



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

School Newsletter Newsletter 8

Autumn Term 2022
Thursday 3 November

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

Next Week in School

Tuesday 8 November
3S visit Enfield Town Library
Reception curriculum meeting 2.55pm
Governor committee meeting 6pm

Wednesday 9 November
3A visit to Enfield Town Library

Friday 11 November
Assembly led by former pupil/ Para athlete

Our School Houses

St Thérèse of Lisieux

Blue

St Oscar Romero

Red

St Francis of Assisi

Yellow

St Josephine Bakhita

Green

STEM Superheroes

This week I had the pleasure of presenting three of our children with prizes after their winning entries into a STEM competition in the summer term. The Engineering Superheroes Competition was organised by WTW (Global Business). Mrs Angland, who organised the entries, writes:

Last summer, year 3 (now year 4) invited Ester from WTW to talk to the children about being an engineer. They were able to find out about the different types of engineering jobs and ask Ester about her own experiences as a woman in engineering. The company set the children a design challenge and have announced the winning designs for each class. Use the link below to see the winning entries.

<https://bcove.video/3eUMSNm> WTW told us: 'We were so impressed with the children, with their creativity and ideas and we do hope they will keep STEM and Engineering in their future hopes and aspirations, and think of [WTW](https://www.wtw.co.uk) when they are ready to start their exciting and bright careers ahead of them.' Congratulations to Andrew (was 3A), Margaret (was 3S) and Anoushka (was 3F) for their winning entries. Each of them will receive a Stem Activity Book filled with mazes, puzzles, quizzes and other exciting facts about engineering.



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We hope that all our families enjoyed the half term break. It seems that the endless sunshine and unusually high temperatures that we have experienced this year are now a distant memory. Mrs McGivern tells me its only 52 days until Christmas!

At Mass for All Saints on Tuesday morning, Fr Daniel praised the efforts of year 5 pupils and staff for preparing the liturgy so quickly on the first day at school after the half term break. The rest of the Key Stage 2 children were assembled in the hall to join in with Mass, and were made to feel very much part of the service. Thank you to those parents who joined us at Church and also those who assisted us by walking the children to the church.

A full list of Advent/ Christmas liturgies and performances are highlighted in this newsletter, as well as information on other ways in which parents can visit and join in or learn about the life of the school this term.

Parent Consultations

A big thank you to all parents who attended our virtual parents evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. Technical issues affected Tuesday's appointments. Netmedia, the company who provide our service, apologised and added additional resources to ensure that Wednesday ran smoothly.

The intention is for our Spring event to be a hybrid model, with some online and other face to face meetings. Please expect a short survey soon for us to ascertain how we divide up the appointments.

As this week was held virtually, there will be an opportunity for parents to come into school and view core exercise books alongside their children. Booking will open soon.

Crisis Fund

We work very closely with the 'Catholic Children's Society' charity. In response to the current cost of living crisis, they have set up a crisis fund that provides emergency grants to help families. Schools can apply for help on behalf of families in this situation. This winter will be challenging for many families, so if you think you would benefit from this help, please contact me through the school office for a confidential conversation on how to access this funding.

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. (Robert Louis Stevenson)"



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.



We understand that when the weather is as it is today, getting closer to school may seem preferable. However, inconsiderate parking and driving causes upset to our local residents. They may phone and let their frustration out at school staff. Please allow additional time for journeys in poor weather, and still consider parking a little way from school. It is unfair on the neighbours that they are made to feel this way, and particularly unfair to our school staff who are subject to angry and unwarranted abuse. Please do not be the cause of this.

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 use the form on our website to book a school tour. The next tours are taking place on the week beginning Monday 21 November.

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.**

First Holy Communion

Forms for First Holy Communion are available from the presbytery or online at www.catholiceenfield.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.

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

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
Tues 22nd	Flu immunisations
Weds 23rd	Image Theatre
Thurs 24th	Book Fair (until 30th) Image Theatre
Fri 25th	Advent Spirituality Day
Mon 28th	Y1 & 2 gymnastics (Southbury)
Tues 29th	Year 5 & 6 reconciliation Year 3 & 4 gymnastics (Southbury)
Weds 30th	Year 5 & 6 gymnastics (Edmonton)

Christmas Liturgies & Performances

December

Thursday 1st

Year 3 Christmas Carols at 2:45pm

Friday 2nd

Year 1 Advent Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. George at 10am

Monday 5th

Year 3 Christmas Carols at 2:45pm

Tuesday 6th

Reception Nativity at 9:45am

Wednesday 7th

Reception Nativity at 9:45am

Thursday 8th

Year 5 Christmas production at 2:30pm

Friday 9th

Year 5 Christmas production at 2:30pm

Monday 12th

Year 6 Christmas Carols at 2pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. George

Tuesday 13th

Christmas dinner

Wednesday 14th

Year 2 Christmas Liturgy at 10am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. George

Thursday 15th

Christmas party and jumper day.

Friday 16th

Year 4 leading Whole School Mass at 10am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. George

Chess club

Notice to parents/grand-parents.

Can you spare one hour per week? We are looking for a volunteer to support a new chess club starting after half term. Knowledge of chess is important, but the main qualifications are enthusiasm for the game and the ability to communicate this to children. If you are interested please email: office@st-georges.enfield.sch.uk for the attention of Mrs Angland.

...and for children...

New Chess Club – year 3, year 4 **and year 5.**

Are you interested in learning how to play chess? The school will be hosting a new chess club after the half term holidays and are making preliminary enquiries to gauge numbers so that we can decide how best to host these sessions. We are now able to open up the club to budding year 5 chess players. A minimal weekly fee may apply. This is not a commitment to join but an expression of interest. More details and the opportunity to join will follow in due course. If interested, please email: office@st-georges.enfield.sch.uk for the attention of Mrs Angland.



GOOD MORNING

Hello, fancy a coffee?

We'd like to invite you back to our monthly coffee morning, join us for a cup of coffee, a slice of cake and a good ol' chat.

We want to create an opportunity for us all to meet new faces and catch up with familiar ones. We'd love to chat with as many of you as possible and welcome any new ideas.

Friday 4th November, 9-10am

In the Scout Hut, Halifax Rd entrance

Tea, coffee, cake and friendly faces!

POSTER BY ROSIE HOLMES



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This Week's Merits	
Class	Name of children
1A	Lorenzo & Marek
1DS	Arti & Nikolas
2B	Lily & Zachary
2K	Rosie
2NS	Harvey & Sienna
3A	Daniel
3F	Valewntina & Zuzanna
3S	Carla
5B	Theodore & Azhahinii
5M	CM
5S	CM

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/order/parent-portal/child-search/>

- * Your child has recently drawn a Christmas picture at school which has been uploaded to My Child's Art.
- * Follow the link above to order Christmas gifts with your child's drawing on it.
- * Just follow the instructions to find your child's picture
- * For the next two weeks there is an exclusive discount code 'StGeorges' to get 10% off your order!
- * Helping Hands will receive 20% commission on all orders!

Class	Name of children
6K	Samuel & Helen
6M	Vivienne & Saoirse
6OT	Jensia & Ri'sher