



# St George's School News

## *New Academic Year 2023-2024*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year.

The children have settled quickly into the routines of school and they especially enjoy being back together again.

You will hear more about year group expectations and the curriculum at "Meet The Teacher" sessions next week. Homework will start next week also.

A special welcome to our new Reception children and parents, and to new families joining our school community.

We have received the draft Ofsted report. It has been returned to Ofsted for verification and as soon as I receive the final report, which I expect to be very soon, I will then be at liberty to share it with you.

This year our primary focus will be the Religious Education (R.E.) curriculum and The Catholic Life of our school. Mrs Laura Ryan (Year 5 teacher) has been appointed as R.E. Leader.

In a Catholic school, the taught curriculum can never be the pupils' entire experience. God calls parents and teachers to a special role in forming young people. We can enable children to discover that they too are called to a unique

combination of love and work, derived from their life as children of Jesus Christ. The deep experience we offer children is designed to make them flourish as individuals.

I look forward to working together with you as a community for the good of the children so that they can be happy, achieve and flourish.

Enjoy the weekend and the remainder of the good weather.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs D Monaghan  
**Headteacher**



Pope Francis September Intention – For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

### ZERO TOLERANCE TO RACISM

The school does not tolerate and will challenge racist behaviour. This includes name calling, 'jokes' or other derogatory comments.

It is our duty as adults to educate our children about tolerance and acceptance of others so that they can co-exist together as they grow up in our diverse city.



A very warm welcome to our new Reception class and to all new parents and children to our school.

### Medicines in school

There are strict guidelines the school must follow regarding the administration of medicines in school.

Pupils are NOT permitted to have ANY medication on their person.

If parents deem it fit, under GP guidance, for their child to be administered medication in school, then the appropriate form regarding permission and parental responsibility should be completed. This is available from the School Office.

### PE DAYS

Earrings should be removed or covered with plasters on PE days.

Please note that children are not allowed to wear necklaces on any day to school.

### READING RECORDS

Reading Records are a vital communication tool between parents and teachers and they need to be signed each evening and in school daily.

Pupils will be bringing home a reading book and parents should communicate with the class teacher regarding their child's reading aloud and sign or write a comment in their Reading Record.

Additionally, whenever you read with your child, it is important to ask questions about characters' feelings:- why do authors use certain words to create effect? New vocabulary should be explained so children can understand the meaning in context.

Reading Records are to be used to let the teacher know if there are any changes to pick up arrangements or to communicate a well-being note or provide an absence explanation.

### CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please inform the School Office by email on [office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk) if you change any of your contact details, including home, work or mobile numbers or email address.

Thank you.



A Macmillan Coffee morning will be held on Friday 29th September at 9.00am in the Small Hall.

We welcome any donations of cakes/biscuits (containing no nuts please) which should be brought to the hall on the morning

Thank you for coming along and supporting this worthy cause.

## SCHOOL TERM DATES

Please adhere to the school term dates (copy available on the school website) when booking any holidays or family events during the school year.

Any holiday leave requested will be unauthorised, as holidays or travelling for family occasions **cannot** be seen as exceptional leave.

We closely monitor any absences in the first and last week of each term and compare this to the previous year's attendance for the same period. Fines will be issued if persistent absence is noted.

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

To celebrate a child's birthday, parents are invited to purchase a book for the class library which will be labelled appropriately with their child's details.

Children are not allowed to bring in sweets or cakes to be distributed to the children in their class.



Congratulations to Miss McConnellogue & her partner Clifford on the birth of their son, Oliver.

## Note to Year 5 & Year 6 Parents

RE: References for Independent and 11+ schools.

The school does not supply individual references for pupils for these transfers.

Parents are asked to submit their child's most recent summer Annual Report as a reference.

Thank you



Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Pawlowski on the birth of their daughter, Emilia.

## Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding RAAC and its use in schools.

The DFE has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC.

