



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

School Newsletter 11

Autumn Term 2024

Thursday 23 November

Headteacher: Mr P O'Rourke
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.' There is even a special music merit! The following children have been chosen by their teachers (CM = Class Merit):

Class	Name of children
RG	Lika, George
RW	Sophie, Julia
1GS	Tymon, Adeeb
1W	Luke, Thomas
2B	Cian, Mia
2K	Kinga, Hazel
2DS	George, Lorenzo
3M	Starjoy, Isla
3OS	Jessica, Lucas
3S	Rory, Elisa
4A	Fiona, Clara
4P	Ethan, Rocco
4R	James, Christiano
5B	Cian, Evan
5CN	Hugo, Preston
5S	Petra, Katie
6C	Ilaria, Sebastian
6K	Alexander, Shane
6M	Joseph, Toby
Music	Azrae (1GS), Lovy (5B), Tilly (3S)

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Next Week in School

Tuesday 28 November
Spelling Bee Finals

Wednesday 29 November
Year 2 Carols 2pm* (please note time alteration)

Wednesday 30 November
Advent Spirituality Day
Year 2 Carols 2.45pm

Friday 1 December
RG Stay and Paly

Saturday 2 December
Christmas Fayre 12 noon

Next week is Catholic Social Teaching week in school. It is an area of our faith life and studies that we have promoted since our work with Caritas in 2017. It forms a lively element of both our RE curriculum and the school's faith life. Indeed our school is seen as something of a beacon for imaginative practice in this area. By focusing on what makes each and every one of us special (human dignity), community and participation, caring for creation, focusing on solidarity and peace, understanding the preferential option for the poor and the dignity of workers, the children are gaining an insight into how scripture can guide their lives and be meaningful and relevant in today's world. We look forward to sharing some of the children's work with you.

Parent Governor

The deadline for nominations for parent governor is tomorrow, **Friday 24 November** at noon.

Flu Vaccine

Thank you for everyone who completed the flu vaccine documentation for the immunisation that took place on Monday. Judging by the amount of stickers the children were wearing, I assume that there was a good take up this year!

Performances

Parents attending the nursery and reception nativities, the carol services in Years 2 and 3, the Year 4 Liturgies and the Year 5 production 'Bethlehem - The Musical' will need to book seats on the school website. There will be the usual limit of two tickets per family so that we stay within safe capacity limits. We are requesting a £3 donation per ticket and this is payable on ParentPay. You will not need to book tickets for the Year 1 Liturgy and the Year 6 Carol service, as these will take place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. George's church and there is no allocated seating. Bookings can be made via the school website: 'News and Events—Christmas 2023'. Please refer to the school website for any updates.

'The Lord says: it is not important to me that you do this or that, it is important to me that the orphan is cared for, that the widow is cared for, that the outcast person is heard, that creation is protected. This is the Kingdom of God! (Pope Francis, 2014)

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.



Courtyard

We are currently developing the area that we often use for admitting parents into school for performances, and for dismissing children following clubs. Accessed via the Gordon Road gate and following the walkway past the year 5 classrooms, the area is convenient but undeveloped. As it forms the shape of a courtyard, we are improving it so that it has a clearer identity and provides a nicer experience for waiting parents.

From now on, the entrance will be known as The Courtyard.

To improve the area, we want to add some interest and colour with flowers, etc. If any parents have surplus flowers/ planters that they would consider donating to the school, please contact me via the school office.

Nursery Admissions

We are now accepting applications from the parents of children who reach their 3rd birthday between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024 for our Nursery.

Parents/carers need to complete our application document:

A supplementary information form (obtainable from and returnable to the school).

A certificate of Catholic Practice (obtained from the parish, return to the school) should also be provided if you are a practising Catholic family. Please supply your child's original Baptismal Certificate if applicable. Closing date for applications: 15th January 2024.

