



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

School Newsletter Newsletter 1

Summer Term 2023
Thursday 20 April

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

Our School Houses

St Thérèse of Lisieux

Blue

St Oscar Romero

Red

St Francis of Assisi

Yellow

St Josephine Bakhita

Green

Summer Uniform

Despite finding it difficult to gauge what the weather is up to at the moment, it is now officially time for summer uniform in school.

I would advise those parents who are looking ahead and thinking of buying uniform for the next academic year to resist the urge for a few weeks. There will be some subtle, necessary changes that I will explain clearly in the coming weeks that will affect the reception uniform for next year and the official uniform from our suppliers, Smiths Schoolwear.

Long or short grey trousers	Blue and white checked dress
Short-sleeved, white polo shirt	or Short-sleeved, white polo shirt and grey skirt
Grey socks	White socks
Black sensible shoes	Flat black sensible shoes

Parent Governor

There is still time to get nominated/ nominate yourself for the role of parent governor, for which we have two vacancies. There is information available on the school website: school information > governors > parent governor. The deadline for nominations is **Friday 28 April**.

Coping With Stress

Please find attached a leaflet outlining some helpful ways to help our children to deal with stressful situations. It contains some easy to follow and implement parenting tips, that I believe could be as easily used for adults as well. I thank Mrs Burke for always providing us with helpful information regarding mental health and wellbeing. We hope you find the leaflet helpful.

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Next Week in School

Monday 24 April

St George's Day celebrations

Tuesday 25 April

1W Easter Liturgy 9.30am

Wednesday 26 April

1A Easter Liturgy 9.30am

Thursday 27 April

1DS Easter Liturgy 9.30am

Friday 28 April

Deadline for parent governor nominations

A warm welcome back to the summer term at St George's. The teachers have been busily planning some interesting and exciting learning activities for the children and information will be available for you on the school website soon so that you can support your child's learning at home. We are fortunate to have such supportive parents at our school who value these opportunities.

Mrs McGivern and I met with Fr Daniel yesterday and we have planned a number of Masses and liturgies to help us mark the liturgical year as we return to school during the season of Easter. The first such event is, of course, St George's Day, and we celebrate the feast day of our patron saint on Monday. Further news below.

Finally, our thoughts and prayers are with the St Monica's School community following the sudden passing of their welfare assistant Siobhan. We hope that the pain of loss in the weeks ahead allow warm memories of her to be shared.

St George's Day

Monday 24 April is the feast day of our patron, Saint George. As is tradition, we will be marking this special day by celebrating Mass and enjoying a range of fun activities. We are grateful to Mrs Bedborough, our Art lead, who always provides a wealth of ideas for us to enjoy.

As is also tradition, Monday will be a non-uniform day for the pupils, provided they wear red, white and blue...in whatever combination or guise!

I am sure that the children will enjoy Fr Daniel's presence at Mass and in our liturgies, and will benefit from the many enrichment opportunities to their learning that the day provides.

You've got Bottle

The Helping Hands team will be selling water bottles and hats this Friday morning and after school. Tables will be set up by the Halifax Road entrance, and may also be present near the Gordon Road entrance if sufficient volunteers are available.

"The Sun himself is weak when he first rises, and gathers strength and courage as the day gets on." (Charles Dickens)

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.



The Rosary - Come and Join Us

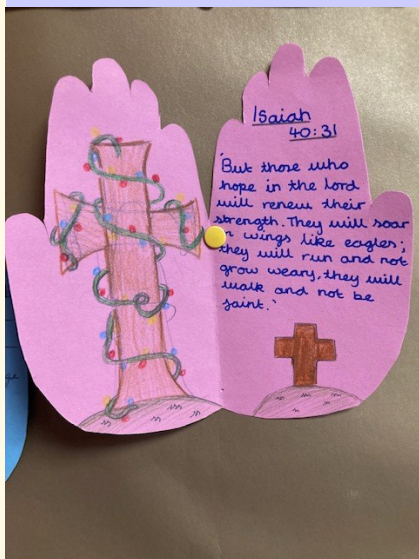
May is the month of the Rosary and we invite parents to come and share a decade of the Rosary with their children after school. We will pray this special devotion in our Rosary Garden at the heart of our school.