We are not currently affected.

A survey completed by DHP (our facilities provider for the school premises), has not found RAAC in the building; therefore we will continue to function as normal.

## MORNING BREAKTIME

Morning breaktime snack is fruit or vegetables only.

All pupils must have their own water bottle in school labelled with their name.

## E-Scooters on School Premises

Students, parents and guardians are reminded NOT to ride electric scooters or e-bikes on the school run as their use in public is illegal unless they are part of a government scheme.

They should never be used, stored, or charged on the school premises.

## PARENTS AND STAFF ASSOCIATION

The Parents and Staff Association at St George's raises important money to allow the school to give our children skills, opportunities and fun that would not be possible though the funding given by the Government. All parents become members when their child joins our school.

Helping the school raise this money is not a chore but a rewarding activity that strengthens the community we are all part of.

Current members of the PSA have said joining the PSA helped them make new friends, boosted their self-confidence and the pleasure of doing something positive for their community was personally very rewarding. The easiest way to help is to become a PSA Representative for your child's class.

The PSA look forward to seeing you all at the first meeting of the new school year, the Annual General Meeting, on Tuesday 19th September at 7pm in the school.

On Thursday 5th October the PSA would like to invite new Reception parents to join them at 2.30pm for coffee and biscuits to welcome them to St George's.

Finally, following the enormous success of our Summer Fair in July, the PSA would like to extend our thanks to the following local businesses for their generosity in donating raffle prizes and auction items:-

Raffle Prizes: Francis Henry at Daniels Estate Agents, GSL Ltd (Bernie McLaughlin), O'Leary Family, S.E.T Building Ltd (Brian Logan) Alex's Hairdressers, Just Fly Business Ltd, Nico Dymek- Year 1, Bord Bia- The Irish Food Board (Fiona Murphy), Solas Reflexology, Harrow Fencing, Favilli Family, Bookers, The Grove, Sundarban Curry House, Paolos Restaurant, J Coffey, Paul Fitzgerald, Michael Barbers, The Glen and Nisa Local.

Auction Donations: Dipak (MOT), Oana Frighenciu (Spring Cleaning Ltd) Christine Botros (FunDrawP Club) Lauren O'Neill (Aesthetics) Sudbury Golf Club, Isabelle Sagra (Respira Yoga), Warren Patterson ( Arsenal football), Bushra (Self Defence), British Gas (Hive), Chris Wheeler( Crown Inn), Julie Aesthetics (Julie O'Sullivan), Harrow School (gym), Bill Gibbons (LNER football camp), Sheena Pradhan (Toy Shop Experience), Paul Fitzgerald (football coaching), Paulina (BTPS Engineers Ltd), Elvis Guttering, J Coffey (Rugby shirts), Bookers (alcohol) and Paul Murphy (MP Moran) – Arsenal tickets.

A special word of thanks to Bernie McLaughlin (GSL Ltd) for providing the fencing and toilets, Natalie McDaid (J&J Transport Ltd) for providing a skip and Mleczko supermarket for donating food for the Polish BBQ stall.

We look forward to doing it all again next year!

### Parent Workshop

All parents are invited to a Parent Workshop on Tuesday 26th September at 9am in the Small Hall with Rhiannon Cassidy, our Education Mental Health Practitioner, regarding supporting children with boundary setting around screen time.

The workshop will provide parents with an opportunity to share any concerns they have around electronic devices and consider ways to support their child manage these habits.

The workshop will look at important things to consider with electronic devices to keep your child safe online, boundary setting and routines, as well as some relaxation strategies for everyone in the family to make the most of.

The workshop will last around 50 minutes; tea and coffee will be provided.

# MAYOR OF LONDON

## Frequently Asked Questions – Mayor’s Universal Free School Meals Programme

### 1. What is the Mayor’s expansion of universal free school meals?

Currently the Government provides universal free school meals to all infants and to some older children that meet a strict eligibility criteria. The Mayor’s funding aims to expand free school meals so that every child in a state London primary school will have the offer of a free lunch.