To book a place on our **open afternoon** on **Wednesday 13 December**, please visit the school website 'School information > nursery' or call 020 8363 3729

Class Act

The Class Act auditions, held by the Make Believe Theatre Company, were absolutely brilliant. Huge congratulations to all those children throughout the school who showed immense talent and bravery at the event last Tuesday. There was a wide variety of talents on show, including songs and tunes that were written by the children themselves. Well done to:

Aleeyah, Apollonia, Arti, Athaliah, Avery, Ayva, Azhahinii, Callyanne, Cressida, Eleanor, Ella, Elodie, Emily, Erin, Ettiene, Fiona, Gracie, Isla G, Isla K, Jack, Julieta, Kliodhna, Leah, Leon, Lily, Mairead & Roisin, Maria, Mega, Mia C, Mia I, Mia K, Moses, Niall, Niamh, Noah, Nyapollo & Theo, Orlaith, Robyn, Sienna, Sophia, Starjoy, Tallula, Theo, Tian, Valentina, VICTORIA, Ysabelle, Zoe.

Congratulations to Mia I, Callyanne, Mairead & Roisin, and Nyapollo & Theo who will be performing at the Millfoeld Theatre with winners from other schools on Saturday 27 January.

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

Fri 24th Parent Governor nomination deadline
Tues 28th Spelling Bee finals
Weds 29th Year 2 Carol Service 2pm (Main Hall)
Thurs 30th Year 2 Carol Service 2.45pm (Main Hall)
Advent Spirituality Day

December

Fri 1st Own Clothes day— £1 donation please
Christmas decoration competition deadline
RG Stay and Play

Sat 2nd Helping Hands Christmas Fayre
Mon 4th Year 6 Advent reconciliation
Tues 5th Reception Nativity 9.45am (Main Hall)
Year 5 Advent reconciliation
Year 3 Carol Service 2.45pm (Main Hall)
Reception Nativity 9.45am (Main Hall)
Lights of Love (Choir) 6.30pm

Weds 6th Year 3 Carol Service 2.45pm (Main Hall)
Thurs 7th Nursery Nativity 2.30pm (New Hall)

Fri 8th Year 4 Advent reconciliation
Mon 11th 4A Advent liturgy 9.30am (New Hall)
School open afternoon for prospective Reception parents

Tues 12th Year 1 Christmas liturgy 10am (Church)
Christmas lunch:

Weds 13th Year 5 Production 2:15pm (Main Hall)*
School open afternoon at 2:00pm for prospective Nursery parents.

Thurs 14th 4P Advent liturgy (New Hall)
Year 5 Production 2:15pm (Main Hall)
Fri 15th 4R Advent liturgy 9.30am (New Hall)
RW Stay & Play

Mon 18th Year 6 Carol Service 2pm (Church)
Tues 19th End of term Mass

Christmas Jumper Day
Class parties
Weds 20th School closes for Christmas 2pm

January

Mon 8th School reopens for the Spring Term
Tues 9th School Mass and KS1 liturgy
Weds 10th School open afternoon 2pm
Weds 31st Young Voices concert (O2 Arena)

February

Fri 2nd Mass at School (Candlemas)
Tues 6th Girl's football
Thurs 8th Primary Maths Challenge (Guildhall)

Admissions

If you, a friend or a family member have a child ready to start school next September, applications are now open and all the relevant information is on our school website: 'school information > admission > admissions 2024'. We held a very well attended open afternoon yesterday, with our year 6 children proving themselves to be fantastic tour guides for our prospective parents. The next open afternoon will be held at **2pm** on **Monday 11 December**. Booking can be made via the website homepage.

Building Fund

A huge thank you to those parents who have contributed to our school building fund. If you have not already done so, the suggested contribution is £15 per term, £45 per year, payable on ParentPay. More information can be found on the school website 'school information > governors > school building fund.'

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION COMPETITION

Design a decoration to hang on our school Christmas Tree and help to raise money for Art supplies in school.

Entries to be clearly labelled with NAME and CLASS and handed into Mrs Bedbrough (2B) by Friday 1st December 2023.

Winners to be announced before the end of term in assembly. Prizes to be won for winning entries.

Enjoy getting festive and creative!

£1 to enter on Parent Pay



Our Mission this week is:



Think of ways in which you can show that you are the 'hands, eyes, feet and body of Jesus'.

