



ST IGNATIUS NEWSLETTER

25.09.2026



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week in the life of St Ignatius (best still in the world in my opinion!) the children are really settling into life back at school. In assembly this week, the children learnt about the Examen prayer that is derived from the words of St Ignatius. We are called to stop every day and have a period of silence to reflect.

There is an example of the prayer that is in every child's religion book, so perhaps you might want to take some time at the weekend to say the [Examen prayer](#) together.

Next Thursday marks the start of October, the month of the rosary. Each day after school everyone is invited to join us in the Prayer Garden to pray the rosary for 10 minutes. If you do not know the words to the rosary or own a rosary we have everything there for you. Even if you would like to have 10 minutes of quiet time in our lovely new Prayer Garden everyone is very welcome. Mrs Vander Vloet, our Prayer and Liturgy Lead, will be in communication with you about some special things that we do to mark this month.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

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TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

Girls A Team Football @ 1pm

WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Open Morning for @ 9.30am

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

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FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Year 5 Swimming

Thank you very much indeed for encouraging your child to read every evening and as previously shared any child who reads every night will receive 10 Dojo's weekly. Thank you also for supporting your child and taking part in my weekly writing challenges. Another challenge has been set for the coming week. Children who would like to take part simply need to take a piece of paper out from outside the medical room and pop it in my box when it is completed.

This week, I have discussed with the leadership team and the teachers about the package that we provide your child in English and in their homework. We are very aware and fully understand the need for not all homework to be online. Next week, I will communicate to you all what platforms we will use and what homework your child will be completing. I apologise that this may well be a change to what has started but I feel confident that the new set of homework tasks will help us to make even better progress. I have spent a very long time researching the best platforms and best forms of homework and this has been the catalyst for making decisions.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Ms Murphy - Headteacher

Attendance

Thank you so much for supporting the school, to support your child. For the smart uniforms, being on time every day and 100% attendance. It really is appreciated and I cannot stress enough the difference it makes to your child.

This week's **highest attendance** was **6N** with **98.1%**.

The whole school attendance percentage this week was **95.2%**. Our school target is 98%.

A huge thank you to all parents for a real push on attendance this week and for ensuring your child is in school for as close to 8.30 am as possible.

Ms Murphy - Headteacher

School Photographs

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance your child's proof card didn't make it home or it has been lost you can call our Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711. If you haven't purchased photographs from us previously you will need to contact the school directly for the website photo code.

Vancols Photographers

Early Bird Club

A gentle reminder regarding Early Bird Club bookings

We hope you are all well. As we settle into the term, we would like to share a quick reminder regarding the booking process for Early Bird Club:

- **Booking Requirement:** Early Bird Club is not a drop-off service. A booking must be made in advance for every day your child attends.
- **Standard Cut-Off:** Regular bookings close two days in advance.
- **Last-Minute Bookings:** If you need a space for the next day after the cut-off has passed, please call the school office directly. We will always do our very best to accommodate your child where possible.
- **Safeguarding & Ratios:** Early Bird Club is extremely busy this year. To strictly comply with safeguarding regulations and staff-to-child ratios, we may be forced to turn away children who do not have a booking. This is something we never want to do, so we kindly ask for your help in avoiding this situation.
- **Evening Check:** Please take a moment each evening to double-check that your child is successfully booked in for the following morning.

Thank you so much for your continued cooperation and support.

Early Bird Club Team

Zones of Regulation

This week, we have been focusing on Zones of Regulation across the school. We have introduced new Zones of Regulation posters and Regulation Baskets in all our classrooms. The baskets contain a range of sensory tools and resources that children can use when they need a little regulation time, a chance to reset or a moment to feel calm and ready to learn.



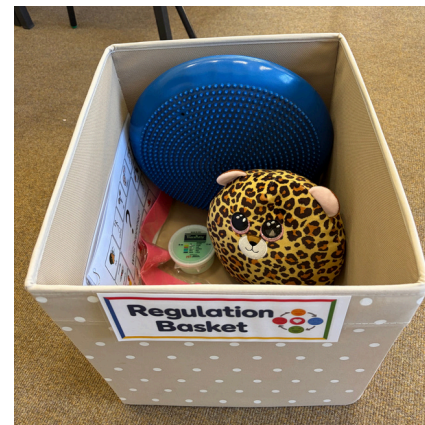
Children are encouraged to check in with themselves twice a day – once in the morning and again after lunch – and think about which Zone they are in. Adults can then support children to talk about how they are feeling, choose a strategy that might help them regulate and reflect on what worked for them.

