find out more about our nursery plans, do not hesitate to come along and chat when you see me before or after school.

"Dear brothers and sisters, after the great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me - a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord."
(Pope Benedict XVI)



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

- **Drive carefully** on the roads surrounding school
- **Park considerately** 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.



Upcoming Dates

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

January

Fri 20th RG Stay & Play
Weds 25th Year 6 Boys Football @ Edmonton
Fri 27th RW Stay & Play

February

Weds 1st Junior Apprentice team @ Civic Centre
Fri 3rd RG Stay & Play
Year 5 NATWEST workshops
Numbers Day
Tues 7th visit by Bishop John Sherrington
Girls football @ Enfield Grammar
Fri 10th RW Stay & Play
School closes for half term

Mon 20th School reopens
Weds 22nd Ash Wednesday liturgy
Fri 24th Lent Spirituality Day

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 and follow their instructions.

Come and visit us? Please use the form on our website to book a school tour. The next tour is taking place on **Tuesday 10 January** at 1:45pm.

Whilst the Borough application is completed online, the two other forms should be submitted to the school together in person or via email to admin@st-georges.enfield.sch.uk
Closing Date for Admissions: 15th January 2023.
For further information, please contact the school office on 0208 363 3729

Applications across Enfield were significantly lower this year, to compound lower numbers of applicants last year. This has resulted in significant numbers of 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. It is worth noting that **all applicants to our school last year were offered a place.**

Free School Meals

If your child/children are in receipt of free school meals you should have received an email attaching supermarket vouchers for the Christmas period. Please note that the deadline for redemption of the vouchers is **Friday 13 January 2023**. After this date the vouchers will no longer be valid.