*For example: smile, don't leave anyone out,
use kind hands and words.*



Beyond Walls
by Saype

Spelling Bee

On Tuesday, the ETSP Spelling Bee semi-finals took place and we were proud to enter three teams from Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. Each team consists of four members, two from each year group being represented. Each match saw us competing against three other schools from the Enfield Town School Partnership.

First to compete were our youngest competitors, who performed admirably and were narrowly beaten by St Andrews. Although they were disappointed, they were justifiably proud of their performance.

Next up were our year 3/4 team who, after a near-faultless display, won their round and will represent the school in the finals next week.

Finally, in the afternoon, it was the turn of our oldest children, and what tough words they were required to spell. I am delighted to inform you that they were also victorious, beating off the competition from three other schools to also earn their place in next week's finals.

A huge thank you to all children who took part in their class and year group heats, and well done to all those who represented our school this week. The very best of luck to our finalists!



The Green Team and Green Patrol

The Green Team and Green Patrol will be holding their first stall at the Christmas Fayre. All of the decorations and gifts are eco friendly and recyclable and money raised will go towards Asthma and Lung UK and Cafod. If you are a parent of a child in this team and would like to help out with your child at the stall, please contact the school office F.A.O Mrs McGivern with your availability. Mrs McGivern will then send out a message when we have enough adults to help run the stall. Thank you in advance for your support.

Little Owl's Music

Come and join Ben our music teacher and Oakley the Owl
for our brand-new toddler music and movement class.



Little Owl's Music is packed with age-appropriate singing, action songs, puppets instruments and bubbles! Our classes will introduce your toddler to fun and educational themes such as animals, transport, the weather, using nursery rhymes, props and action songs to get everyone involved!

Sessions will be held every Wednesday 2:30pm-3:15pm
in the New Hall (Scout Hut-via the Halifax Road entrance)

For more information see www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk (Parents' information)

Sessions cost £7 (£5 for second child) Book a block of 3 lessons £21 29th Nov-13th Dec

Sessions are appropriate for confident walkers -3 year olds

Important information

Sessions are appropriate for confident walkers -3 year olds
Parents will need to accompany their child at all times
Parking available on side roads near to school entrance on Halifax Road.
Gates will open at 2:25pm
We will provide all the equipment you need for your class.
Please remove your shoes before sitting on the mats
Please make Ben aware if your child has any additional medical needs

Booking information

Bookings for the first block will be exclusively for current parents at St George's school. We will open classes out to the wider community in the new year
Places are limited and will be reserved on a first come first served basis.
Payment must be made via ParentPay. Your place will only be reserved once we have received payment in full.
Unfortunately, we are unable to provide refunds for any cancelled sessions. Payment will be taken in advance for the 4 week block in full.



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Administration Officer

Salary: Scale 5 (12-17)
Hours: 8:30am – 4:30pm (Monday to Thursday), 8:15am to 4:15pm (Friday)
Contract: Fixed Term for 1 Year
Required for January 2024

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The governors of our successful and popular Catholic primary school are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed Administration Officer to join our friendly staff and ensure that our children can work in a supportive and safe environment.

The successful candidate will take responsibility for key administrative tasks including:

- Front of house reception duties
- Providing supportive communication with parents and other agencies by phone and email
- Welcoming and directing visitors
- Ordering supplies
- Managing attendance registers and associated tasks

as well as provide exceptional administration support for the wider school community.

The successful candidate will be:

- Someone with proven clerical and administrative experience, ideally in a school.
- An excellent communicator, both verbally and in writing.
- Able to collaborate with teaching staff, parents and external stakeholders to foster a positive and supportive school environment
- Proficient in dealing with confidential and sensitive issues in person and by telephone
- Able to prioritise to ensure that deadlines are met, whilst working under pressure.
- Have high standards.
- Committed to making a positive difference to children's lives.

Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged. Please download an application pack from our website <http://www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk>, or contact Julie Jones-Owen, Business Manager on 0208 363 3729 for further information.

Closing Date: Monday 4 December 2023

St George's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils and an Enhanced Level DBS Disclosure will be required for appointment to this post.