The aim is to help children notice, name, understand and manage their emotions, while developing a personal toolkit of strategies that they can use when they need them.

Both KS1 and KS2 have also enjoyed assemblies this week learning that all emotions are okay and that there are different strategies we can use to help us feel calm, focused and ready to learn.

It has been a great start and we look forward to seeing our children grow in confidence as they become more aware of their emotions and the strategies that help them feel their best.

A little tip for home: Ask your child, “Which Zone are you in today?” and talk together about what might help them feel ready and regulated. You could also create a personal toolkit of strategies together – a collection of things they know help them to regulate and feel their best.



Mrs Barkworth - SENDCo

Headteacher Awards

Each week our pupils are recognised for following our school values. This week's value was **Persevering Peter**. During our Celebration Assembly today the following children were awarded a Headteacher Award:

Reception:

- Hedgehogs - Macie B
- Badgers - Mason J

Year 3:

- 3V - Jack D
- 3CF - Niya P

Year 5:

- 5W - Grace K
- 5G - Elijah M

Year 1:

- 1D - Brienne D
- 1G - Niam V

Year 4:

- 4P - Hugo H
- 4AP - Rubani K-M

Year 6:

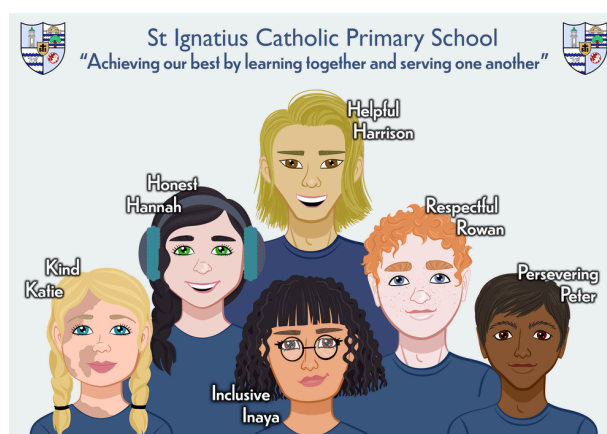
- 6N - Kayla K D
- 6S - Daniel C

Year 2:

- 2C - Oskar P
- 2D - Harry A-S

I am so very proud of each and every one of you!

Ms Murphy - Headteacher





The following children have been awarded an OPAL Play certificate during our Friday Celebration Assembly:

Golden Broom Award:

- KS1 - Nadelyn F
- KS2 - Grace K

Golden Welly Award:

- KS1 - Myla F
- KS2 - Ellis A

Miss Frew - Year 3 Class Teacher and Outdoor Learning

PE Notices

Years 5 & 6 Boys B Team Tournament

This event was due to take place at Egham Leisure Centre on Tuesday 13th October (letters sent this week). Unfortunately, this tournament clashes with PGL but I am very hopeful that there will be a league for the B team so the Year 6 boys will be able to play in that.



Years 5 & 6 Girls Football

Below are the dates for the tournaments:

- Girls A team tournament - Egham Leisure Centre - **Tuesday 29th September** (letters sent last week)
- Girls B team tournament - Egham leisure Centre - **Tuesday 9th February** (letters to be sent closer to the time)



Years 5 & 6 Girls Netball

Thank you to all of the girls who came to the netball trials. We have enough players to fill 2 teams. We will train every Tuesday at 12 noon - please wear trainers.

I will select A and B teams closer to the competition date once we have learnt about positions and practised.





Years 5 & 6 Boys and Girls Hockey

The children who have been selected to play in the hockey team will train regularly with Miss Gleave, she will let the children know when.

If your child says they have been selected, please ensure they have a gum shield with them for each training session as they are unable to train or play without one (these can be purchased for around £5 from amazon). If you need assistance with this, please ask as I do have a small supply of new ones.

