

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

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17th October 2025

## Newsletter 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

We had had a very busy few weeks here at school. On Wednesday 15th October we welcomed Bishop Alan to the Lower site. The children really enjoyed singing to Bishop Alan and asking him many interesting questions about the life and job of a Bishop.

Last week the children at Upper Site came together to pray the Rosary with 1 million children around the world. As we all united, we prayed to Mary our Mother for much needed peace in our world.

### David Lavinier RIP

This week we received the very sad news that David Lavinier from Holy Family had passed away. Mr Lavinier was a committed teacher and sports coach at Holy Family and regularly worked with OLSG teaching many of our pupils over the years. We extend our sympathies to David's family and friends at this difficult time.

### Harvest Celebrations

Today the children joined in with our Harvest festival celebrations; fundraising for CAFOD and donating to our local food banks. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously in order to help make a difference for people in need overseas and in our local community. Across the school we have raised £190 for CAFOD and will be distributing lots of food to various local charities. .

### Black History Month

As you know, pupils have been focusing on Black History this month. It has been great to hear about their learning so far as they discover more about famous people who have had positive influences in the world or sports, music, television and government. We look forward to sharing all we have learnt at the end of October.

### Football tournament

On Tuesday 14th October some of our boys represented our school at the Year 5 Football tournament at Goals. Although on this occasion we did not win, the boys are to be commended for their excellent behaviour and teamwork. Well done Year 5.

### Quidditch tournament

Today children from Year 4 attended a Quidditch tournament. The children had the chance to take part in a variety of fun ball games and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the morning. Well done to everyone who took part.

### Poetry Challenge

To mark National Poetry Day, pupils across the school have been writing creative poems about games they like to play. Today some children from each class confidently shared their poems in assembly. Well done to all you budding poets.

### Maths Challenge

In school we are getting ready for Maths week which will begin on Monday 17th November. This year children will be participating in a Maths Song Challenge. We ask that the children write and record their own maths inspired song. Their songs will then be made into a playlist with other schools across the country. Pupils' Maths songs can be any genre and everyone is welcome to enter. Once your child has recorded their Maths

song they can send them to Mrs Nwobu. Please make sure your child has permission from anyone who is recorded and when using any backing tracks. Watch the link below for more details and inspiration.

[Maths week Song Challenge 2025](#)

### **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](#)**

### **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.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

Edenred vouchers will be issued to all families in receipt of benefit related free school meals, any child in nursery who is either in receipt of Free Early Education (FEEE) for 2 year-olds or any EYPP eligible 3 and 4 year-olds. A voucher of £15 per child for the duration of the half term holidays will be issued from Friday 24th October. Families will receive an email from Edenred and not the school. Please note the vouchers are only valid for 2 months and if not redeemed, you may lose it.

### **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>

### **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 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 2025** **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@olsgschool.org](mailto:office@olsgschool.org) or follow the QR code on the flyer below to book an appointment.

### **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.

## **Book Fair**

This week we enjoyed the Book fair at both Upper and Lower sites. Thank you to everyone who bought a book. Sales of books on both sites totalled £804.88. All sales made at the book fair help us to buy new books for our school. The book fair will return again in the Summer term.

## **Parent Consultation**

A Parent consultation will take place after the half term. You can book an appointment to see your child's class teacher through the Parent Booking system. Information on how to book is included in the letter emailed separately.

## **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 Kyizanii (Year 6) & Theodore (Year 2)

Dear Father in Heaven,  
Help to be the best we can be.  
Help us learn to a high standard.  
Help us to be grateful for what we have.  
Help us to not be envious of others.  
Help us to be respectful.  
Help us to be safe and watch out for others.  
Help us to believe that you will guide us.  
Amen

By Kyizanii

Dear God,  
Thank you for the things you have given us.  
We are grateful for all the things that we have.  
Amen.

By Theodore

## **Reflection**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for Mary our Mother and yours. Guide us to follow her example of compassion and love. Help us to find time for prayer and reflection and to have faith in your plan for us, especially when we face challenges. May our prayers unite us and bring us closer to you and to our neighbours. Amen

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025/2026

### Diary Dates **October**

#### **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

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THE TOGETHER SPACE

# October Half Term Play Scheme

For SEND children & their siblings  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> - Weds 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 9am-3pm

- For children (aged 4-12) with SEND & their siblings
- Experienced staff offering 1:1 care
- Thoughtfully planned daily timetable
- Range of activities including art, dance & cooking workshops
- Daily attention bucket & social communication games
- Inflatables, ball pit & fitness equipment
- Garden, sensory space & reading corner

The Together Space  
Gnome House  
7 Blackhorse Lane  
E17 6DS



FIND OUT MORE AND BOOK  
[thetogetherspace.co.uk](http://thetogetherspace.co.uk)



Do you often find yourself telling your child off?

Does your child find it difficult to follow instructions?

Does your child have frequent temper tantrums at home?

Join us for a **free parent workshop** on  
*Common Behaviour Difficulties*

hosted by the Waltham Forest Mental Health Support Team to learn strategies to manage these behaviours and ways to strengthen your relationship with your child.

**MONDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER 2025**  
8:30am - 9:30am at  
**Our Lady and St George's Primary School Lower Site**

*Free coffee and tea will be provided.*





## LEYTON ORIENT FOOTBALL CAMPS


PETER MAY SPORTS CENTRE  
**27<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
AGES 7-13 10AM - 3PM  
£30 PER DAY / BOOK THE FULL WEEK FOR JUST £90!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO CLAIM £10 OFF THE FULL WEEK

## WALTHAM FOREST MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM WEBINARS 2025

<b>02</b> OCTOBER	School attendance and Emotional Wellbeing 5-6PM ON MS TEAMS	
<b>16</b> OCTOBER	Helping your child reach their full academic potential 5-6PM ON MS TEAMS	
<b>06</b> NOVEMBER	Positive approaches to challenging behaviour 5-6PM ON MS TEAMS	
<b>20</b> NOVEMBER	Boost your mood - practical tools for overcoming low mood 5-6PM ON MS TEAMS	
<b>03</b> DECEMBER	Anxiety management: building resilience and calm 5-6PM ON MS TEAMS	

Please register your interest for any of our **free** webinars by scanning this QR code

