



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

School Newsletter Newsletter 7

Autumn Term 2022
Thursday 13 October

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

Our School Houses

St Thérèse of Lisieux

Blue

St Oscar Romero

Red

St Francis of Assisi

Yellow

St Josephine Bakhita

Green

First Holy Communion

Forms for First Holy Communion are available from the presbytery or online at www.catholicenfield.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. Deadline for the return of the forms is Monday 14th November 2022.

Year 4 In and Out

Thank you to all **year 4** children entering the school building through the **Library** door, the entrance 'around the corner' near the link corridor. This has enabled us to place a member of staff on the door which we have not been able to do using the school hall doors. The children will continue to use this entrance and exit through the hall after half term.

Tour Guides

A note of appreciation for many of our year 6 children who have been acting as tour guides for prospective parents this week. The parents have told me how wonderful the tours have been, and how knowledgeable the children are about their school. It has been wonderful to hear the feedback about how proud the children obviously are about their school. The school tours, as many of you will know, are traditionally conducted by Mrs Moloney, from the school office. However, she has been unwell recently, and we pray that she regains full fitness soon. She will be proud of the year 6's efforts!

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Next Week in School

Friday 21 October

Year 4 lead Mass at Church
School closes for half term 3:30pm

Monday 31 October

School closed - staff INSET

Tuesday 1 November

Year 5 lead Mass @ Church
Parents Consultations 3:50pm - 6pm

Wednesday 2 November

Parent Consultations 3:50pm - 6pm

Thursday 3 November

3F visit Enfield Town Library

Thank for all your donations for our Harvest Festival last Friday, and for those of you who joined us for our special assembly. Enfield Food Bank were absolutely delighted with the gifts that you donated. We know that food bank use is now an essential part of everyday life for increasing numbers of our local residents, so your donations are truly appreciated.

Our first day back after half term, Tuesday 1 November, is the feast of All Saints. Year 5 will lead Mass at church and this will be live streamed so that the rest of school, plus families at home, can celebrate as one.

Finally, a huge thank you once more to all parents who were able to join us for our Rosary during October. Despite it being autumn, we held nearly all of our recitals outside in our Rosary Garden, making it a very special experience.

Parent Consultations

The parent booking site will be open from 8am tomorrow morning. Appointments will be online, with an opportunity to come and view your children's classwork in November's 'Book Look'. We plan on introducing a 'hybrid' consultation evening in spring, which will hopefully suit both those who enjoy the convenience of the online system and those who are able to attend in person.

Book Looks are on the afternoons of the following dates:

Monday 14 November	Year 2
Tuesday 15 November	Year 4
Wednesday 16 November	Year 3
Thursday 17 November	Year 5
Friday 18 November	Year 6

Helping Hands will be sending boxes of Smarties home with the children today (alternatives for children with allergies). In exchange for your child completing some jobs for you, the Smarties box gets filled up with 20p pieces. Helping Hands will collect the returned boxes on **Tuesday 1 November**.

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."
(Ronald Reagan)



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



It is a promising weather forecast for most of next week - walk at least some or all of the way to school whenever you can.

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.catholiceenfield.org and follow their instructions.

Come and visit us? Please call our school office to arrange a school tour. They can also be booked on our school website.

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**, including those without a certificate of Catholic Practice.

Office

Our school office has continued to operate in extremely testing times due to the amazing efforts of Julie. Many of you will remember that Julie officially retired in July. However, a suitable replacement could not be found at the time so she agreed to continue to support us until a new admin assistant could be found. With staff illness, she has manned a very busy office pretty much single-handedly this term. She is wonderful!

You will notice, however, that office hours can change and it may even be closed for short periods of time during the week. We thank you for your patience during these times.

Seedbot is Tiana's (4GC) winning entry in the Enfield Summer Reading Challenge. The organisers praised her efforts and commented, 'You are very capable of identifying and solving problems to create a better world for future generations. Keep it up!'

Congratulations, Tiana.



