ST IGNATIUS NEWSLETTER

09.10.2026

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we started our whole school assembly hearing about St Francis and the order of Franciscans. We were sent off on a mission to live like St Francis and use his words 'Make me a channel of your peace'. Bringing peace in small ways in our everyday lives is what we are all called to do and I shared with the children lines such as "Where there is hatred let me so love" and "Where there is despair let me bring hope."

I truly believe in our very special community that we see this hope and love on a daily basis in the way that we treat one another, speak to one another and think of others. I pray that we can all be 'channels for peace' everyday.

Mission Together Mass

On Tuesday, myself and the chair of governors took a group of children to St Theodore's Church in Hampton to celebrate Mass with children from school schools across three dioceses. The Mass was led by archbishop Richard Moth and it was a beautiful mass. One of the focuses of the Mass was to raise the awareness of the charity 'Missio' and how people who are missionaries around the world need our support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER

Year 6 PGL

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TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER

Year 6 PGL

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WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER

Year 6 PGL

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THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER

Year 6 PGL
PTA AGM @ 7pm

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FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Year 6 PGL
Year 5 Swimming
Celebration Assembly @ 9.15am *(invite only)*

It was also an opportunity to hear more about St Therese of Liseux and how she asked us all to do small things with great love. The children were very well behaved and I was very proud of them. They got a picture taken with the archbishop and we took this as an opportunity to invite him to come and open our Prayer Garden.

Learning Walks
Last week, I was joined by another headteacher to observe and take part in learning walks around our school. She was very impressed with the behaviour, school uniform and the high standards that we have at St Ignatius. I am blessed to work alongside a fantastic team who worked tirelessly to serve the children at a very high-level.

One Decade of the Rosary
It has been lovely to see a growing number of families joining us after school everyday to pray one decade of the rosary in our new Prayer Garden. Please do come and join us even for one day during the month. We gather together and have some quiet that last to know more than 10 minutes.

Once the children are dismissed, you are then invited to join us through the KS1 side gate where the Reception children leave daily. Both children and yourselves will gain a lot from having this short amount of time of reflection. I look forward to seeing you.

Year 6 Assembly
We ended the week with a wonderful assembly focused on harvest with Year 6 and their families. It is always an important reminder to stop and be thankful for all that we do have such as food in our fridge everyday but how that is not the case for everyone in the world. Year 6 sang beautifully and spoke articulately about how we can support others in our common home. Over the next week we will be asking for donations that we can give to the local food bank to support other families locally. Please look out for dates in listed in our **Key Term Dates** towards the end of the newsletter, parents are always invited to class assemblies.

Can I ask that if it is possible, that once a month, as part of your weekly shopping you make a point of buying something that goes into the baskets at the supermarket to show your child the importance of donating to others.

Thank you to everybody who is working with us to not use mobile phones during drop-offs and pickups. There was an article in the news this morning about the rise in images being used and shared inappropriately. I am proud that St Ignatius see ways to be ahead of the curve to protect the safeguarding of our children and community.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and with the spirit of St Therese in our minds let us continue to do small things with great love on a daily basis.

God bless,
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 **3CF and 2D with 100%**.

The whole school attendance percentage this week was **97.1%**. 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

PTA Notices

IQ CARDS

The deadline for ordering your Christmas card design is **Wednesday 14th October**. Please follow the instructions on the order form which your child brought home. All orders will be delivered to school and distributed. **Note: Orders received after the deadline can not be accepted.**

Autumn Disco

Thank you everyone who attended the school disco yesterday, we hope all the children had lots of fun and you helped raised over £1,200 which is amazing! This will be put towards our next fundraising initiative.

Since the sale ended on Wednesday (which was extended from Monday), we had a significant amount of requests for tickets, which we did accommodate but unfortunately for future events, this will not be possible.

We do not want to disappoint children and will always do our best to make things work, but tickets had been on sale for 4 weeks with reminders sent out. We have to provide all the information to the school and afterschool clubs and update all the records for safeguarding which is why we close the sales before the event.

Please be mindful, we are a very small team, with full time jobs and our own families so having to duplicate work is very time consuming.

We hope you understand and will send more reminders for future events before the sales close.

PTA Team

PE Notices

Year 5 Boys B Team Football Tournament

- **Tuesday 13th October** @ Egham Leisure Centre - 1pm to 4pm

Years 5 & 6 Boys and Girls Tag Rugby

I will hold trials on **Monday 19th October**. If you'd like your child to take part, please ensure they have their trainers with them. Please meet me on the court at 12 noon.

The tournament will be a separate boys and girls event on Tuesday 3rd November at Matthew Arnold School from 1-3. I will send letter straight after the trial to the children selected.

Years 5 & 6 Girls & Boys Hockey Tournament

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

Years 5 & 6 Girls B Team Football

- **Tuesday 9th February @** Egham leisure Centre (letters to be sent 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

