



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

# School Newsletter

## Newsletter 9

Summer Term 2023

Thursday 29 June

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Deputy Heads: Mrs C McGivern  
Mrs S Hukowski  
Assistant Head: Mrs L Byfield  
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	CM
RW	Arunan, Marina
1A	Sebastian, Elliot
1DS	Leah, CM
1W	Sonari, Sophia T
2B	Ben, Kaiden
2K	Sophia S, Davyd
2NS	Oscar, Edith
3A	Leah, Georgia
3F	Noah, Zuzanna
3S	James, Sofia
4GC	CM
4OS	CM
4P	CM
5B	Max, Oliver
5M	Celeste, Akua
5S	Ansia, Gabriel
6K	Niah, Pedro, Ailish
6M	Isla, Connie, Ella, Saoirse
6OT	CM

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### Next Week in School

**Friday 30 June**

Reception Sports Day  
Year 5 attend Mass at Church 10am

**Monday 3 July**

Year 6 Book Look (am)  
Year 1 Book Look (pm)

**Tuesday 4 July**

Year 5 Book Look (am)  
Year 3 Book Look (pm)  
Year 4 RSE meeting 4pm

**Thursday 6 July**

Year 6 taster day at Enfield Secondary Schools

**Friday 7 July**

Teacher Training Day - school closed

Fr Timothy said what will be his last Mass for us at school this morning. I thank him for all he has done for our school in his time at our parish and wish him the best of luck at his new parish in Watford. On the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, he reminded us of what those great saints have in common, namely Faith, Love and Hope. He reminded us of the importance of that within our school community and told us that he sees faith, hope and love every time he enters our building.

I attended a conference last week (the first I have signed up for since before lockdown!) so apologies that no newsletter was distributed. It reminded me how these events provide an opportunity to step back and reflect on what is most special about our school, and that is the wonderful children, of course! They are such great ambassadors for St George's and all visitors to our school comment on how polite and hard-working they are. Last week, as regularly happens, a member of the public called us to compliment their behaviour while out on a visit. We are very proud of the children, and they are great credit to their families.

### New Starters

Thank you to those of you who attended our new parents meeting on Monday 19 July. We hope that you found the information useful and enjoyed meeting all those who will be involved in your child's first year at school.

### Lost Property

Please do have a good look through the lost property this afternoon as unclaimed items will be taken to Cancer Research Enfield tomorrow. We are thankful to Mrs Le Chene Jackson for organising this for us and for the charity.

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
(St. Paul) Feast Day of Ss Peter and Paul today*

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.



## Book Look

Each year we invite parents to come into school to spend some time with their children looking through their school books together. This quality time allows parents to see how the children have been doing in their class-work, see for themselves the children's strengths or any areas for development. This will allow parents the chance to support their children's learning in an even more informed way as they begin to prepare for moving up a year group in September. The Book Look sessions are:

### Monday 3 July

Year 6 all classes 9:10am

1A - 2pm, 1DS - 2:30pm, 1W - 3pm

### Tuesday 4 July

Year 5 all classes 9:10am

3A - 2pm, 3F - 2:30pm, 3S - 3pm

### Thursday 6 July

2B - 2pm, 2K - 2:30pm, 2NS - 3pm

### Tuesday 11 July\*

4GC - 2pm, 4OS - 2:30pm, 4P - 3pm

We look forward to welcoming parents on these dates.

You must **register your attendance in advance** via the school website (Parents' Information > Parent Forms'). Please do not turn up on the day as your child and their books will not be there for you! '

\* Please note the change of date due to NEU strike

## Upcoming Dates

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

### June

Fri 30th Reception Sports Day  
Year 5 attend Mass at Church 10am

### July

Mon 3rd Year 6 (am) Year 1 (pm) Book Looks  
Tues 4th Year 5 (am) Year 3 (pm) Book Looks  
Weds 5th events cancelled or postponed on this day  
Thurs 6th Year 6 to Enfield secondary schools  
Year 2 (pm) Book Look for parents  
Year 4 RSE meeting 4pm (online)  
Fri 7th School closed - teacher training day  
Mon 10th Reports to parents this week  
Happy School Bag collection  
Tues 11th Year 6 perform Matilda 2pm, 6:30pm  
Year 4 Book Look (pm)  
Weds 12th Year 6 perform Matilda 6:30pm  
Year 2 to Natural History Museum, Tring  
Full Governor Meeting  
Thurs 13th Year 5 Music festival at school with St Andrew's  
Year 1 Song Sack performance 2:50pm  
Fri 14th Summer Reading Challenge assembly  
Mon 17th Debating Club to the Houses of Parliament  
Tues 18th Disney Day  
Weds 19th Post-report parents consultations  
Choir singing in playground at home time  
Thurs 20th Leaver's Mass 10am  
Fri 21st School Mass  
School closes for the summer break 2pm

### September

Tues 5th Term begins  
Mon 18th Year 6 Secondary Transfer meeting 6pm

## Healthy Eating Week 2023

Last week we celebrated the British Nutrition Foundation's Healthy Eating Week. Throughout the week, the children were taught about the five main themes which were:

Focus on Fibre, Get at least 5 a Day, Vary your Protein, Stay Hydrated and Reduce Food Waste. The children had discussions around how to eat a balanced diet and how they could improve their daily habits to make sure they were keeping their bodies healthy. I was very impressed to see the children ensuring they were drinking plenty of water after learning how many glasses they should be drinking each day!

