

# Our Lady and Saint George's Catholic Primary & Nursery School

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## Newsletter 10

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we say goodbye to January and hope to welcome some warmer, brighter days ahead. We have enjoyed another busy few weeks in school.

### Jubilee Year 2025- Pilgrims of Hope

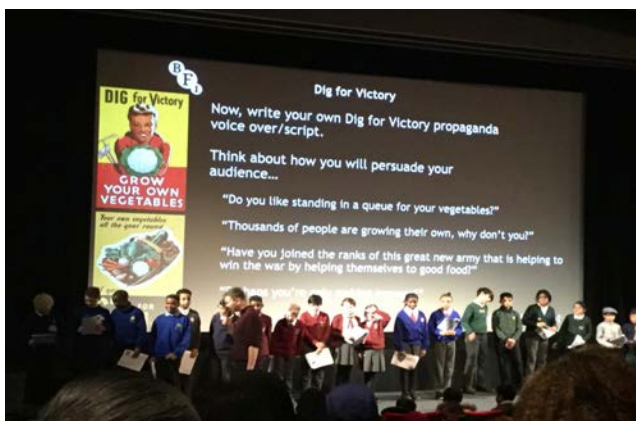
On Monday 27th January we launched the Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope with a special online assembly. Pupils have learnt that with the opening of the Holy Door on Christmas Eve, Pope Francis calls us all to action- to celebrate this year with renewed hope, faith and love for God, one another and our world. We have lots of exciting plans for how to make this Jubilee year really special and how we can be Pilgrims of Hope, more details to follow.

### Family Mass

We would like to say a big thank you to all the families who joined us in Church last Sunday for our 10.00am Family Mass. It was wonderful to see so many of you there- record number! Special thanks to all pupils who shared the Liturgy of the word, read bidding prayers, sang, served at the altar and took part in the offertory procession. Our next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 16th March. Everyone is Welcome.

### Year 6 BFI Cinema Trip

Year 6 had a very exciting day out last week at the British Film Institute, taking part in a special workshop called, 'Dig for Victory'. The children watched short films from the time of the Second World War and took part in learning activities based around the films. It was a great workshop and some children even got to go up on stage to present a narration of a film about growing vegetables to help the war effort. In the afternoon, Year 6 watched the film, 'Goodnight Mr Tom', a very emotional story of a young boy evacuated during WW2.



## **Year 2 Trip to St. Paul's Cathedral**

On Wednesday 22nd January Year 2 went on a trip to Central London to visit the places that were affected by the Great Fire of London in 1666. The children took the train from Wood Street Railway station to Liverpool Street Station and then the Underground from Liverpool Street to St Paul's Station. They met the company called Wren 300, who gave them a wonderful tour of the places that were burnt by the fire and explained how Christopher Wren helped rebuild them. Pupils visited Temple Bar and Paternoster Square where they learnt about the work of Christopher Wren. Year 2 also visited St Martin's Ludgate church and got to dress up as the people from 1666. They had a great time and learnt a lot about Christopher Wren; consolidating our learning about the Great Fire of London.



## **Wisdom Class Assembly**

On Tuesday afternoon KS2 came together to watch Wisdom's Class Assembly. We learnt a lot about the Kingdom of Benin. Well done to all pupils and Staff in Wisdom class for putting together a wonderful assembly. Thank you also to Year 6 parents who were able to attend.

## **Tri- Golf**

On Thursday, pupils from Year 2 were invited to the Tri-borough golf tournament. The children made us proud by winning the competition! They will receive their gold medals next week. They had a fantastic time taking part and represented our school brilliantly.

## **Attendance/ Punctuality**

Every week we will be awarding certificates to the class on each site with the highest attendance for the previous week. The winning classes will be awarded with special golden time or extra play on Friday afternoons. Our winners for the last two weeks were:

Year 2 Generosity - 98.7% attendance

Year 5 Truth -98.9% attendance

Year 2 Vocation 97.7% attendance

Year 6 Discernment who had a perfect attendance score of 100%.

For the last two weeks our whole school attendance was 96.1% and 94.8% respectively. Let's keep working hard to reach and maintain our whole school target of 96%.

**Punctuality** - It is important that your child arrives at school on time. School starts at 8:30am at the Upper Site and 8:40am at the Lower Site. Pupils arriving late miss valuable teaching time. Pupils arriving after the register closes receive an unauthorised absence mark.

**Pupils in Year 6 start at 8.20am.**

## **Keeping Safe Online**

There is a free guide at the end of the newsletter on what parents need to know about TikTok. It explores the potential online safety risks of TikTok, letting you know how to safeguard children and young people who use the platform. Please note that TikTok should only be used by children aged thirteen and above.

Remember if you see something you don't like or it makes you feel uncomfortable, tell a trusted adult or report it.

