

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

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3rd October 2025

## Newsletter 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems quite unbelievable that a month has passed since we started back at school this year. We have a busy few weeks ahead of us. October is always a wonderful time of celebration and reflection as we focus on Black History, The Month of our Mother Mary and the Holy Rosary, and Harvest festival.

### Year 6 Residential to Buckden Towers

Last week our Year 6 pupils went on their residential trip to Buckden Towers in beautiful Cambridgeshire which was a great success. The rain held off and the weather was cool but bright, allowing the children to enjoy country walks, team games and activities in the grounds, and showcase their range of talents in the 'Buckden Talent Show'! Pupils enjoyed Mrs Allcock & Mrs Barra's home cooking and had great fun together with their classmates. A huge thank you to all the staff who went along and made this possible.

### Pupil Voice Commissioning Service

On Friday 3rd October, we held our annual Pupil Voice Commissioning Service in the hall, joined by Father Shajin Jose and Jonathan. This was a special occasion honouring our pupils and their service to doing God's work in our school and parish community. Pupil voice roles this year include; Mini Vinnies, Pupil Chaplains, Ambassadors for Christ, RE Ambassadors and Bible Stewards. A big congratulations to all the pupils as they take on these important roles.

### North London Waste Authority In the Know Programme

This year our school is excited to be taking part in the North London Waste Authority's (NLWA) In the Know programme! NLWA is challenging primary schools across north London to take a deep-dive into their bins and try to lighten the load. The programme aims to establish a low-waste culture in our school through education and hands-on activities. We will gain insights into waste behaviors at our school to see where we can become more sustainable.

#### Why are we taking part?

- Education for pupils, staff and the school community on tackling waste and reducing our carbon footprint
- Insights into our waste at school through pupil-led waste audits
- 5 days of hands-on, educational activities from the NLWA across the year
- Guidance on forming long-term strategies to prevent waste in the future
- Improvements to our services and bins to maximise our ability to reduce waste

#### What do you need to know?

Our Eco Council will be working closely with NLWA to make changes around the school to tackle waste. If your child is taking part in the waste audit or further activities, we will send them home with a letter.

To involve the whole school community in the programme, NLWA is looking for adults at home who would like to work together to tackle waste in our school (and at home!). They will help identify areas of impact to reduce waste and help plan activities like uniform/clothes swaps. If you would be interested in attending a meeting this term, please contact [education@NLWA.gov.uk](mailto:education@NLWA.gov.uk)

## **Black History Month**

To celebrate Black History Month this year, we are celebrating the theme of 'Local Legends'. Each Year group across the school pupils will learn about the lives and achievements of inspirational British black people throughout history. Later in the month, each class will be invited to present what they have learnt in our Black History Month celebration assembly.

## **Sunday Family Mass**

Just a reminder that we will be having our first Family Mass this Sunday, 5th October at 10.00am. Some of the children will be reading, leading the bidding prayers and of course singing along with the church choir. Please join us for what is always a joyous and uplifting community Mass. Everyone is welcome.

## **CAFOD Brighten up appeal and Harvest Festival**

As a whole school community we will once again be celebrating CAFOD Fast Day and Harvest. On **Friday 17th October**, all pupils are asked to wear **colourful** clothes to 'Brighten up for CAFOD'. Pupils are asked for a £1 donation to help CAFOD's overseas projects. Pupils are also asked to bring in Harvest food donations to help those in need in our local community. **Donations can be brought in from Monday 13th October-Friday 17th October** and should include non-perishable food items such as pasta, rice and tinned foods, or toiletries. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Food donations will be distributed to members of our school and parish community and to local food banks including the Christian Kitchen and Branches Hostel.

## **MHST parent session**

The Mental Health Support Team will be holding a parent session & coffee morning on **Monday 6th October at 8.30am in Lower 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.

## **SENCo Parent Surgery**

Just a reminder that Ms Yates (Interim SENCo) 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.

## **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.

**Tuesday 14th & 21st October 2025**

**9:30am to 10:30am**

**Tuesday 11th & 25th November 2025**

**9:30am to 10:30am**

**Tuesday 9th & 16th December 2025**

**9:30am to 10:30am**

**Tuesday 13th January 2026**

**9:30am to 10:30am**

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

**The 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 Catch up session**

Vaccination UK will be visiting our school again on Monday 17th November for any pupils who were absent when they last visited, including Wisdom class who were away in Buckden. Information about the programme has already 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.

## **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](#)**

## **Book Fair**

The Book Fair will be arriving next week at both Upper site and Lower site. Please pop in and have a look at the wonderful books which are available. The more books that we sell, the more money we will earn from book fair sales to buy new books for our school. Card payments are accepted.

## **Parent Consultation**

Parent consultation for all year groups will take place in November. A letter will be sent out confirming the dates and instructions on how to book an appointment using the Parent Evening System.

## **October, Month of the Rosary**

As October is dedicated to the beautiful prayer of the Rosary, we would like to remind you that every Wednesday we have an online family Rosary at 7.30pm where we invite families to come and pray the Rosary. Please find the link in the Prayer room on Google Classroom.