Tournament date:

- Tuesday 17th November - Ashford Hockey Club (1.00-4.00pm) - I will send letters closer to the time

Please note that for now we will be asking parents to transport your child to any competition or league match that they are selected for as we don't currently have a mini bus driver.

Miss Grady - PE Lead

Wake Up Wednesdays

Discord is a hugely popular communication platform where young people can chat, play games and join communities built around shared interests. This #WakeUpWednesday guide explores some of the risks that can come with using it, including contact with strangers, inappropriate content, harassment and the potential for gaming and socialising to become a distraction from everyday life.

The guide also offers practical advice for parents and educators, from using Discord's Family Centre and checking privacy settings to talking openly about suspicious behaviour and reviewing spending controls. It also encourages families to agree on clear expectations around screen time, helping young people enjoy the platform while making safer and more informed choices online.

**Miss Partington -
Year 4 Class Teacher & PSHE Lead**

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DISCORD

Launched in 2015, and with over 90 million daily active users, Discord has become one of the main ways gamers communicate – with text, voice, and video chat helping people connect around shared interests. For many young people, Discord can be a useful way to talk with friends, join communities, and explore hobbies. However, like any online platform built around communication, it also carries risks around strangers, inappropriate content, spending money, and time spent online. This guide looks at what parents and educators need to know.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many and plenty, offer-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not only go on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have malicious intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should be safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people "find their tribe", especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include boosting their server, a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger spaces linked to child-friendly games. There are also in-game cosmetics and game-related items, though purchases can only be quality-checked if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's 'Family Centre', which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy. Parents can also set up Family Centre and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations with children about consent, consent, and consent.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Reviewing Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages, is a vital first step to help them understand their privacy. Encourage them to report any suspicious behaviour to a trusted adult, and encourage them to report any suspicious behaviour to a trusted adult.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off their phones at night and encourage them to use the 'Do Not Disturb' feature to avoid being interrupted by notifications and voice servers that they don't want to be in.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items are not real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider setting approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

Meet Our Expert
Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of BBC, TechCrunch, The Verge, The Evening Standard, and The New Statesman.

See full references at nationalcollege.com

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PTA Notices

School Disco

The Autumn Disco will be held on **Thursday 8th October** and tickets are now on sale and all information is on the events website. Please note time changes!

- **Reception @ 3pm - 3:30pm** - *(no need for clothes change as we will not be able to assist them. You can give them a fruit/veg snack)*
- **Years 1, 2 & 3 @ 3:45pm - 4:45pm**
- **Years 4, 5 & 6 @ 5pm - 6pm**

Click [here](#) to book a ticket.

We will need volunteers to run the event. If you are able to help out please use the link below.

Click [here](#) to volunteer.

PTA Team



Let's Celebrate

We love to hear about your pupils' achievements both inside and outside of school.

- Congratulations to **Archie W** (2C) for passing Stage 2 in swimming lessons. He now moves up to Stage 3
- Congratulations to **Amelia W** (6S) for passing Stage 6 in swimming lessons. She now moves up to Stage 7
- Congratulations to **Olivia K** (4P) for taking part in a show last Friday with Bobby Davro, Anita Harris and others, for Esher theatre's 5th anniversary.

Mrs Tunnicliffe - School Office



Autumn Term Menu

MENU WEEK 1

SERVED W/C: 7th September, 28th September,
19th October

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Main Meal

OPTION 1

1

OPTION 2

2

Veggies

Pasta

Filled Rolls

Sweet Treats

Margherita pizza
& oven baked wedges

Mixed bean bolognaise
with penne pasta

Vegetable sausages
with roast potatoes & gravy

Pea-powered vegetable
stir fry with carrot rice

Vegetable nuggets, chips
& tomato ketchup

Pepperoni pizza
& oven baked wedges

Beef & lentil bolognaise
with penne pasta

Roast gammon
with roast potatoes & gravy

Creamy coconut chicken
& chickpea curry with
carrot rice

Fish fingers, chips
& tomato ketchup

Broccoli

Carrots & peas

Carrot & cabbage

Broccoli & cauliflower

Baked beans

Penne pasta
with house tomato sauce

Penne pasta
with a creamy cheese sauce

Creamy pesto penne pasta

Penne pasta
with a creamy cheese sauce

Penne pasta
with house tomato sauce

Ham
Cheese
Tuna mayo

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Lemon shortbread biscuit

Chocolate & banana
brownie sponge

Orange jelly & mandarins

Baked apple & cinnamon
sponge

Strawberry yogurt &
strawberry sauce

Available Every Day - Crunchy Colourful Salad Bar & Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise & Cheese & Beans

