



St George's School News



Community – we are all connected and responsible for each other

Access to our support services

Dear Parents,

As a Catholic school, we aim to deliver the highest standards of care to all and especially anyone who is disadvantaged, vulnerable or marginalised. The call to community and participation are at the heart of the Social Teaching of the Church. Our school should be a place where all members can seek support from each other when needed. At St George's we have a School Care Fund – some members of our school community make donations and we add this to the fund.

At this time of rising costs we are able to access help for families in the form of financial help, food help or even access to furniture should you need it. It is heartening that we can do this together; indeed the PSA at St George's donate a % of their fundraising to keep our School Care Fund "topped up" so that we have our own funds to help families and children.

At a recent PSA meeting, parents discussed how further we could support the wider parent community. It was agreed that the PSA would pay for the cost of the coaches for the St George's Day school trips this year. This means that the trip will cost less for families as the coaches are usually the most expensive part!

There are other ways too that we can tap into support for you. We have a link with the St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) at St George's Church. We can make an application to The Westminster Crisis Fund on parents' behalf for emergency needs.

At Christmas, we can access gifts for children from the Catholic Children's Society.

Parents should never be embarrassed or shy about approaching school if they need support. We respect your privacy and dignity at all times. You can ask at the School Office for an appointment with myself or Mrs Conway, or alternatively, you can leave a note or letter for either of us at the School Office marked "Confidential" and we will get back to you.

This may also be a good time to send a call out to any companies out there that you work for who have the capacity to offer support in the local community, as donations are always welcome to our School Care Fund.

Have a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely,

MRS D MONAGHAN

(Headteacher)



“God’s love is unbounded. It has no limits”



On Monday, six children from Year 2 went to Buchanan Care Home to read our favourite story books to some of the people that live there. One of the ladies called Trisha used to be a teacher and she was laughing at some of the pictures in our books!

We enjoyed reading to them and we think they enjoyed listening to us too. They were so kind and gave us a book each to take back to school.

Written by Sebastian (2OH) and Mia (2OS)

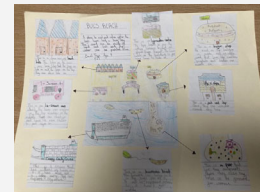


The children celebrated 'Children's Mental Health Week' in school this week by wearing their special scarves on Thursday and taking part in other activities such as making a 'Bag of Happiness'.

They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in these activities and learning more about their own mental health.



Bug Village Competition with The Clementine Churchill Hospital



Congratulations to our competition winners:-

- KS1 - 1st Prize - Sofia, 1N
- 2nd Prize - Sofia-Rae, 1N
- 3rd Prize - Keurisa, RL



- KS2 - 1st Prize - Clothilde, 6S
- Joint 2nd Prize - John, 6WK
- Maya, 6S
- Emeli, 5M



Parents and Staff Association News

Christmas Fair Fundraising

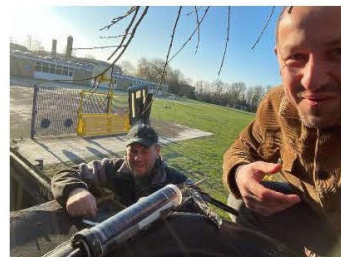
The PSA is delighted to announce that thanks to the fantastic efforts of the whole school community in organising and holding the Christmas Fair **over £6,000** was raised!

This incredible achievement has already started to have beneficial effects on the children at St George's as some of the money has been spent on resources for the Reception classes to enrich their learning.



Thank you and Help Wanted

Thank you very much to Szymon and Damian for fixing the roof of the PSA storage container on a very cold Saturday morning in January. If anyone can help with further welding work needed on the container it would be appreciated. Please speak with Martina or Dorota if you can help. Thank you.



Dates for your Diary

Valentines Disco

Friday 10th February
6.30pm - 8pm

Limited entry – pay on ParentPay

Cinema Night

Friday 24th March
7 - 8.30pm (doors open 6.45)
Years 3 and 4 only

Summer Fair

Saturday 1st July - more details to follow

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE/SPECIAL LEAVE



One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic - going to school every day. Research has proven that good attendance has a positive effect on a child's academic and social skills. At St George's we monitor attendance closely. Our target for each child is **95%** for attendance and **100%** for punctuality.

An attendance rate of 95% is generally considered good; persistent absence is defined as an attendance rate of 90% or below.

Schools have a safeguarding duty, under Section 175 Education Act 2002, to investigate any unexplained absences. We have to inform the Local Authority of any pupils who are regularly absent from school, have irregular attendance or have missed 10 school days or more without the school's permission. Only exceptional circumstances warrant a leave of absence. Parents who choose to take their children out of school during term time will face an Educational Penalty Notice as advised by the Local Authority.

