

'Achieving our best by learning together and serving one another with Christ by our side'



Treasure Within Workshop

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a wonderful week this week in school with a theatre company who put on a brilliant display to reinforce our Catholic Social Teaching Values. This week, marks the month of the rosary and we are all encouraged to take five minutes out of our day to pray the rosary together as a school community. Please try to join us at the front of the school even for one morning during this month. It would be lovely to see a growing number of families joining us.

This year, we have a couple of whole school focuses to raise money for. The first is the development of a Prayer Garden and the second is the reorganisation and a fresh face on our School Library. A huge thank you to the parents that came yesterday to make a start in the Library, but I know Miss Palmer and Mrs Whittington will be in touch asking for more help. Please do offer as your child will benefit from these areas.

A number of children came to see me yesterday with their reading diaries because they are working incredibly hard at home and at school. Each child received a headteacher sticker and a stamp from myself. Thank you so much parents for supporting your child with their reading. They truly will see the impact of being a confident reader.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER

Safeguarding & Online Safety Session @ 2.15pm (parents invited)

TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

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WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Year 5 Retreat at St Paul's
Parent Information Session KS2 Maths @ 2.15pm (parents invited)

THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER

SEND Coffee Morning @ 9am (parents invited)

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

World Mental Health Day (wear yellow)
Year 2 attend Mass
Year 5 Swimming Lessons
KS2 Grandparents Afternoon @ 1.30pm

This week, I showed a number of prospective parents around the school and I couldn't have been more proud of the children, staff and whole community. Parents commented on the excellent behaviour throughout the school, the friendliness of staff, and the warm family feel that Saint Ignatius gives.

Next week, we will be sending home a link to a pupil survey for children in Years 1, 2 and 6. It is a survey to find out how they feel about their learning and curriculum. Please help your child to complete but ensure the answers are completely from your child and not your thoughts. It is very important to us that we hear their voice and can continue to ensure they receive the best curriculum possible. The other year groups will complete these in school. Thank you.

Tomorrow morning, I would like to invite as many parents as possible to join me at the school for just two hours (11am-1pm) to keep up the work already started in making our school look very well maintained for the children. A lot can be achieved with lots of helping hands. If you are more of an indoor person, there are books to be organised in the Library! A huge thank you in advance.

Finally, we ended the week with a very special Welcome Assembly for our new Reception children and their families. Every child received a special badge as a reminder that they are never alone and are now officially part of our School family.

Have a lovely weekend and God bless,

Ms Murphy - Headteacher

Trips/Workshops Reminders

Please be reminded of payments due for the following trips and workshops. All payments can be made via [SCOPAY](#).

- **Year 5 - Science Museum Trip**
 - Payment due by Friday 31st October. The trip will take place on Friday 14th November for Year 5
- **Year 1 - Toys of the Past Workshop**
 - Payment due by Thursday 20th November. The workshop will take place in school on Thursday 27th November for Year 1

School Office

KS2 Grandparent's Afternoon

Please be reminded that on **Friday 10th October** we will be holding our KS2 Grandparent's Afternoon. To help make the afternoon extra special, we would be very grateful for any donations of cakes, biscuits or other treats. These can be brought into school on the morning of the event and dropped off at the School Office. **Please ensure all items are nut-free.**

Ms Murphy - Headteacher



World Mental Health Day

Friday 10th October

Wear Yellow

Show your support by wearing a **yellow top** with your school uniform on Friday 10th October!

Support Young Minds

Charity

Donations can be made through ScoPay. The payment link will be shared closer to the date.

Spread Kindness

Remember: **It's OK not to be OK**. Let's create a community where everyone feels safe to ask for help.

Together We Can Make a Difference

World Mental Health Day is about promoting kindness, understanding and support. By wearing yellow, we show that we care about mental health and that it's important to talk about our feelings.