## **Ten Ten Newsletter**

Each month Ten Ten produces a newsletter for parents and carers. This newsletter shares some of the prayer and liturgy content children will experience in school throughout October and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. It is also a useful resource for your family prayer time.

[October newsletter for parents](#)

## **Prayer Room**

This week's contribution comes from Meklit (Year 6) & Amayah (Year 2)

Dear God,

Thank you for creating the world and everything in it. Thank you for always being with us wherever we go. We ask you to help us with all our needs no matter how small they are. Help everyone who needs your help. We thank you for everything you have done for us. We praise you in every way. Amen.

By Meklit

Dear God,

Thank you for the world and the ocean and blessing me with this day. Thank you for keeping me safe and happy. Amen.

By Amayah

## **Reflection**

As the weather cools and harvest season begins, October can be a time for reflection on the fruits of labor and preparing for the coming winter months, whether in the garden or in personal and spiritual growth.

At harvest time we pause to remember the Lord's goodness. We must take time to thank God for the wonderful things we have: the beauty of His creation, the kindness of others and the hope God gives us in every season of our lives.

We take time to show our appreciation for God's goodness and care in giving us the fruits of the earth in their seasons; for the sunshine and the rain, which help crops to grow in the fields. May the blessing of the God who cycles the seasons and swells the grain go with us, every day of our lives.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025/2026

### Diary Dates **October**

**Sunday 5th October**  
Sunday Family Mass 10.00am

**Monday 6th October**  
Mental Health Support Team Coffee Morning  
(Anxiety and Academic Performance focus)  
8.30am @ Lower Site

**Friday 10th October**  
Book Fair opens

**Tuesday 14th October**  
Reception Open Morning for prospective parents,  
9.30am @ Lower Site

**Friday 17th October**  
CAFOD appeal & Harvest festival  
Own clothes day- £1 donation  
Food donations for Harvest

**Tuesday 21st October**  
Reception Open morning for prospective parents,  
9.30am @ Lower Site

**Friday 24th October**  
Whole School Mass 10.30am

### Diary Dates **November**

**Tuesday 4th November**  
Year 2 Parent Consultations  
8.30-6.00pm

**Wednesday 5th November**  
Year 3 Parent Consultations  
8.30am- 6.00pm

Reception Parent Consultations  
8.30am-6.00pm

**Thursday 6th November**  
Year 5 Parent Consultations  
8.30am- 6.00pm

**Monday 10th November**  
Anti-Bullying Week  
Big Foot Education workshops for pupils

**Tuesday 11th November**  
Year 1 Parent Consultations  
8.30- 6.00pm

Reception Open morning for prospective parents,  
9.30@ Lower Site

**Tuesday 25th November 2025**  
Reception Open morning for prospective parents,  
9.30@ Lower Site

**Wednesday 12th November**  
Year 4 Parent Consultations  
8.30am- 6.00pm

Nursery parent consultations  
8.30am-6.00pm

**Thursday 13th November**  
Upper site-  
Year 6 Parent Consultations  
8.30-6.00pm

**Friday 17th November**  
Flu vaccination programme catch up session



# 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  
REGISTER  
YOUR INTEREST AND BOOK  
YOUR PLACE  
ON AN OPEN MORNING



WITH JESUS WE JOIN TOGETHER  
TO LOVE, LISTEN, RESPECT, LEARN & ENJOY.



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.

[educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk)

07776 589 597



WALTHAM FOREST MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM INVITES YOU TO

# 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.



SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

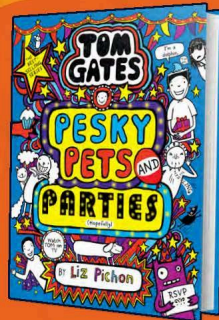
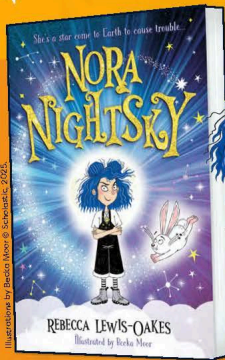
# Come to our BOOK FAIR

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

to spot the books you'll LOVE to read!

Come and find me!

My brand new book!



DATE: 10th - 15th OCTOBER TIME: FROM 3PM

LOCATION: UPPER AND LOWER SITE HALL

## MORE NEW BOOKS to look out for!



Books from **£2.99**

DISCOVER MORE BOOKS ONLINE!



All books subject to availability.

### Payment at our Book Fair

- Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books
- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk) (after our simply selecting your school from the drop-down menu)
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in: £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers) to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

### HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.



\*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organizer or Scholastic Book Fair for details. All books subject to availability. Book range may vary. \*Bidding for available titles under £1.50 each.

## October Half Term Gymnastics Short Courses at Walthamstow Leisure Centre



5 – 7 years	8 + years
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> of October 2 - 4pm	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> of October 2 - 4pm

Price - £15.00

Available to book now on Better App or Better website

<https://betterflow.courseprogress.co.uk>

Come along and try out our fun packed gymnastics lessons or improve on existing gymnastics skills! Everyone is welcome

Please note places are limited we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

### How to find us

Walthamstow Leisure Centre  
Markhouse Rd, London E17 8RN



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