

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

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Newsletter 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday, December 3rd marks the beginning of the season of Advent. Advent is the four week preparation period leading up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a great time to reflect on our life and faith journey as we prepare for Christmas. Why not join us for the 10am Mass at Our Lady & St George's Church on Sunday to start our Advent journey together?

Message from Fr Michael

Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus. The shops and TV adverts tell us that Christmas is already here...but it's not!

Each week we light a candle on the Advent Wreath as we wait for the birth of Jesus. This week we light the first purple candle and. We think about the word "Hope".

When we think of hope and how the candle burns, it is a light shining in the darkness. Each one of us has our own hopes and dreams and Jesus wants to be part of them too. What is it that you hope for this Advent season?



Advent/Christmas Art Homework Project:

Deadline: Monday 11th December

As we approach the beginning of the Season of Advent, we would like the children to create a piece of **Advent/Christmas Art**. This Art project is a chance for your child to think about this special time of preparation and hope as we wait for the birth of Jesus.

The project could be a 3D model, collage, painting, drawing or any other creative way of celebrating the message of Advent. We look forward to displaying them around the school.

Anti Bullying Week

Last week to coincide with Anti bullying week Year 4 class Honesty created 'Hearts of Hope' for a world free from bullying. **Trent** impressed a recent visitor to his classroom when he explained that the rainbow in his painting represented God looking after him.

Faith and Belief Forum

Our Year 4 pupils have embarked on a project through the Faith and Belief forum where they explore similarities and differences with pupils from other schools. This year we have linked with Chingford Church of England Primary School and the first visits took place on Monday. Hope Class went to Chingford CoE School and Honesty class remained in school and hosted the children and teachers from Chingford C of E Primary School. The children explored their identity and created 'Identity Wardrobes'. **Jahmarley** said the day had taught him about friendship.

Red Wednesday - Aid to the Church in Need

On Wednesday 22nd November, children of OLSG wore a red accessory along with their school uniform in solidarity with the ACN charity. Red Wednesday aims to break the silence on the persecution of Christians worldwide. During the day and at the OLSG Family Rosary, we prayed for an end to the

violence and suffering of Christians around the world.

School Trips & Workshops

This week we have been busy at OLSG. On Wednesday our **Year 5** classes went to The Science Museum and today **Generosity Class** visited Wren300 in St Pauls where they explored the significance of The Great Fire of London.

The London Fire Brigade came in and delivered a very informative workshop to **Generosity Class** and both **Year 5** classes. The Fire Service offers a free **Home Fire Safety visit**. You can book a free visit by following the link [Home Fire Safety Visit](#). This service is booked by the parents to their home and will be carried out either by Firefighters from the closest fire station or by Community Safety Officers from London Fire Brigade. They will provide fire safety advice to the adults and children in the home and fit smoke alarms where needed. Visits and smoke alarms are **completely free of charge**

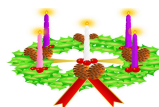
Pupils from **Year 5** and **Year 6** took part in CAFOD Workshops, focusing on Catholic Social Teaching. The workshops encouraged pupils to reflect on how we live out our faith in the world and how we are called to help others, especially those who are living in poverty.

OLSG Enjoys Together

On Friday pupils from Year 3-6 came together in their house teams for a morning of exciting activities. House captains and Vice captains from Year 6 led pupils in collaborative activities which focused on creativity, curiosity, divergent thinking and inclusive problem solving. Pupils had a fantastic time working together in their teams and enjoyed this opportunity to get to know their teammates across different year groups.

.....Week 1 of Advent Prayer.....

Dear God, on this first Sunday in Advent,
let this light shine brightly as the days grow shorter,
so that we will be ready for your face to shine upon us at Christmas.
In the Savior's name we pray.
Amen.



Prayers posted in our Google Prayer Room

Everton (Class Compassion)

Dear God

I want to ask you to cover the people who are being killed for their faith. I pray that you protect them from all danger and let them be free to serve you as we do. Bless them oh God I pray in Jesus Name **Amen.**

Donelle (Class Faith)

Dear God, help Christians with your love and mercy especially persecuted ones. **Amen**

Nicole (Class Truth)

Prayer for persecuted Christians

Father God, We need you in our life may your spirit help those who have been persecuted and let your light shine upon them may your gift of truth and hope fill their hearts and minds
Amen



CHRISTMAS 2023

Event	Date	Where/Time
Christmas Jumper Day -£1 Donation	Thurs 7th Dec	Whole School
Nursery & Reception - Christmas Nativity	Thurs 7th Dec	09.30am Lower Site
Christmas Lunch	Tue 12th Dec	Upper Site
Carol Service - Year 1 - Year 6	Wed 13th Dec	OLSG Church 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Christmas Lunch	Thurs 14th Dec	Lower Site
Nursery Christmas Carol Performance	Thurs 14th Dec	Lower Site 2.30pm- 3.00pm
Whole School Assembly	Fri 15th Dec	Church 10.30am-11.30am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023/2024

Diary Dates

December 2024

Sunday 3rd December10am School Mass in Church- All welcome!

Monday 4th December Chess Club to attend London Classic Chess Competition

Tuesday 5th December.....Year 3 Trip to Waltham Abbey

Wednesday 6th DecemberBikeability training for Year 3 and 4

Thursday 7th DecemberEYFS Nativity performance 9.30am
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Christmas Jumper Day£1 Donation For Save the Children

Tuesday 12th DecemberChristmas Lunch Upper Site

Wednesday 13th DecemberYear 1-6 Carol Service in Church 3.15pm-4.15pm

Thursday 14th DecemberChristmas Lunch Lower Site
Choir to sing at Highcroft Care Home

Thursday 14th DecemberNursery's Christmas Carol Performance 2.30pm- 3.00pm

Wednesday 20th DecemberBreak up for Christmas - 2.00pm Upper Site
- 2.10pm Lower Site

January 2024

Monday 8th January Children return to school

