

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

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19th September 2025

## Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of week three we hope that all our new families have settled into school routines. This week we held Curriculum meetings for most year groups which we hope you found informative. We plan to hold a curriculum meeting for Nursery parents later in the Autumn term. As always, if you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher at hometime or contact the school office.

### Reception September 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2021- 31st August 2022 they will be due to start school September 2026. You will need to apply for a place for Reception, September 2026. We will be holding open mornings over the coming months at lower site to give prospective parents an opportunity to see our school in action. Open mornings will be held on the dates listed below at **140 Shernhall Street, E17 9HU**. Entrance is via Maynard Path. You can ring the school or click on the link below to book your place on one of our open mornings.

<b>Tuesday 30th September 2025</b>	<b>9:30am to 10:30am</b>
<b>Tuesday 14th &amp; 21st October 2025</b>	<b>9:30am to 10:30am</b>
<b>Tuesday 11th &amp; 25th November 2025</b>	<b>9:30am to 10:30am</b>
<b>Tuesday 9th &amp; 16th December 2025</b>	<b>9:30am to 10:30am</b>
<b>Tuesday 13th January 2025</b>	<b>9:30am to 10:30am</b>

If you are unable to visit during the day, we can offer Saturdays between 9:30am and 10:30am by appointment.

**Closing date for Reception applications for children starting in September 2026 is 15th January 2026.**

Please contact the school on 020 8520 8500, email [office@olschool.org](mailto:office@olschool.org) or follow the QR code on the flyer below to book an appointment.

### Applying for Secondary School - September 2026 start

If your child is in year 6, you need to apply for a secondary school place for them for September 2026. The deadline for all applications is **31st October 2025**. Please visit the Waltham Forest Admissions site for full details of how to apply. <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-secondary-school-place>

### Flu Vaccination Programme Reception-Year 6

Vaccination UK will be visiting our school on Monday 22nd September. Information about the programme has been emailed separately. Please ensure you complete the online consent form which was included in the email. This consent form must be completed even if you wish to decline.

## **School Improvement Fund 2025/2026**

OLSG is a voluntary aided school, and as such we are given only 90% funding from the government for building works and are expected to find the additional 10% ourselves. The Governing Body therefore asks for a voluntary contribution from every family to help meet these costs. An annual contribution of £50 per child or £65 per family is requested in order to meet our 10% requirement. You can pay the full annual amount as a one off payment through your ParentPay account. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Our most recent work has been a second new roof at Lower site and new flooring in two classrooms. The cost of this work was approximately £150,000 which means we will receive £135,000 from the government through the diocese and we will have to pay the other £15,000.

## **MHST parent session**

The Mental Health Support Team will be holding a parent session & Coffee Morning on Monday 6th October at 8.30 in Upper Site. The session is open to all parents and will be focusing on Anxiety and Academic Performance focus. There will also be an opportunity to chat to the MHST about any questions or queries you might have about any mental health issues. Everyone is welcome.

## **School Uniform/PE Uniform**

We would like to take this opportunity to say well done to all pupils who have come to school wearing the correct uniform and PE kits on their allocated days. A reminder that black trainers or black plimsolls are expected to be worn for PE. As the weather gets colder, please remember to label coats, gloves and scarfs. As always, **please ensure** your child's uniform is clearly **labelled** with their **name and class including bags and water bottles**.

## **Attendance**

Please be reminded of school rules regarding attendance; we expect all children to arrive on time. Please ensure you allow enough time for any traffic. If your child is unwell, you must notify the school office by 8:30am via email [office@olsgschool.org](mailto:office@olsgschool.org) or telephone the school office.

**Term dates are always available on our school website for reference: [OLSG Term Dates 2025-26](#)**

## **School Photographer**

The School Photographer will be at OLSG on **Friday 3rd October** to take individual pictures. Children should come to school in full uniform.

**Siblings** - If your child is at the lower site and has a sibling (brother/sister) at the upper site and you would like a photograph of them together, you are welcome to take the younger sibling to the upper site from 8:15am - 8:45am. Siblings who are on the same site will have their pictures taken during the day.

## **SENCo Parent Surgery**

As you know, Ms Yates has stepped in as our interim SENCo while Ms Lonergan is on maternity leave. Ms Yates will be available after school on Tuesdays at Lower Site from 3.30-4.30 if you would like to discuss any concerns or questions you may have.

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms Lonergan and her husband who welcomed their beautiful baby girl in July.

## **Woodford RugbyFest!**

Following the excitement of the Women's Rugby World Cup, Woodford Rugby Club is welcoming children and families for an afternoon of rugby, craft activities and fun.