### 2. Why is the Mayor providing universal free school meals?

Families across London are desperately struggling with the spiralling cost of living and are in urgent need of more support. City Hall has repeatedly called for the Government to provide universal free school meals to help already stretched families, but they have simply failed to act. That’s why, in light of the growing pressures on families, the Mayor is providing this emergency one-year funding.

### 3. Who is eligible for these universal free school meals?

It is proposed that the Mayor’s programme is consistent with the Government’s existing funding of Universal Infant Free School Meals and will cover pupils in state-funded primary schools, special schools and pupil referral units, including faith schools.

### 4. How do I get a free school meal for my child? Do I need to register?

Your primary school children will automatically be enrolled to receive a free school meal for the 2023/24 academic year. Your school will be in touch to ask for the information they need to plan the number of meals they need to prepare.

It’s really important that you still complete your school or borough’s registration form in case your child’s is eligible for extra funding for their school from the Government, worth £1,300 per year.

Those parents whose children already qualify for free school meals under the Government’s existing offer must also continue to apply for FSM as before.

### 5. What are the benefits of providing universal free school meals?

Extending free school meals to children who do not currently receive it, potentially saves families up to £440 across the year. Providing universal free school meals also removes the stigma associated with means-testing and helps improve take-up overall.

Food insecurity affects children’s wellbeing, with children from families experiencing food insecurity more likely to suffer poor mental health. Without a healthy school lunch, children struggle to concentrate and learn in the classroom. A free school meal will help all children to reach their potential.

### 6. What types of meals are provided under this initiative?

Like with other free school meals, schools are expected to provide nutritious and balanced meals to children. The meals should meet the Government’s food standards, which ensure that children receive a variety of food groups and essential nutrients.

### 7. What about children with specific dietary requirements?

Please inform the school if your child has any specific dietary requirements, so appropriate arrangements can be made for their meals.

### 8. I would prefer to send a packed lunch for my child. Can I still do this?

We hope you will take up the offer of support to your family but you will still be able to send a packed lunch for your child if you would prefer. Policies on packed lunches are set by individual schools.

### 9. Where can I find more information?

The Mayor has set up an online families hub with all of the information you need: <https://www.london.gov.uk/free-school-meals> You can also directly contact your school for information.

**HARROW HIGH SCHOOLS' OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS – 2023/24**

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| Avanti House                  | Open Evening – Wednesday 27 September 2023<br>5.00pm – 8.30pm<br>Open Mornings – Monday 25 September to Thursday 28 September 2023<br>from 9.30am by appointment with the school   |
| Bentley Wood High School      | Open Evening – Thursday 14 September 2023<br>6.30pm – 9.00pm<br>Open Mornings - Friday 15 September 2023 – 11.15am to 12.15pm<br>Monday 18 September – Friday 22 September 2023<br>9.00am – 12.00 noon   |
| Canons High School            | Open Evening Wednesday 4 October 6-8.30pm<br>Open Mornings – Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 October<br>9-10am  |
| Harrow High School            | Open Evening – Wednesday 20 September 2023<br>6.30pm<br>Open Morning Tours from 10am on Thursday 21 & Friday 22 September 2023<br>(by appointment – please contact the school)   |
| Hatch End High School         | Open Evening – Tuesday 26 September 2023<br>5.30pm – 8.30pm<br>Open Mornings – Thursday 28 September and Friday 29 September 2023<br>9.15am – 10.30am  |
| Nower Hill High School        | Open Mornings – All week Monday 26 September to Friday 29 October 2023<br>Information, presentations and tours for parents/carers and children to see the school in the normal working day commence at 9.00am and finish at 11.00am each day. Places for any of the five Open Mornings can be booked via the link on the school website from the start of September.<br>Confirmation of your Open Morning booking will be emailed by return. |
| Park High School              | Open Evening – Thursday 21 September 2023<br>6.00pm – 8.00pm (last admission 7.30pm)<br>Open Mornings – Tuesday 26 September – Thursday 28 September 2023<br>9.00am – 10.15am (by appointment – please contact the school)   |
| Pinner High School            | Open Day/Evening – Thursday 5 October 2023<br>9.00am, 10.00am, 4.30pm, 6.30pm<br>Information, presentations and tours for parents/carers and children to see the school in the normal working day will take place at 9.00am and 10.00am.<br>The presentations in the evening at 4.30pm and 6.30pm are only for those who cannot come in the daytime and will only consist of a presentation and tour of the premises.                        |
| Rooks Heath College           | Open Evening Tuesday 12 September 2023 6.45pm<br>with Open Mornings available on request between 9:10am – 10:30am  |
| Sacred Heart Language College | Open Evening – Wednesday 13 September 2023<br>6.30pm - 8.30pm<br>Open Evening - Thursday 21 September 2023<br>4.00pm – 6.00pm  |
| Salvatorian College           | Open Evening – Tuesday 3rd October (5:30-7:30)<br>Open Mornings - Commencing Monday 9th October (9:00-10:00am, by appointment)   |

