



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

School Newsletter Newsletter 14

Autumn Term 2022
Thursday 15 December

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



Our choir sang beautifully at the Light of Love Festival in Enfield town centre last Wednesday. Well done to all our children for coming out on such a cold evening, and thank you to Ben and Kaisa for supporting them.

Wintry Weather

We really appreciate the messages of thanks that we received on Monday for keeping our school open after the snow. The late start allowed staff and families to travel to school with additional time if the journey was possible. We assessed the school site very early on Monday morning to ensure that it was a safe environment and that we had enough staff available to maintain safe ratios in school.

I would like to thank Tony, our site manager, for working so hard, and for all our staff for their dedication this week. The snow may have gone but conditions have become more difficult since with icy pavements and side roads in particular.

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Next Week in School



Friday 16 December
Year 4 lead Mass at Church
School closes for Christmas 2pm

Tuesday 3 January
Staff INSET, school closed

Wednesday 4 January
School reopens

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

Thank you to the children of year 2 and year 6 this week for reinforcing the true meaning and the important messages of Christmas time - the celebration of God's ultimate gift: the birth of Jesus, the Christ child. Your presentations to your families this week were beautifully performed, ensuring that we enjoyed a really spiritual aspect to our Christmas preparations.

Below you will find all the Christmas services at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George and at Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs (Holtwhites Hill). I hope that you find one service to enable to continue your family's spiritual journey through this special time of year.

I wish all our families a peaceful and happy Christmas. If you are travelling, I hope that your plans are not too disrupted and your journeys are safe. We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4 January.

Masses and Services

Saturday 24th December

Christmas Eve Mass Times

OLSG 4pm Children's Christmas Mass in OLSG
6pm Vigil Mass in OLSG
11 pm Christmas Carols followed by Sung Mass at 11.30pm
OLW 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 25th December

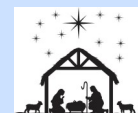
Christmas Day Mass Times

OLSG 8am, 9am, 10.30am & 12noon (no evening Mass)
OLW 10am

OLSG - Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George, 45 London Road, Enfield, EN2 6DS

OLW - Our Lady of Walsingham & The English Martyrs, Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, EN2 8HG

"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If He gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it."
(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.



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.catholickenfield.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.**

Care for the Family

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/>

Many of us look forward to the festive season with nothing but joy and unbridled excitement. But we know for others, Christmas also brings with it a fair bit of expectation and pressure.

One of our favourite sayings is, 'life doesn't have to be perfect to be wonderful'. And it can be a great thing to keep in mind if we feel the pressure of this festive season getting on top of us. Lasting memories are rarely made in the perfection, they're more likely to happen in those messy moments of family life – that time the turkey was burnt, the year Granny brought those itchy Christmas jumpers, when Dad's frustration got the better of him over a game of Monopoly!

We know, this year in particular, Christmas will be harder for many. Maybe finances are tight, relationships are strained or perhaps you're feeling the loss of a loved one. So, in the month of December we'll be posting content on our social media channels, that we hope will help you navigate this season – zero guilt, no judgement.

Whatever stage of family life you find yourself in, we hope you're able to take the pressure off with those you love.

Merry Christmas

The Care for the Family team

Dragon's Den

The Nightingale Dragons - our Junior Apprentice Challenge Team for Volunteer Enfield's interschool competition - have some exciting news to report.

The team have generated a whopping £316.37 profit for the Nightingale Hospice selling their sweets and cakes and running a 'guess the number of sweets in a jar' game at the Christmas Fayre. The team used fantastic entrepreneurial skills to upsell their cakes and also wrote to local shops for donations which enabled them to maximise their profit. We are very proud of them, and they will be doing a presentation of their work to mentors from local businesses at the Civic Centre in the new year. We will let you know how they get on!

Mrs Newman



First Communion

First Holy Communion forms are available from the presbytery or online at www.catholickenfield.org

The programme starts on the 9th January with 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 14th November.



Free School Meals

If your child/children are in receipt of free school meals you will shortly receive 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.

Nativity

Catholic Social Teaching is the great wealth of Church teaching on how to live out our faith in the world. It is formed by the wisdom of Church leaders and shaped by the daily experience of Catholics everywhere, it gives us a moral compass to find our way. During our 'Spirituality Day,' we focused on 2 of the strands from Catholic social teaching. These were 'The common good' and 'Care for creation and Nature'. The children were set a challenge to work together using recycled resources only to make a Christmas Crib. Father Timothy came into school to judge the cribs and it is with great pleasure to announce that 3F's Crib won the challenge. They will be receiving popcorn to go with their movie afternoon.

"It was a tough decision to choose between the 20 cribs I saw. I chose this crib because it used completely recycled resources, it has all the characters for the Nativity story including some animals"
Father Timothy.



HAF Enfield winter 2022

19th – 23rd December and 28th – 30th December

FREE* places available in Enfield's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme this winter, visit <https://hafenfield.co.uk/> to book today or email haf@enfield.gov.uk for more information

Ages 4-16

*Free for those in receipt of benefits related free school meals

- Arts & Crafts
- Get Active
- Free nutritious meals
- Cooking
- Day Trips
- Plus much much more!



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