If you would like to find out more about the week or have a look at some of the work the British Nutrition Foundation does, there is lots of useful information on their website at [nutrition.org.uk](http://nutrition.org.uk)

Mrs Byfield

## Judaism

On Monday 19th June, we welcomed Rabbi Danny Rich from the Southgate Progressive Synagogue. Rabbi Danny delivered an assembly where

he prepared a 'lucky dip' box full of Jewish artefacts which the children eagerly chose from. The children had a great go at guessing what each artefact could be, including a menorah, tallit and gragger. He then explained the meaning of each one and spoke about his faith and what it means to be a Jewish man and a Rabbi. Following the assembly, the children completed activities related to what they had learnt. We learn about other faiths at St. George's because we wish to love our neighbour and respect and esteem his or her culture. By entering into a dialogue with people from other faiths, we also learn how to live peaceably with difference. It is also an important British value with regards to tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

Mrs McGivern





## Sports Days

We have enjoyed a wonderful week of Sports Days since Monday, when year 6 set the gold standard and have done a marvellous job of using their experience to assist at the subsequent events for the younger year groups. A massive thank you to Miss O'Toole for all the work she has done to organise these events, and particularly the recent changes that have resulted in the children being far more active and for parents to be able to enjoy their sporting endeavours for a longer period of time. I really enjoyed chatting to many parents on Tuesday and was delighted to hear how much you were enjoying the event. Those parents races were very competitive!

Yesterday, the decision was made to postpone the year 1 sports day scheduled for this afternoon. The forecast was for rain throughout the day, turning heavy in the afternoon. We do not take such decisions lightly and the last thing we want to do is to be forced to postpone at the last minute. That is the worst outcome for parents.

Unfortunately, as can happen with these dilemmas, the forecast has changed and the heavy rain has not materialised. We are very disappointed although it has rained and the ground is soggy and slippery, so not ideal conditions. The rearranged event will be on the morning of **Thursday 6 July**. Gates will open at 9:45am for a **10am** start.

## Disney Day

Each summer term we try to pick an imaginative topic for our children to study in their classes, often reflecting wider events or issues. This year, it is '100 Years of Disney.' This offers us a wealth of material from lovable stories to more challenging themes. We have designated Tuesday 18 July 'Disney Day' at school. Children are invited to wear their own clothes that reflect a Disney theme or topic. They can even dress up as a Disney character if they wish. However, as always, the last thing that we want is for parents to go to unnecessary expense as this is purely meant to be a fun day to round off enjoyable topic.

## Strike Days

The NEU has informed schools that it has called its members to strike on a further two days: Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July.

### Wednesday 5 July

I will inform parents, as on previous strike days, as soon as possible about the impact of the strike action, namely which classes will remain open.

The Year 5 taster day has been cancelled by the secondary schools, as has the science fair that was taking place that day at Chace Community School. I will inform year 5 parents in the usual way if classes are open.

The Breakfast and After School Clubs will operate for registered pupils who are at school on that day.

### Friday 7 July

School is closed to pupils as it is a teacher training day. If the training does not go ahead, there are no plans to reschedule this day. I know some parents have been concerned that another date in July would be chosen.

## School Reports

These will once again be distributed electronically on the following dates:

Monday 10 July	Reception
Tuesday 11 July	Years 3 & 5
Wednesday 12 July	Years 1 & 2
Thursday 13 July	Year 4
Friday 14 July	Year 6

We ask the children to complete their own report - a personal reflection on their year at school. It is an interesting and very important official document. On the above dates, the children will also bring paper copies of these home.

## Year 4 visit Forty Hall

Yesterday, we walked with all of Year 4 to Forty Hall. When we arrived, we explored a bit. Next we received an activity sheet with the alphabet on and for every letter you and your partner had to find something nature related beginning with that letter. A few moments later, we were on our nature walk completing the quiz, when we saw some farm animals! After we had finished our quiz and walk around Forty Hall, we went to have our lunch. Finally, we played some games and made our way back to school.

We had an extraordinary day and were extremely lucky!

*Georgina and Sienna 4GC*