**HARROW HIGH SCHOOLS' OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS – 2023/24**

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| Whitefriars             | Open Evening - Wednesday 4 October 2023<br>3-30 to 6pm<br>Open Morning – Thursday 5 October 2023 – 9.00-12.30 |
| Whitmore High School    | Open Day/Evening – Monday 18 September 2023<br>3.30pm – 5.30pm & 6.30pm – 8.30pm                              |
| <b>SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b>  |   |
| Shaftesbury High School | Open Day Wednesday 27th September 2023 from 9.30am to 2.30pm  |
| Kingsley High School    | Open Days: Thursday 28th September 2023 9:30-11:30am<br>Tuesday 3rd October 2023 - 1:45-2:45 pm               |



**GUNNERSBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
The Ride, Boston Manor Road, Brentford, Middlesex TW8 9LB  
[www.gunnersbury.com](http://www.gunnersbury.com)



**Open Days**

**WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2023**  
1.30pm – 3.00pm with Headteacher's address at 2.30pm  
5.00pm – 7.30pm with Headteacher's address at 6.00pm and 6.45pm

**MONDAY 2 OCTOBER 2023**  
1.30pm – 3.00pm with Headteacher's address at 2.30pm

**WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2023**  
10.30am – 11.30am

**To register: [CLICK HERE](#)**

**LABELLING SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Please make sure that all items of school clothing are clearly labelled. This makes it much easier for us to identify any clothing that has been found in the school.

Any items that are not clearly labelled will be put into the next re-cycled uniform sale.





**LNER YOUTH FC**  
**SOCCER SCHOOL**  
FOOTBALL FUN FOR BOYS AND GIRLS  
EVERY SATURDAY MORNING  
9AM-10.15AM

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 CHILDREN

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Helping young people learn skills for life!

Join the fun at 8<sup>th</sup> Greenford Scout Group, where everyone is welcome!



We run weekly activities based at our Scout Hut on Whittan Avenue East

Find your age group:

- Beavers 6-8 years
- Cubs 8-10 years
- Scouts 10-14 years
- Young Leaders 14-18 years



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[Scouts.8gscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:Scouts.8gscoutgroup@gmail.com) or by scanning this QR Code  
To find out more check out: [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)

#AskAboutAsthma 2023

NHS



Widening our view


NHS England – London’s #AskAboutAsthma campaign returns in September for its seventh year to raise awareness around childhood asthma and how to manage it.