- Wear something yellow on 10th October
- Be kind to yourself and others
- Remember it's OK to ask for help
- Support Young Minds through ScoPay



Reception Fundraiser

All parents are invited to support our Reception Fundraiser, which is taking place during October. Join us for coffee, tea and cake during both drop off and pick up. The sales will take place at both the KS1 and KS2 gate entrances on the following dates:

Morning Drop Off:

- Monday 6th October
- Monday 13th October
- Tuesday 7th October
- Tuesday 14th October

Afternoon Pick Up:

- Monday 6th October
- Tuesday 7th October
- Tuesday 14th October

Miss Palmer and Miss Ritchie - Reception Teachers



Community Morning - Saturday 4th October



To all parents, if you have a couple of spare hours tomorrow we would hugely appreciate your support at our Community Morning. Taking place from 11am until 1pm. If you have any gardening tools, please bring them along. It would be lovely to see you!

Ms Murphy - Headteacher

Children and Early Years Education Advice for Parents

I would like to share with you a useful government initiative, which is a very good source of information for children and early years education. It is designed to help parents and a great place for advice and any questions you may have.

<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education>

Miss Palmer - KS1 Lead

Rise Theatre Workshop

Magic filled our hall on Wednesday this week as Rise Theatre brought our Catholic Social Teaching Values to life!

Our young stars were completely mesmerized by this incredible interactive performance that had them laughing, learning, and living the values we hold dear. Even Oscar Romero paid us a visit!

Mrs Vander Vloet - RSE Lead



School Photographs - *Free Delivery Reminder*

Please be reminded that the deadline for free delivery on your child's school photograph is **Monday 6th October** at midnight. For any further assistance placing an order with Van Cols, please contact the customer service team on 01206 273711 or aftersales@vancols.com.

School Office

Can you help...?

This week, I have attended course about the delivery of our Religion lessons. It suggested that at times, the children use Lego to create Bible stories or recreate parts of the mass through Lego.

If our Year 3 & 4 classes were to each have a couple of boxes, it would be very helpful and an exciting way of learning for our children. If you have some Lego, in good condition, that you are happy to donate we would be very grateful. Please contact one of the class teachers if you can help.



Ms Murphy - Headteacher

Year 3 Times Table Rockstars Battle!

During the month of September, both Year 3 classes were involved in a Times Table Rockstars Battle. This will help us become more fluent with our times tables and our general knowledge of number and patterns/sequences.

The children in both classes really took on the challenge. A special mention to our top scorers for the month of September:

3BF

- Harrison H-S (964 pts)
- Teddy E (899)
- Hugo D (817)

3V

- Marlene D (954)
- Luke O (499)
- Borys F (395)

These pupils came 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in their classes. Many of the children also received Class DoJos for their great effort.

Year 3 are looking forward to their next class battle!

Miss Frew - Assistant Headteacher



OPAL Play



A new area has been set up for our OPAL Play by a child in Year 5 (**Otilia O**). She has set up a Crochet Club and it is growing in popularity. Lots of children are enjoying learning how to hand crochet.

If any parents or grandparents have wool or crochet hooks at home that are no longer needed, we would love to put them to good use. If you have anything that we can use, please send it to the School Office with your child.

A particular shout out to **James T** in Year 6 who has learnt to crochet and has made a cup and carrot!

Miss Grady - Year 1 Class Teacher

PE Reminders

Years 5 & 6 Boys A Team Football

The boys A team will now play in league matches. I will share these dates as soon as I have them. The boys A team will train every Thursday from 12.15-12.45 with Mr Ivins.

Years 5 & 6 Girls A Team Football

The girls tournament took place on Thursday 2nd October. I will share the results in next week's newsletter.

Years 5 & 6 Boys B Team Football

This tournament will take place in the next few weeks. I am waiting for the venue and date to be confirmed. Once it is, I will email the letter to those children in the B team.

Miss Grady - PE Lead

OPAL Play Certificates

Recipients from this week will be announced in next week's newsletter.

