



St George's School News

A TIME TO FULFILL OUR ASPIRATIONS

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have had a good start to the New Year and have settled back to school routines.

We have had two wonderful assemblies - Laudato Si and Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Thank you class 6B and class 3OS.

New Year is a great opportunity to fulfil our aspirations. Raising standards in Religious Education is a key objective for our school this year. We are working with Sister Judith Russi from Educarem to review our lesson planning content. Our aim is to have more challenges for pupils, giving them the opportunity to ask "Big Questions", to expose the children to more scripture and consider what their actions will be to live out the mission.

As a Catholic school we work to give pupils the qualities they need to flourish in society. Our aim is to develop pupils' characters, so that they reflect wisely, learn eagerly, behave with integrity and co-operate consistently well with others.

This week we had a visit from the Diocesan Advisor for RE. She carried out a learning walk with Mrs Ryan, RE leader, with a focus on collective worship in the classroom. St George's pupils showed that they are able to celebrate The Word with respect and that

they are able to create a spiritually enriching experience for all participants.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my thanks and appreciation to you all; children, parents and staff, for the accomplishments and achievements of last year.

I look forward to sustaining and building upon our strong home/school relationship as we continue to work together in 2024.

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Monaghan'.

Mrs D Monaghan
Headteacher



In the first month of the New Year, we join the Holy Father in praying for “a world of greater solidarity, justice and peace.”



PUPIL ATTENDANCE - TARGET 95+%

Please ensure all children are in school every day and on time to maximise their chances of reaching their full potential. The junior and infant gates close at 8.55am every morning, and all children arriving after this time are marked late.

All appointments for children should be made outside of the school day if possible, so that their learning is not disturbed. If your child has a hospital appointment, please bring in a copy of the letter so that we can scan this onto your child’s record.

Well done to class 3M for having the best attendance for the autumn term - 97.7%, closely followed by class 4M with 96.5% .

The class with the least number of lates was 1N who only had 3 lates in the term.



BRILLIANT PARENTS – February 2024

Parent Support Programmes for the London Borough of Brent, Harrow & Hammersmith and Fulham

S/N	PROGRAMME TITLE	WHO IS IT FOR	DELIVERY DATE	BOROUGH/TIME	LOCATION
1.	Dealing with Disobedience	Parents/Carers with 2–11-year-olds	Friday 2 nd February 2024	Harrow 10-12noon	Whitchurch Primary & Nursery School
2.	Managing Fighting & Aggression	Parents/Carers with 2–11-year-olds	Monday 5 th February 2024	Brent/H&F/Harrow 10-12noon	Zoom
3.	Developing Good Bedtime Routines	Parents/Carers with 2–10-year-olds	Monday 5 th February 2024	Brent/H&F/Harrow 6-8pm	Zoom
4.	Coping with Teenagers’ Emotions	Parents/Carers with Teens (11+)	Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Brent/H&F/Harrow 10-12noon	Zoom
5.	Building Teenagers’ Survival Skills	Parents/Carers with Teens (11+)	Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Brent/H&F/Harrow 6-8pm	Zoom
6.	Managing Fighting & Aggression	Parents/Carers with 2–11-year-olds	Friday 9 th February 2024	Harrow 10-12noon	Pinner Park Primary School
7.	Building Teenagers’ Survival Skills	Parents/Carers with Teens (11+)	Friday 23 rd February 2024	Harrow 10-12noon	Avanti House Secondary
8.	Dealing with Disobedience	Parents/Carers with 2–10-year-olds	Monday 26 th February 2024	Brent/H&F/Harrow 10-12noon	Zoom
9.	Getting Teenagers to Cooperate	Parents/Carers with Teens (11+)	Tuesday 27 th February 2024	Brent/H&F/Harrow 10-12noon	Zoom

To register for **any** or **all** the Discussion Groups, kindly complete and submit **both** the registration form and parenting experience survey at these links:

- <https://www.brilliantparents.org/brilliant-parents-bl-registration-form/>
- <https://www.brilliantparents.org/triple-p-parenting-experience-survey/>

PARENTS AND STAFF ASSOCIATION

Dates for your Dairy

FEBRUARY

Valentines Disco – 2nd February

MARCH

Quiz Night – 22nd March

Bend the Rules – 22nd March

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt – 19th April

St George's Picnic – 23rd April

MAY

Spring Disco – 17th May

JULY

Summer Fair – 6th July

St. George's School PSA

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY CURRENT PUPILS
ARE PERMITTED TO THIS EVENT.

