



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

School Newsletter Newsletter 12

Autumn Term 2024

Thursday 30 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	Amelia & Zakhar
RW	Freddie & Balthazar
1GS	Amara & Mia
1W	Luisa & Celine
2B	Ella & Tallulah
2K	Oliver & Ataliah
2DS	Pia & Sara
3M	Olivia & Finn
3OS	Rosie & Onochie
3S	Jaxon & Anna
4A	Zuzanna & Rory
4P	Flora & Flynn
4R	Nina-Sophia, CM
5B	Ava & Kaliyah
5CN	Rian & Anaya
5S	Grace & Lila
6C	Amelia & Piero
6K	Akua & David
6M	Ciaran & Luca
Music	

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Next Week in School

Friday 1 December

RG Stay and Paly
Own clothes day £1

Saturday 2 December

Christmas Fayre 12 noon

Monday 4 December

Year 6 reconciliation

Tuesday 5 December

RG Nativity

Year 5 reconciliation

Year 3 Carol singing (Main Hall) 2.45pm

Wednesday 6 December

RW Nativity

Choir at 'Lights of Love' 6.30pm

Governors meeting

Thursday 7 December

Year 3 Carol singing (Main Hall) 2.45pm

Friday 8 December

Nursery Nativity (New Hall) 2.30pm

Year 4 reconciliation

Today is our Advent Spirituality Day, where we focus our learning specifically on the faith life of our school prior to the first Sunday in Advent this weekend. Spirituality Days have become a feature of our school year and there are always imaginative and creative ways of expressing our faith in a joyful way, and this time I am particularly looking forward to the Advent Angels! This is in addition to the regularity with which we observe the liturgical year, and more information can be found on the 'About Us' section of the school website.

The first week of Advent guides us to reflect on hope, expressing our desire for things to get better, in the wider world and for our children. Also, as Advent begins, our minds naturally turn to Christmas preparations, getting ready for this special day. But Advent asks us to prepare in a different way, of stopping the busyness, even for a short while, to prepare for the coming of Jesus into our lives at this special time. So, stop, even just long enough to light a candle, and say a short prayer of hope: hope for our children, hope for our families, hope for our world.

Help!

We always welcome and value the great support from parents and grandparents who came to help in school with reading, working with small groups of children and generally offering classroom support to our staff. If you can give any time at all and this is something you would enjoy doing, please contact the school office. Any support offered is appreciated!

'Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return.' (Pope Francis)

For those of you who drive your children to school, please:

- **Drive carefully** on the roads surrounding school
- **Park considerately** 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.



Fantastic Gymnastics

On Tuesday our KS1 gymnastics squad took part in a Borough-wide competition and placed 3rd out of 15 schools! Then the LKS2 squad competed yesterday and they also placed 3rd out of 15 schools. What a great result!

The children were absolutely amazing and were such a credit to our school.

Mrs Cattini



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.'

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

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

Thurs 7th Year 3 Carol Service 2.45pm (Main Hall)

Fri 8th Nursery Nativity 2.30pm (New Hall)

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)

Spelling Bee

Last 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 from Year 5/6. After winning their matches against three other schools, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 earned the right to represent the school at the finals this week. Although we couldn't quite beat off the opposition this time, the competition was fierce and our children were fantastic. We are so proud of all of the efforts of all the teams and hope the children in the finals enjoyed the well-earned experience. Our finalists were: Orla, Daniel (Year 3),



Oscar, Ethan (Year 4), Dylan, Nyapollo (Year 5), and Kian and Ricardo (Year 6).



Enfield Town
Schools' Partnership

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 Bedborough (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



Listening to Your Local Community

It's important to **listen** to the people you are trying to help.

Why do you think this is the case?

Our Mission is:

What could you and our school do to make the people in our community feel more loved?

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 last week, 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.

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 nursery **open afternoon on Wednesday 13 December**, please visit the school website 'School information > nursery' or call 020 8363 3729.

ART CLUB

**STARTING AFTER
CHRISTMAS ON
TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30**

To book a place, please contact Heather by email with your child's name, year group and school.

Available to all children in years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The cost for the 6-week half term is £60.



Email: Art-School@outlook.com



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 2 lessons **£14** 6th Dec-13th Dec

Sessions are appropriate for confident walkers -3 year olds

Little Owls

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.

DS @ ST GEORGES

LUNCH TIME DANCE CLUB



WEDNESDAYS

12.00-12.30PM (KS2)

12.30-1.00PM (KS1)

AUTUMN TERM
20TH SEPT -
6TH DEC 2023

ALL SCHOOL YEARS
11 WEEK TERM

£71.50
PER TERM

DS uniforms

PURCHASE ONLINE.

BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE

www.dancestables.co.uk

EMAIL US

ds.team@dancestables.co.uk



**DANCE
STABLES**



Year 4 Educational Walk-about:

To town and back again.

Last week, year 4 went on a beautiful walk from our school to Enfield Town Park because our topic is Settlements and we are learning about land use. We looked for residential, transport, commercial and agricultural land. We had a really great time with our groups. We had a clip-board with a map; on the map was a purple line which we had check that we were following; we also had a camera so we could take photos of what we saw. We enjoyed looking at the Roman sundial clock, the memorial - especially seeing the flowers around it and visiting the park with the stream nearby which was so long. It was a lovely walk.

Pinidi and Jack 4A



Caritas Advent Giving Calendar

This year, we invite the children to bring in one or more of the gifts below as part of the Advent Giving Calendar. All donations will go to St. Monica's Foodbank, who help support nearly 600 families. The gifts will be collated and made into a hamper and presented to families in need before Christmas day. We led an assembly on the Advent Giving calendar last week and many of the children have also learnt about this social action project as part of this week's learning dedicated to the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Preferential Option for the Poor. Please note that you can bring in the below gifts on any day before the end of the school term, not just on the dates listed below. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are in need. Speak up and be fair; defend the rights of the poor and needy." Proverbs 31: 8-9





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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

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

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.