## **New Year Family Learning Courses and Workshop**

The latest family learning courses for this term have been shared by Waltham Forest adult learning. These free engaging sessions are perfect for parents looking to support their children's learning, improve their own skills and enjoy fun activities. You can find out all about them by clicking on the following link [Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service](#)

## **Reflection**

### **A reflection for the start of the Jubilee Year 2025**

Pope Francis has declared that the theme for this Jubilee Year will be 'Pilgrims of hope'. Let's think a little bit more about what this means. The gift of hope is greatly needed in our world, where we are daily faced with the challenges of poverty, injustice, violence and the destruction of the environment. Hope is transformative. It widens our vision and fills our hearts, inspires our imagination and creativity, strengthens our resolve and helps us to live differently. But what does it mean to be a pilgrim? The difference between a pilgrim and a traveller is openness to God. A pilgrim seeks God not just in their ultimate destination but in all that they encounter along the way. So in this Jubilee Year, we are called to our own journey – a journey in which we become “tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind.”

*Consider how you can be a pilgrim of hope in your home, your communities and within the wider world in this Jubilee Year.*

*How will you be a pilgrim of hope?*

*How will you walk alongside people experiencing poverty?*

*How will you take care of the earth and each other?*

Christ Jesus, on whom the Spirit rests, bringer of Good News, restorer of sight, liberator of captives and all who are oppressed, in whom the Scripture was fulfilled-guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope. Lead us all to be signs of your hope in our world. **Amen.**

### **Stay and Pray**

Every Monday after school we invite you to bring your child/children to the day chapel of Our Lady and St. George's Church to spend a while with Jesus, in Adoration. We spend time singing and praying together.

If you attend **the 8:30am Mass, on Sunday**, please bring your child/children to the choir area to sing along with the choir.

### **Prayer Room**

This week's prayers were written by Quen, Year 5 and Le-Amber, Year 4 .

May God help us in every way in our lives. May he proceed to protect and provide for us, as we all walk with him. In his name, Amen

By Quen

Dear God,

Help us to love one another as you have loved us. We will learn to forgive and say sorry for our sins. You are the reason we are here. You lead us in your bright path. Which helps us to do the right things. We will always tell the truth and confess our sins to the priest.

Amen

By Le-Amber

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024/2025

### Diary Dates - February 2025

#### Monday 3rd February

Year 2 & 5 Fire Brigade Workshop in school

#### Tuesday 4th February

Discernment class assembly 2:15pm

BMX biking lessons Year 4,5 & 6

#### Wednesday 5th February

Year 5 Trip to Lloyd Park

BMX biking lessons Year 4,5 & 6

#### Thursday 6th February

Parish Mass Honesty & Generosity 9:15am

BMX biking lessons Year 4,5 & 6

#### Friday 7th February

Year 4 Trip to the British Museum

#### Tuesday 11th February

Resilience class assembly 2.15pm

#### Thursday 14th February

Parish Mass Hope & Vocation 9:15am

#### Friday 14th February

Last day of school - Half Term

#### Monday 24th February

Pupils return to school

### Diary Dates- March 2025

#### Tuesday 4th March

Shrove Tuesday

Truth - Class Assembly 2:15pm

#### Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday - Whole school Mass 10:30am

School Nurse - Drop in session @ Upper Site

#### Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

#### Tuesday 11th March

Honesty - Class Assembly 2:15pm

#### Sunday 16th March

Family Mass at OLSG Church 10am

#### Tuesday 18th March

Year 1 Trip to TCV Meridian One Community Garden

Hope - Class Assembly 2:15pm

#### Wednesday 19th March

Year 2 Trip to the Hive

#### Tuesday 25th March

Year 2 Trip to TCV Meridian One Community Garden

Charity - Class Assembly 2:15pm

#### Monday 31st March

Year 3 Trip to the Barbican





# THE ROOTS

Empowering young minds



**Is your child struggling to go to school ?**



**Join one of our free workshop for parents to help your child attend school with confidence.**

**Scan the QR code to book a place and find out more**

## **Join us at**

**Queens Road Family Hub, 215 Queens Road, E17 8PJ**

- **21st February 2025 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm**
- **21st March 2025 - 10:00am - 12.00pm**





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## Help your child grow and thrive! Family Learning



Our family learning programme delivers a variety of courses, workshops and events both in person, online and at different venues in Waltham Forest - courses and workshops are free for families.

### List of upcoming courses / workshops

Course Code	Course Title	Venue	Date	Time	Day
FA0210C4	<b>Valentines crafts for your loved ones</b>	Walthamstow Library	08.02.2025	12:30pm-2:30pm	Saturday
FA0302F1	<b>Fabric craft weaving - (Half term)</b>	Wood street Library	19.02.2025	10:00 - 12:00pm	Wednesday
FA0340C5	<b>Family Arts and crafts workshop - (Half term)</b>	Lea bridge Library	20.02.2025	11:30 - 1:30pm	Thursday
FA0409F1	<b>Calm Parents, Calm Children - Parenting</b>	Queens Road Family Hub	05.03.2025-02.04.2025	10:00 - 12:00pm	Wednesday

Enrol now through our website - [www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk](http://www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk)  
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