



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

# School Newsletter Newsletter 4

Spring Term 2023  
Thursday 26 January

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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

## This Week's Merits

*Each week, teachers nominate children in their class to receive a special merit. This could be in recognition for working hard, achieving something particular, being a good friend, or any number of reasons that show that they are living up to the school motto - 'In everything we do today, we are following Jesus and his way.' The following children have been chosen by their teachers (CM = Class Merit):*

Class	Name of children
RG	Alana, Raphael
RW	Elyse, Luke
1A	George, Sebastien
1DS	Isla, Sergi
1W	Sophia T, Apollonia
2B	Lucas, Flynn
2K	Neil, Finn
2NS	Chimnoya, Kyra
3A	Sophia, Robyn
3F	John, Elodie
3S	James M, Lily
4GC	Jesse, Petra
4P	Cian, Isla
4OS	Sophia, Maverick
5B	Olivier, Jasmine
5M	Grace, Akua
5S	Sophia, Anisa
6K	Mia, Harry
6M	Annabelle, Olivia
6OT	Nicola, Hattie

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## Next Week in School

**Friday 27 January**

RW Stay & Play  
Green Team bird watching

**Monday 30 January**

Year 4 Maths Take Away 2:40pm

**Tuesday 31 January**

Year 6 Maths Take Away 2:40pm

**Wednesday 1 February**

Girls Football at Edmonton County

**Thursday 2 February**

Racial Justice assemblies  
Year 3 Maths Take Away 2:40pm

**Friday 3 February**

Numbers Day  
RG Stay & Play  
Helping Hands AGM 9:30am  
Year 5 'Nat West' maths workshops

It is a busy time in school next week with plenty of opportunities for parents to come along and find out information regarding your children's learning. Our maths 'Take Aways' are designed to inform parents about the methods that are taught to children in school, allowing you to help them in a more informed way at home. Parents tell me that they very much value this knowledge. There is also the opportunity for reception parents to learn alongside their children on Friday morning.

For the children, we also have some special assemblies ahead of Racial Justice Sunday on February 5th.

*'All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church.*

*Let us walk together, pray together and work together'.*

Year 5 will also enjoy some special workshops led by Nat West on Friday. It is always wonderful to see the children so engaged by learning being presented in such an engaging way.

Finally, for all children, it is numbers day on Friday 3 February. Come to school dressed as a number, or feature numbers in your clothing. We ask for a £2 donation that we have traditionally split between maths equipment and the NSPCC charity.

## Parent Consultations

Tomorrow is the last day to take part in our parental consultation survey. Thank you to the many of you who have submitted your preference already. This will help us to organise our consultations in March in the most informed way possible. Access the survey by following 'Parents Information > Parent Forms.'

"On each occasion I say: 'Lord, thy will be done! It's not what this or that one wants but what You want me to do.' This is my fortress, this is my firm rock, this is my sure support."  
(Memorial of Sts Timothy and Titus, January 26th)



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.



## Prevent

This week, staff were joined by school governors to refresh their training on 'Prevent', the mechanism by which early signs of radicalisation can be identified. It was brilliantly presented by Evie Gibson from Enfield Council and we thank her for presenting the information with such clarity.

One of her most important messages was the power of the internet and social media in the lives of young people. Please be very aware of your children's activity on social media, being particularly mindful of minimum ages for using these platforms, for example: WhatsApp (16), Tik Tok (13) and You Tube (13).

Mrs Hukowski wishes to make parents aware of the wonderful work that the NSPCC do the area of preventing radicalisation, which can be found on their website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/dedicated-helplines/protecting-children-from-radicalisation/>

It seems fitting that we are both supporting the NSPCC next week, and Internet Safety Day is approaching on Tuesday 7 February.