Upcoming Dates

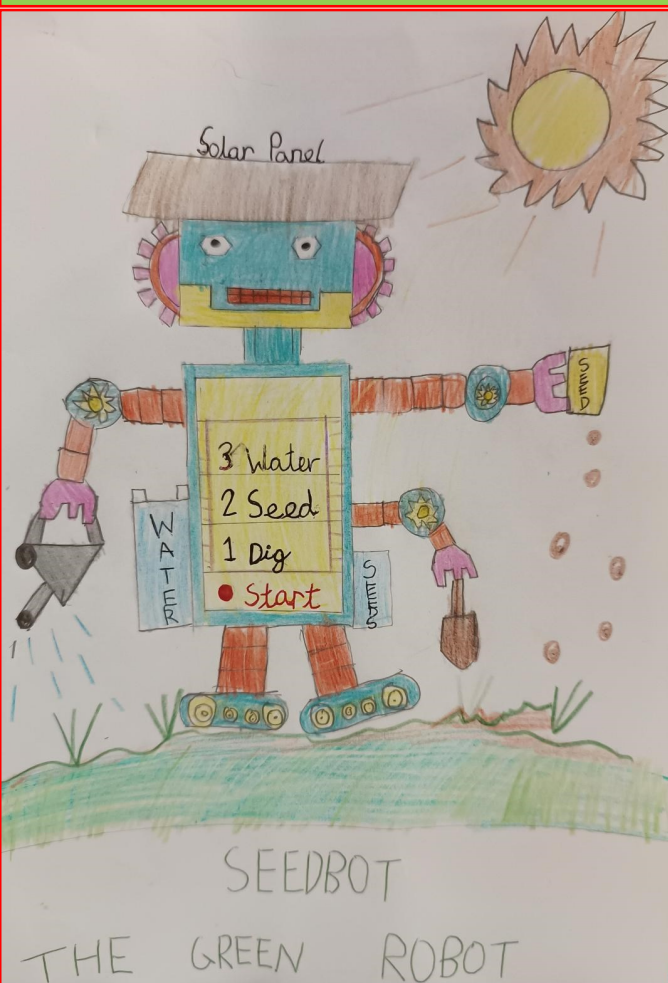
Advance warning of some key school dates. The school calendar is constantly updated on the school website, under the parents information section.

October

Thurs 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 Saints (Year 5 at Church)
Parent Consultations
Weds 2nd Parents Consultations
Thurs 3rd 3F to Enfield Town Library
Tues 8th 3S to Enfield Town Library
Reception curriculum meeting 2.55pm
Weds 9th 3A to Enfield Town Library
Mon 14th Anti-Bullying week
Year 2 Book Look for parents
Tues 15th Year 4 Book Look for parents
Weds 16th Year 3 Book Look for parents
Thurs 17th Year 5 Book Look for parents
Reception Hearing Tests
Friday 18th Year 6 Book Look for parents
Thurs 24th Book Fair (until 30th)
Mon 21st Reception Hearing Tests
Fri 25th Advent Spirituality Day
Mon 28th Y1/2 gymnastics festival @ Southbury
Tues 29th Year 5 & 6 reconciliation
Y3/4 gymnastics festival @ Southbury
Weds 30th Y5/6 gymnastics festival @ Edmonton





Leo and Azhahinii were delighted to bring these leaflets to show me, advertising 'Infinity Theme Park.' I'm not keen on rides, but their wonderful work nearly persuaded me to go!

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Cost of Living Crisis

A free one-day conference,
for representatives from
our parishes & schools

Get to know some of the organisations
who are here to help us all



Saturday 12th November



10.30am - 5pm



All Saints Catholic College
St Charles Square, W10 6EL

Details & register

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/event-list.php>



Our fabulous footballers won their game on Tuesday evening.
Final score: St George's 4 - Worcesters 1



Year 3 really enjoyed their Egyptian
Day on Wednesday...and they looked
brilliant!



Breakfast/ After School Provision

A reminder that Breakfast and After School payments need to be made in advance on ParentPay.

The good news is that we have long waiting lists for both provisions. The bad news is that failure to make payments may result in your child's place being offered to someone on the waiting list.

A Lot of Bottle

We are currently collecting empty 5 litre transparent water bottles for a science project in school. Please wash out the bottles and send them in to school. Any donations will be gratefully received.



November - Month of Remembrance

We start the month with a whole school mass to celebrate All Saints day. This will be led by year 5 at the Church whilst the school will attend on line through the Live stream facility on the parish website. Wednesday 2nd November is All Soul's day. We will begin our All souls remembrance book. This book is a special book which is available for the children in the oratory to see. It holds photos of people that our school community and families have lost. If you would like your family members you have lost added to our All souls book, please send a photo along with the person's name and relationship to your child. In an envelope addressed to Mrs Williams via the school office. Your photos will be added to our book. Each week in assembly we will have the book present and dedicate a prayer to our lost ones.