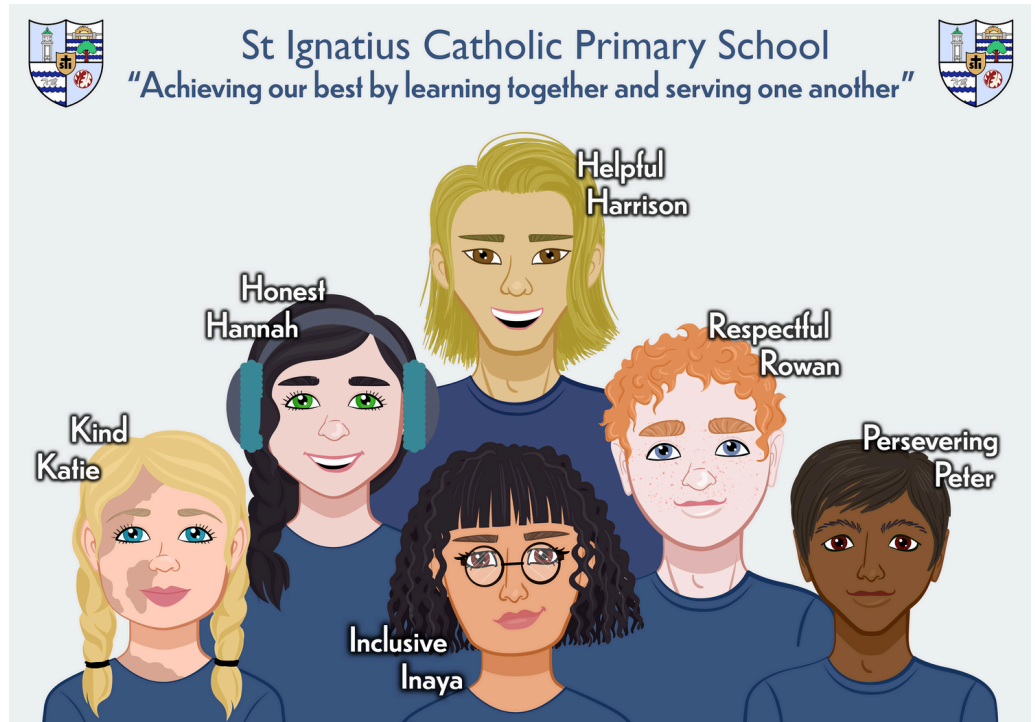
Miss Frew - Assistant Headteacher



Headteacher Awards

Each week our pupils are recognised for following our school values. This week's value was **Inclusive Inaya**. The children that were awarded a Headteacher Award will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Ms Murphy - Headteacher



Wake Up Wednesdays

With new kits, updated squads and refined gameplay, EA FC 26 brings the thrill of top-tier football to living rooms once again. While it continues to offer family-friendly fun in modes like Kick-Off and Career, the ongoing popularity of Ultimate Team – where players spend money to build fantasy squads – brings a mix of excitement and risks.

Children can encounter issues such as gambling-like mechanics, voice chat with strangers, and potential exposure to scams. This guide breaks down the game's most important features, highlights the key risks to be aware of, and shares practical advice for helping young players stay safe while gaming and interacting online.

Miss Partington - Year 4 Class Teacher

EXTERNAL NOTICES

Please be advised that whilst we share external advertisements, St Ignatius does not personally endorse/recommend any of these companies.



The poster features a purple background with a large yellow moon, bats, and a jack-o'-lantern. At the top center is the logo for 'PRIMARY SPORTING DEVELOPMENT' (PSD). The main title 'FUNWEEKS' is in large, colorful, block letters. Below it, 'OCTOBER HALF TERM' and 'ACTIVE CAMP' are written in bold black and white text on a yellow brushstroke background. Three circular images show children participating in archery, roller skating, and tennis. A yellow arrow points to the text 'BE QUICK! EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT ENDS ON 22/10/25'. On the right, a vertical orange bar lists activities: 'SPORTS', 'ARTS & CRAFTS', 'PRIZES', and 'HALLOWEEN DISCO', with a spider icon next to 'SPORTS'. A purple box at the bottom right contains 'EARLY BIRD PRICING' details. Contact information and a QR code are on the left, and a dark purple bar at the bottom contains the booking website.