## Eruption

Parents of year 3 children will know that their children are usually greeted each morning with calmness, and gentle music welcoming them. This week, however, their learning has erupted into life. So much so that I could not resist sharing some of their explosive artwork with you. Their teachers wrote:

*"The children enjoyed learning about the different artists whose work was inspired by volcanoes such as Turner, Marlow, Hokusai and even Andy Warhol. They then used oil or soft pastels to re-create their own erupting volcano. Taking this a step further, they progressed to working in 3d, applying mod-roc to newspaper and cardboard - once dried, they were painted with acrylic paints and although these volcanoes remained dormant over the Christmas holidays, there has been a sudden vibrant explosion of red-hot molten lava! Everyone agrees - they look fantastic."*



## 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 27th RW Stay & Play  
Mon 30th Year 4 maths 'Take Away' 2:40pm  
Tues 31st Year 6 maths 'Take Away' 2.40pm

### February

Weds 1st Junior Apprentice team @ Civic Centre  
Girls football at Edmonton  
Thurs 2nd Year 3 maths 'Take Away' 2.40pm  
Fri 3rd RG Stay & Play  
Year 5 NATWEST workshops  
Numbers Day  
Helping Hands AGM 9am in school  
visit by Bishop John Sherrington  
Girls football @ Enfield Grammar  
Weds 8th Year 1 'Phonics and Reading' meeting  
2NS Phonics and Reading workshop  
Thurs 9th 2K Phonics and Reading workshop  
Fri 10th RW Stay & Play  
2B Phonics and Reading workshop  
School closes for half term  
Mon 20th School reopens



## Numbers Day

Numbers Day, or 'Dress as a Digit' Day take place next Friday, 3rd February. A special letter explaining all about it is attached to this newsletter. It is intended to be a fun day of maths learning. We ask parents for a donation of £2 that allows us to invest in maths resources and also support the wonderful work of the NSPCC.

If you want to know more about the event, or about our maths work in general, do not hesitate to talk to Mrs Angland, our maths leader. She can always be found in the junior playground on Tuesdays! This photograph of some of last year's children may give you some inspiration.

**Number  
Day 2023**



## Sunday 5th Feb Manna Society Homelessness Collection.

The annual parish collection for the homeless will take place in aid of the Manna Society at all Masses.

The day centre needs the following non perishable items:

**Food:** Powdered milk, fair-trade sugar, Tins of : tomatoes, chopped ham, fish, vegetables, baked beans, Hot Dogs and corned beef. Pasta Sauces, Orange squash. Biscuits.

**Other:** sleeping bags. Rucksacks, Kitchen Rolls

**Clothing.** Good Quality Winter Coats

**Please place your donations in the parish centre at Masses on Sunday 5th Feb .**

The Manna Society at London Bridge provides daily meals for London's many homeless people. They also provide shower facilities and clothing. They have volunteer doctors, dentists and chiropodists who offer their services free of charge. The goods will be taken direct to the Manna Society's day centre very early on the Monday morning. [www.mannasociety.org.uk](http://www.mannasociety.org.uk)

**Many thanks for your generosity and kindness on behalf of those in need.**

The Justice and Peace Group

**Help would be appreciated with sorting the donations in Our Lady and St George after Masses**

*Due to insufficient storage space goods are unable to be accepted beforehand at the presbytery. For further information about the Justice and Peace Group, please contact Tony on 07984-529202*

### Young Voices

On Monday evening, our school choir travelled to the O2 to participate in the Young Voices event. Young Voices is simply HUGE, and promotes itself as the largest children's choir in the world. In organising for our choir to participate, Mr Cox has ensured that they are part of an wonderful event with an incredible history. A huge thank you to Mr Cox, Miss O'Toole and Mrs Pickles for ensuring the children were well prepared and travelled there together. A big thank you to our parents who supported the children and who have provided some wonderful feedback.



*"It was such an amazing experience for the children."*

*"A great achievement. Thank you very much."*

*"It was such an amazing, exciting experience and a night I'm sure they'll remember forever."*