KEY

Wholegrain

Vegetarian

Nutritionist's Choice

Vegan

Key Term Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 29 th September	Girls A Team Football - Egham Leisure Centre @ 1pm
Wednesday 30 th September	Open Morning for Prospective Parents @ 9.30am
Friday 2 nd October	Year 5 Swimming
Thursday 8 th October	PTA Autumn Disco
Friday 9 th October	Year 5 Swimming
Friday 9 th October	Year 6 Harvest Festival Assembly (parents invited)
Monday 12 th October	Year 6 PGL Trip (all week)
Thursday 15 th October	PTA AGM @ 7pm (parents invited)
Friday 16 th October	Year 5 Swimming
Monday 19 th October	Open Morning for Prospective Parents @ 9.30am
Tuesday 20 th October	Parents' Evening @ 3.30pm - 7pm
Tuesday 20 th October	EYFS Welcome Assembly (parents invited)
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents' Evening @ 3.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 22 nd October	Half Term & PSD Funweeks

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OCTOBER HALF TERM

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- ✓ Stunning studio on the banks of the River Thames, Shepperton.
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October Half Term Camp dates:

Week 1 - 20th to 22nd October

Week 2 - 26th to 30th October

£30 half day EcoKids Craft
Camps 10am-12.30pm.

£55 full day EcoKids Craft
Camps 10-3pm

Discount available for 2 or
more children.

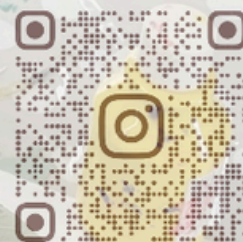
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"Such a lovely class, my daughter loved it and made something sustainable to keep! Great welcome activity - thank you!" - Rachel



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Camps run on a two week timetable with a different upcycling activity every day

What's on - Week One

Tuesday 20 October — Sustainable Autumn Wreaths

Get creative with our sustainable autumn wreaths made using fabric offcuts! Please bring a piece of fabric from home to keep things sustainable.

Wednesday 21 October — Trainer Glow-Ups & Shoe Upcycling

Bring your trainers back to life! Using decoupage and paint, children will give a pair of shoes a festive glow-up ready for the Christmas season. Please bring a pair of shoes to upcycle.

Thursday 22 October — Foraged Pine cone Table Decorations

A beautiful seasonal table decoration made from foraged pinecones. Children are welcome to bring a pine cone they've found themselves, but plenty will also be available on the day.

What's on - Week Two

Monday 26 October — Sustainable Autumn Wreaths

Back by popular demand! Another chance to make a beautiful autumn wreath using fabric offcuts. Please bring a piece of fabric from home to keep things sustainable.

Tuesday 27 October — Preloved Jewellery Making

Turn preloved jewellery into something new! Please bring a piece of jewellery with you, ideally with larger beads that are already threaded, ready to be transformed.

Wednesday 28 October — Pencil Case Upcycling from fabric

A no-sew, no-zip pencil case made from fabric offcuts, glued together and ready to fill with pens! A fun, simple upcycling project for all ages.

Thursday 29 October — Painted Pumpkin Pots

Paint your own terracotta pot ready for mini pumpkins! Children take home pumpkin seeds to plant in spring, watch them grow and hopefully have their very own mini pumpkins by next Halloween.

Friday 30 October — Trick-or-Treat Bowl/Tin Can Upcycling

Bring a bowl or tin can from home and transform it into your very own Halloween trick-or-treat basket — ready for a night of sweet collecting!

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:

Ms 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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