PSD
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FUNWEEKS

OCTOBER HALF TERM

ACTIVE CAMP

BE QUICK!
EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT
ENDS ON 22/10/25

ST IGNATIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER - WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER

FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 - 7

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

9AM - 3PM

INFO@THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK
0203 397 7409
THEPSDGROUPUK

SPORTS
ARTS & CRAFTS
PRIZES
HALLOWEEN DISCO

EARLY BIRD PRICING:

BOOK BEFORE MIDDAY ON 22ND OCT	BOOK AFTER MIDDAY ON 22ND OCT
£25.00	£26.50

SCAN TO BOOK

BOOK ONLINE:
WWW.THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK/PSD-FUNWEEKS

SPELTHORNE SCHOOLS PRAYER GROUP

e-mail: info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org

Dear Parent,

I am a member of the Spelthorne Schools Prayer Group which meets monthly to pray for some of the schools in Spelthorne and, at the start of this new academic year, we felt it fitting to introduce ourselves and explain who we are and what we do as your school's prayer group.



Nationally, there are a large number of school prayer groups; our particular group is entering its 34th year and over the years has been run by a group of Christians who have, at some point, had children/grandchildren in the 25 nurseries/schools we link with in the borough. Having been in operation for many years, we have built up a friendly and trusting relationship with our schools who we contact once a month to ask for any specific prayer requests before our meeting. Everything shared is confidential and we don't need to know specific names, but it's good to be able to pray for children and families going through difficult times, suffering health issues; for the teachers, governors and other school staff, school trips, as well as situations to be thankful for - basically, anything school-related. We believe in the God of the bible who says He wants us to come to Him with our joys and difficulties!

We have also had the opportunity and privilege of visiting several schools over the years (church & non-church) for a tour, to hold our meeting, take an assembly, and facilitate Pause Days, Reflection Times and Prayer Spaces Days. Over the past 20 years we have supported a local fellowship in facilitating the distribution of Scripture Union books during the summer term.

I am sure you'll agree, that in our ever-changing and extremely challenging world, more than ever the children and young people need our prayers. If you feel this is something that interests you and you'd like to know more, please do contact me on the e-mail address above - we'd so love to hear from you.

Yours very sincerely,

Val Edwards,
on behalf of the Spelthorne Schools Prayer Group

Autumn Term 2025

Saturday 4th October - Community Morning @ 11am - 1pm

Monday 6th October - Safeguarding and Online Safety Session @ 2.15pm

Wednesday 8th October - Parent Information Session KS2 Maths @ 2.15pm

Friday 10th October - Grandparents Afternoon

Monday 13th October - Year 6 PGL Trip (All Week)

Wednesday 15th October - Open Afternoon @ 1.30pm

Thursday 16th October - Open Morning @ 9.30am

Monday 20th October - Year 6 Learn to Ride Course

Monday 20th October - Parents Evening @ 3.30pm

Tuesday 21st October - Parents Evening @ 3.30pm

Wednesday 22nd October - PTA AGM Meeting (online) @ 7pm

Thursday 23rd October - INSET Day

Friday 24th October - INSET Day

Safeguarding

Governors and staff of St Ignatius share an objective to help keep children safe by:

- Providing a safe environment for them to learn
- Identifying children who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, and taking appropriate action.

Please read through the safeguarding guidance documents on this page, which include those designed for children. Please contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads below should you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child.

You can do this by calling the school directly, or emailing: dsl@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk

You can also find out more about how we teach safety to children on our [Safety Curriculum](#) page, in the Curriculum section of the website.

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD (DSL):

Mrs E O'Neill - Deputy Headteacher

DEPUTY DSL:

Mrs H Murphy - Headteacher

Miss T Frew - Assistant Headteacher

Mrs I Barkworth - SENDCo

Mrs L Whittington - KS2 Lead

Miss Z Palmer - KS1 Lead

Any concerns can be discussed with a DSL. If you have any concerns that involve the Headteacher, please contact the **Ascension Catholic Academy Trust** via email at admin@ascensioncat.org or by telephone on 0208 325 4630. The LGB details are being updated.

You can read our [Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy](#) [here](#).

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