## **Sunday 5th October**

**12:30 – 16:00**

**Woodford Rugby Club, High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 9LB**

Come and enjoy:

- U14s Rugby match
- Taster rugby sessions
- Crafts and family activities
- A chance to meet the Woodford rugby community and a surprise guest

**Free entry – everyone welcome!**

Bring your family, bring your friends, and discover the fun of rugby at Woodford RugbyFest!

## **Prayer Room**

This week's contribution comes from Zayn (Year 5) & Brandon (Year 6)

*Heavenly Father,*

*Thank you for this new day. Guide my thoughts, words, and actions, and help me to love well and trust You fully. Give me peace in uncertainty and strength for whatever I face. Amen. By Zayn*

*Dear God,*

*May you bless everyone and show them your word. Please bless those who are poor and grant them eternal peace. Amen. By Brandon*

## **Reflection**

### A Prayer for Changing Seasons

Gracious God of All Creation,

You have blessed us with the beautiful and amazing world around us. Each season of the year shares the glory of your loving hand.

As the seasons turn and the weather changes, we thank you for the beauty of your creation. Autumn brings harvest and vibrant colours before the leaves fall.

We thank you for this change. We are thankful for the journey through the dark and dreary months. We are inspired to embrace the newness surrounding us with hope and joy, anticipating what lies ahead.

Lord, we pray for the wisdom to welcome change, challenge, and growth, knowing that you are the Lord of all things. Please hold steadfast to those who may be feeling anxious about the uncertainty that lies ahead.

You have faithfully guided us through seasons of trial and joy. You guide us and hold our hands when we feel unsure and unsteady. Your love is constant, a security that only comes from you. Amen

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025/2026

<b>Diary Dates September</b>	<b>Diary Dates October</b>
<b>Monday 22nd September</b> Flu vaccinations Reception- Year 6	<b>Friday 3rd October</b> Photographers in for Individual and sibling photographs
<b>Monday 22nd September</b> Wisdom Residential trip to Bucken	<b>Sunday 5th October</b> Sunday Family Mass 10.00am
<b>Tuesday 30th September</b> Reception Open Morning for prospective parents, 9.30am	<b>Monday 6th October</b> Mental Health Support Team Coffee Morning (Anxiety and Academic Performance focus) 8.30am @lower site
<b>Wednesday 1st October</b> Discernment Residential trip to Bucken Wisdom Class return from Buckden	<b>Friday 10th October</b> Book Fair open
<b>Friday 3rd October</b> Discernment Class return from Buckden	<b>Tuesday 14th October</b> Reception Open Morning for prospective parents, 9.30am @lower site
	<b>Tuesday 21st October</b> Reception Open morning for prospective parents, 9.30am @lower site
	<b>Friday 24th October</b> Whole School Mass 10.30am



# OUR LADY AND ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Open mornings for  
Reception 2026/2027

9.30am Tuesdays

16th & 30th September  
14th & 21st October  
11th & 25th November  
9th & 16th December 2025  
13th January 2026



SCAN QR CODE TO  
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YOUR PLACE  
ON AN OPEN MORNING



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LOWER SITE: MAYNARD PATH  
E17 9HU

CONTACT: 0208 520 8500

## EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

Speak confidentially with an educational psychologist about your child

### DATES

**Wednesday afternoon (12:30–2 pm) or evening (3:30–5 pm)**

24th September 2025  
8th October 2025  
12th November 2025  
10th December 2025  
14th January 2026  
11th February 2026  
18th March 2026  
22nd April 2026  
20th May 2026  
10th June 2026  
8th July 2026

## PARENT ADVICE SESSIONS

### Who is it for?

- Parents and carers living in Waltham Forest

### What can I expect?

- A free 30-minute session with an EP by phone or online via Teams

### How to book?

- Call, text or email us using the contact details below



### ABOUT US

Our diverse EP team is passionate about working with families and schools to support children and young people aged 0–25 years with their development, learning and emotional wellbeing.

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## Helping your child achieve their full academic potential

free parent information session

Monday, 6th October 8.30 - 9.30am at Our Lady and St. George's Primary School Lower Site

Join our interactive and informative workshop to learn more about how mental health can impact learning and how you can support your child to thrive in school.

Free coffee, tea and biscuits provided.

North East London NHS Foundation Trust

**IMPACT 25**

**RugbyFest 2025**

**WOODFORD RUGBY CLUB**  
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NON QUAM RESPICE

**Woodford Rugby Fest**  
**Sunday 5 October**  
**12.30 - 16.00**

All are welcome for an afternoon of rugby, craft activities and fun. Come along and have a go, no experience needed

Making friends  
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