A rota is available on the school website so that you will know when it is your child's turn: 'news & events > Rosary'. The schedule for next week is:

The Joyful Mysteries

Tuesday 2nd May	The Annunciation	6OT
Wednesday 3rd May	The Visitation	6K
Thursday 4th May	The Nativity	6M
Friday 5th May	The Presentation in the Temple	4OS

The Rosary takes place at 3.30pm each day. Please enter the main hall from the junior playground and go through the doors on the right to our Rosary Garden.



Some lovely Year 4 Easter RE and artwork



Upcoming Dates

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

April

Mon 17th	School reopens for the summer term
Mon 24th	St George's Day Mass and activities
Tues 25th	1W Easter Liturgy
Weds 26th	1A Easter Liturgy
Thurs 27th	1DS Easter Liturgy
Fri 28th	Parent Governor nomination deadline

May

Weds 3rd	Coronation Tea Party and DJ
Thurs 4th	Year 5 to HYMB
Fri 5th	Year 5 to HYMB
Mon 8th	Additional Bank Holiday
Tues 9th	Year 6 Grammar and Spelling Tests
Weds 10th	Year 6 Reading Test
Thurs 11th	Year 6 Maths Test (Papers 1 & 2)
	Year 1 to Paradise Wildlife Park
Fri 12th	Year 6 Maths Test (Paper 3)
Mon 15th	Year 6 school journey (Norfolk)
Thurs 18th	Ascension Day Mass and liturgies
Fri 19th	Year 6 return 5.30pm
Tues 23rd	Class photographs
Weds 24th	First Communion Mass in school
Fri 26th	Half term starts

June

Mon 5th	School reopens
Tues 6th	Year 6 football team in Leeds
Thurs 8th	Corpus Christi liturgy and procession
Sun 11th	School Fair
Mon 12th	Year 1 phonics screening begins
Mon 19th	New Parents evening
Tues 20th	New starters in school
	Year 6 to Matilda (Cambridge Theatre)
Mon 26th	Sports Days this week
Thurs 29th	Mass for Ss Peter and Paul

July

Thurs 6th	Year 6 to secondary schools
Fri 7th	school closed - teacher training day
	Year 6 to secondary schools
Weds 12th	Year 6 perform Matilda
	Year 2 to Natural History Museum, Tring
Thurs 13th	Year 6 perform Matilda
Mon 17th	Debating Club to the Houses of Parliament
Thurs 20th	Leaver's Mass
Fri 21st	School Mass
	School closes for the summer break



Results of the most recent battle which took place over the Easter holidays.



Most Valuable players:

Year 2: Year 5 and 6:

5S: Franciska K, Eleanor N and Ansia M

5M: Zife Janice O, Isla W and Olivia R.

6OT: Jensia M, Tisch OO and Ellis G

6M: Niyolyn K, Tochi O and Christian CR

6K: Sorcha C

Highest scoring classes:

Year 2: 1st 2K, 2nd 2NS and 3rd 2B.

Year 3: 1st 3F, 2nd 3S and 3rd 3A

Year 4: 1st 4G, 4P and 3rd 4OS

Year 5/6: 1st 5S, 2nd 5M and 3rd 6OT

Congratulations to everyone who took part!

2K: Dominic S, Nana-Kofi O and Rosie CD.

2NS: Oscar S, Orla D and Jude T.

2B: William O and Erin M.

Year 3 and 4:

3F: Zuzanna B, Fiona C and Cressida N.

3S: Carissa S, Florence S and Emma W.

3A: Maya J, Helena AG and Daniel DG

4G: Petra T, Tiana P and Calista.

4P: Grace D, Zara O and Hannah J.

4OS: Sofia D, Justin W and Paolo W.

Bless You

Our school council regularly come up with some excellent ideas, and I very much look forward to meeting with them next week along with Miss Khalili and Miss Anderson, who organise the council each week.

A few years ago, the school council had a great idea - if each child brought to school a box of tissues, the class would never run out and it would save the school a lot of money.

The system is still in operation and, as our supplies have diminished, I am asking parents to honour the children's wishes and send a box of tissues to school with their child.

The school council did not specify that it had to be a particular standard of tissue, so an economy box would be as welcome as a 3-ply luxury brand!