Headteacher Awards

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

Reception:
- Hedgehogs - Vienna F
- Badgers - Katie B

Year 1:
- 1D - Eoin D
- 1G - Blake C W

Year 2:
- 2C - Chaya-Reign H
- 2D - Daisy G

Year 3:
- 3V - Christopher R
- 3CF - Jessica H

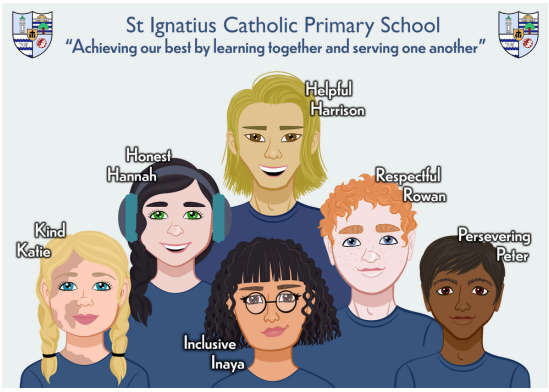
Year 4:
- 4P - Luke O
- 4AP - Amaya B

Year 5:
- 5W - Olivia L
- 5G - Anthony K

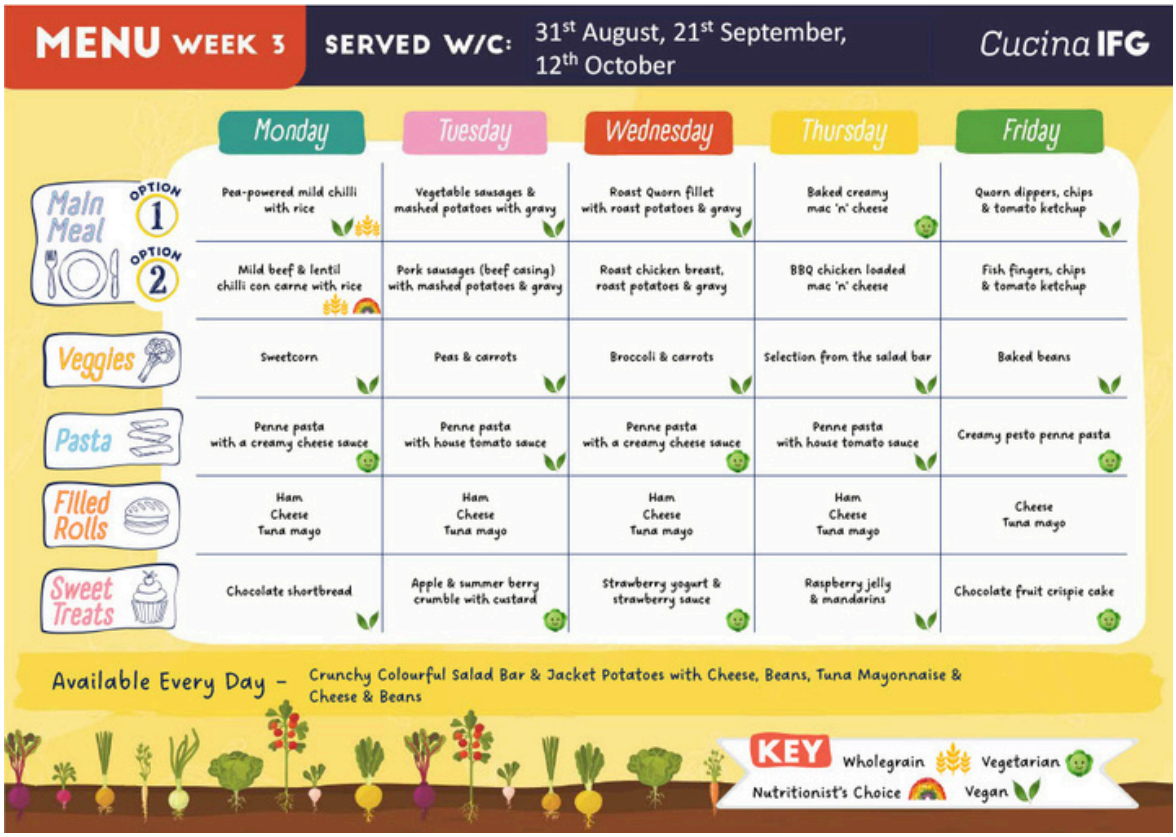
Year 6:
- 6N - James D
- 6S - Veronika K

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

Ms Murphy - Headteacher



Autumn Term Menu



Key Term Dates

Date	Event
Monday 12th October	Year 6 PGL Trip ***(all week)***
Thursday 15th October	PTA AGM @ 7pm ***(parents invited)***
Friday 16th October	Year 5 Swimming
Friday 16th October	Celebration Assembly with Book Awards @ 9.15am ***(invitation only)***
Monday 19th October	Open Morning for Prospective Parents @ 9.30am
Monday 19th October	School Photographs for absent pupils
Tuesday 20th October	EYFS Welcome Assembly @ 9.15am ***(parents invited)***
Tuesday 20th October	Parents' Evening @ 3.30pm - 7pm
Wednesday 21st October	Parents' Evening @ 3.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 22nd October	Half Term & PSD Funweeks
Monday 2nd November	Year 4 Bikeability Level 1 @ 9.10am
Monday 2nd November	Year 6 Bikeability Try It Out Day @ 1pm
Tuesday 3rd November	Year 6 Bikeability Try It Out Day @ 9.30am
Tuesday 3rd November	Years 5 & 6 Tag Rugby (Mixed)
Wednesday 4th November	Year 4 Bikeability Level 1 @ 9.10am
Wednesday 4th November	Year 6 Bikeability Try It Out Day @ 1pm
Thursday 5th November	Year 4 Bikeability Level 1 @ 9.10am
Thursday 5th November	Year 6 Bikeability Try It Out Extra Practice @ 1pm
Friday 6th November	Year 1 Mass
Friday 6th November	Year 5 Swimming
Friday 6th November	Year 6 Bikeability Try It Out Extra Practice @ 9.30am

External Notices

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

SUNBURY & WALTON HAWKS HOCKEY CLUB

50% OFF FIRST YEAR MEMBERSHIP

- CATER FOR ALL ABILITIES & ALL AGES FROM U8+
- FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE & REGULAR SOCIAL EVENTS
- REGULAR TRAINING & PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES
- TRAINING SUNDAYS 9AM @ ST.PAULS SCHOOL

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION

MANOR LANE
SUNBURY ON THAMES
TW16

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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