Licensed bar
Adults ONLY

Valentines Family Disco

Friday 2nd February
6:30pm to 8:00pm
Venue: School Hall

Entry £5 per person or
£15 for four people
(payment to be made by ParentPay)

Children must be accompanied by a paying adult

Entry is limited to 250 people. Book early to avoid disappointment

This event is open to all pupils and parents of St. George's School. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there. We will need a minimum number of parents to help with this event to ensure safety. All proceeds go towards PSA fundraising. Registered Charity No.: 1168122.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVs

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins is a technology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a tech pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.



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On-line Workshop

Positive Discipline

A 2-hour workshop for all parents /carers of children aged 3-11yrs

Date: Monday 26th February 2024

Time: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Venue: On-line via ZOOM

Cost: £13.00/£5.00 concession (with proof)

Price is per parent/carer living in London



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HOPE

Helping Families to Live and Learn Together

It can be challenging when our children decide they want things their own way. We will look at parenting our children with respect, making sure it's consistent and firm but fair, ensuring we create a long lasting positive relationship.

Topics include:

Understanding the needs behind behaviour – Why children do what they do?

How to provide warmth and structure even when struggling with challenging behaviours

Increasing Self-Esteem & Confidence

Promoting mutual respect

Strategies to reverse unacceptable behaviour

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TO ENROL



On-line Workshop

Understanding Teen Stress workshop

A workshop for all parents/carers of children aged 12yrs plus

Date: Monday 4th March 2024

Time: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Venue: On-line via ZOOM

Cost: Per Parent/Carer

£13.00/£5.00 concession (with proof)



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This 2-hour workshop will help you discover the key insights that will help you to support your Teen(s) through the challenges of stress.

You will gain valuable knowledge and practical tools to navigate the complexities of teen stress.

Topics include:

- Unravelling the source of Teen stress
- Recognising the signs and symptoms of stress
- Strategies for effective stress management
- Building resilience in our teens and fostering emotional well-being
- Strengthening Parent-Teen communication

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

- Fri 02** - Valentines Disco (PSA Event)
Tues 06 - Parents Evening
Wed 07 - Parents Evening for 4M only
Thurs 08 - Parents Evening
Fri 09 - 2MI Class Assembly
Fri 09 - Author Visit (Banji Alexander)

MON 12 - FRI 16 HALF TERM

MARCH

- Fri 08** - Year 6 Junior Citizenship Scheme
Thurs 14 - RL Class Assembly
Wed 20 - 1P Class Assembly
Fri 22 - PSA Bend the Rules Day
Thurs 28 - **LAST DAY OF TERM—EARLY FINISH**

On the last day of term, children finish at the following times:

- 1.10pm** Reception
1.15pm Year 1 & Year 2
1:25pm Year 3 & Year 4
1:30pm Year 5 & Year 6
4:45pm After School Club

Please be aware that there may occasionally be a change to dates due to circumstances beyond our control

MEET

Banji Alexander

AUTHOR OF
LOCKDOWN LOOMS
REGGIE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

AS SEEN ON:


**FRI
9TH FEB**



VISIT: WWW.LOCKDOWNLOOMS.COM

CELEBRATED AUTHOR, BANJI ALEXANDER WILL BE VISITING OUR SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 9TH FEB, TO TALK ABOUT HIS VERY SPECIAL BOOK AND TO SIGN COPIES!
WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR HIM?

PRE-ORDER BOOKS VIA THE SCHOOL, FOR £10!



CONTACT DETAILS

If you have recently changed any of your contact details (address, mobile number or email address) please send an email to: office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk so that we can update your child's record.

It is important that we have up to date information in case we need to contact a parent if their child is unwell.

Also, our message service through SchoolPing uses parent's mobile numbers to send any correspondence.

Thank you.

HEADTEACHER'S DROP IN SESSION—EVERY FRIDAY AT 2.45PM

This is a time when the Headteacher is available if you want to discuss any matters.

Mrs Monaghan is also available at other times if you wish to make an appointment through the School Office.