#AskAboutAsthma highlights the simple changes to children and young people’s care that will make a big difference to how they experience their asthma. Led by NHS England – London’s Babies, Children and Young People programme, the aim is for every person involved in the care of a child or young person with asthma – from GPs and nurses to parents/carers, teachers and youth group leaders – to know about the four asks that can help every person to manage their condition and live full, active lives.

## Asthma Friendly School


**St George’s Catholic Primary School**

*Has achieved*



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*For the Academic Year*  
2022/2023

The North West London  
health and care partnership 



An online course to help parents communicate better with each other

## Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

*Arguing better* is a free online course to help you manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

**You will learn:**

- Where stress comes from and how it can affect you.
- Ways to recognise stress and talk about it.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It’s FREE to use, so you’ll just need to create an account with a username and password.



Register at this address  
[www.oneplusone.org.uk/parent-resources-for-england](http://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parent-resources-for-england)  
or scan the QR code

- *Arguing better* is designed for parents who want to learn healthy ways to deal with stress and conflict.
- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go or save your progress and come back to it later.
- The course will take about 40 minutes to complete, so it’s best to give yourself enough time and space to reflect.





An online course for new and expectant parents

## Me, You and Baby too

Having a baby can be an exciting time but it’s also one of the biggest changes you and your partner are likely to go through. You’ll both be tired and stressed, and you may argue more.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It’s FREE to use, so you’ll just need to create an account with a username and password.



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**You will learn:**

- What your baby picks up, even before they are born.
- Why stress should be a shared burden.
- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.





An online course for separating parents to help manage conflict and minimise the impact on children


# Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle.

*Getting it right for children* is a free online course designed to help you parent co-operatively. It can help you to develop positive communication skills, so that you can sort out disagreements and find solutions together.

- You will learn:**
- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
  - Why it's helpful to see things from a different point of view.
  - What to do to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
  - Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.



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- *Getting it right for children* is designed for separating or separated parents who want to reduce conflict and communicate better with their child's other parent.
- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go but it's often best to spread it over a few weeks to give yourself time to reflect and practise the skills.



## Sporting Achievements

After a Summer full of international sports competitions such as the Women's Football World Cup, the World Aquatics Championships and the World Athletics Championships (to name a few), we would love to hear of any sporting achievements from St George's pupils outside of school.

If your child competes or achieves awards in their sports, please email the School Office so that we can celebrate these achievements in school.

If you would like to send a brief explanation of the achievement along with a photo, we will display them on our PE notice board and give them a mention in our weekly celebration assemblies. The children could bring in certificates to show too!

We look forward to celebrating your children's sporting achievements!

Mrs Prado

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

**Mon 18 - 5pm** Year 1 & Year 2 'Meet the Teacher'

**Tues 19 - 5pm** Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 'Meet the Teacher'

**Tues 19 - 7pm** - PSA Annual General Meeting

**Wed 20 - 2:30pm** Uniform Sale in the Kenny Hall

**Thurs 21 - 4:30pm** - Year 6 High School Transition Meeting

**Thurs 21 - 5pm** - Reception & Year 6 'Meet the Teacher'

**Mon 25-Fri 29** - PGL Trip

**Wed 27** - Barnet Cup Football

**Fri 29** - Macmillan Coffee Morning at school

## OCTOBER

**Mon 02** - The Passage Harvest Assembly

**Tues 03** - St Therese Feast Day Mass

**Wed 04** - St Francis's Feast Day Mass

**Wed 04** - Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

**Thurs 05** - PSA coffee & cake for Reception parents

**Fri 13** - PSA Autumn Disco

**Mon 16** - Iroko Theatre Drumming Workshop

**Tues 17** - Parents Evening 15:30-18:00 Appointments to be made via School Ping

**Thurs 19** - Parents Evening 15:30-18:00 Appointments to be made via School Ping

**Fri 20** - PSA Fundraiser 'Bend the Rules' Day

**Mon 23 - Fri 27 OCTOBER HALF TERM**

**Normal School Finish Time**

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

## 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.