As a school, our year to date attendance is xx%.

We would ask all parents to help us and their child to achieve the set attendance targets. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, or if you are struggling to get your child into school and need support from school, please contact the School Office and make an appointment to see the Headteacher.



MORNING START TIMES

The school gates to both the infant and junior classes close every morning at **8.55am**. All children should be in school before this for a punctual start. Registration closes at 9am. Any child arriving after 9am is marked as 'late'.

The gates open at 8.40am.

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.

ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 - 2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Children return Tuesday 05 September
Half Term Monday 23 - Friday 27 October
Last Day Wednesday 20 December

School closed for Staff training Friday 01 September
 Monday 04 September
 Thursday 21 December


SPRING TERM 2024

Children return Monday 08 January
Half Term Monday 12 - Friday 16 February
Last Day Thursday 28 March

SUMMER TERM 2024

Children return Tuesday 16 April
May Bank Holiday Monday 06 May
Half Term Monday 27 - Friday 31 May
Children return Tuesday 04 June
Last Day Friday 19 July

School closed for Staff training Monday 15 April - Academy Inset
 Monday 03 June



LNER YOUTH FC
SOCCER SCHOOL
 FOOTBALL FUN FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
 EVERY SATURDAY MORNING
 9.30AM – 11AM
 RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 CHILDREN

GOALS ALPERTON
 ALPERTON LANE
 WEMBLEY
 HA0 1JH

£7 PER SESSION
 1ST SESSION FREE

FOR FULL DETAILS CONTACT
 BILL GIBBONS
 07725 851020 (AFTER 5PM)
 lner youth@gmail.com

Class 5M St Valentine Class Assembly



Appendix E

WatfordFC community  **COMMUNITY SPORTS & EDUCATION TRUST**

February Half Term

Football Holiday Courses

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023
 9am-4pm

Fun & educational football sessions for participants aged 5-12 years old

Cedars Youth and Community Centre, HA3 6QH



[Click here to book](#)

PANCAKE DAY 2023



JOIN US ON
 Tuesday 21st February
TO CELEBRATE

Toppings at your school may vary!

Feeding Hungry Minds will serve pancakes to the children on Tuesday 21st February - book on their website as usual.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

Mon 13 - Fri 17 FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Tues 21 - PSA Fat Thursday

Wed 22 - Ash Wednesday

Thurs 23 - Class 1N visiting St George's Church 1pm

Thurs 23 - Year 6 SATS Information Meeting for parents, 5pm

Tues 28 - KS1 World Book Day Dance Workshops

Tues 28 - Year 5 to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre

MARCH

Wed 01 - KS2 World Book Day Dance Workshops

Thurs 02 - Possible Teachers Strike Day

Tues 07 - 3M Class Assembly 9am

Wed 08 - Year 2 Reading Comprehension Parents Workshop - Small Hall 9am-10am

Tues 14 - 1P Class Assembly 9am

Wed 15 - Possible Teachers Strike Day

Thurs 16 - Possible Teachers Strike Day

Fri 17 - 4D Class Assembly 9am

Fri 17 - Children playing Irish Music at 9:30am Parish Mass

Thurs 23 - Uniform Sale, Kenny Hall, 2:30pm

Fri 24 - PSA Cinema Night Year 3 & Year 4 only

Thurs 30 - The Passion of our Lord Play at St. George's Church 2pm

Fri 31 - PSA Bend the Rules Day

Fri 31 - Last Day of Term - Early Finish

Mon 03-FRI 14 APRIL EASTER HOLIDAY

APRIL

Mon 17 - Academy Inset Day

Tues 18 - Children return to school

Fri 21 - PSA Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 21 - PSA St George's Day Strawberry & Cream

Fri 21 - PSA Spring Disco 6:30-8pm

Mon 24 - St George's Day Whole School Mass at St George's Church, 2pm

Thurs 27 - RY Class Assembly at 9am

MAY

Tues 02 - Vision Screening for Reception

Tues 02 - Height & Weight Check Reception to Year 6

Wed 03 - 5H Class Assembly 9am

Mon 08 - **Bank Holiday for the Kings Coronation**

Tues 09 - SATS Week

Tues 16 - 4S Class Assembly

Thurs 18 - Ascension Thursday

Fri 19 - PSA Bingo Night

Mon 22 - KS1 Science Workshops

Wed 24 - KS2 Science Workshops

Thurs 25 - 2OS Class Assembly

Mon 29 May - Fri 02 June HALF TERM

JUNE

Mon 05 - Staff Inset Day

Tues 06 - Children return to school

Tues 13 - RL Class Assembly

Tues 20 - 2OH Class Assembly

Thurs 29 - Year 6 Leavers Photographs

JULY

Sat 01 - PSA Summer Fair

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.

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.