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Around the World Day

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have just come to the end of our celebration of cultures week at St Ignatius, and what a wonderful celebration of our rich and diverse community it has been!

On Monday, all the children took part in a fabulous flamenco workshop with all of them having a go at the traditional Spanish dance - all of the children were enthusiastically stamping and clapping at the end of their workshop!

A huge and heartfelt thank you to all of our parents and families, who made our Cultures Exhibition on Wednesday afternoon such a resounding success. The children had a wonderful time thanks to your generous giving of your time and the amazing collaboration between you all in making dishes, delicacies and traditional treats for all to enjoy. What a community effort! With 'Around the World Day' yesterday the children visited many 'countries' in groups throughout the day, having their passports stamped - and we have rounded up the afternoon with all the children parading in their traditional colours and costumes. Thank you to all for your enthusiasm and for supporting the children in taking part in such an important school celebration.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs O'Neill - Deputy Head

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 26TH JANUARY

Years 5 & 6 Girls Football vs Meadhurst

TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY

WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY

Years 5 & 6 Indoor Sports Hall @
Eclipse Leisure Centre

THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY

Celebration Afternoon @ 2.45pm
(parents invited)

A message from Bridget Phillipson



Dear Hanorah,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at St Ignatius Catholic Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

There are real opportunities available for you to support improvement for a wider group of pupils including through:

- engaging actively with your region's RISE networks and partnering with nearby schools and trusts;
- contributing to regional roundtables and professional communities to spread the approaches that are working in your context; and
- sustaining excellence by continuing to focus on disadvantaged pupils

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

Yours sincerely,

Bridget Phillipson
Secretary of State for Education

Workshops and Trips

Please see below a summary of the workshops and educational trips scheduled so far this year, along with their corresponding payment deadlines.

We kindly ask that all payments are made by the stated deadlines to ensure that each event can go ahead as planned.

Workshops and Trips

- **Rose Theatre Trip**

- Year Group: Year 5
- Date: 9 February 2026
- Payment Deadline: 2 February 2026

- **Wisley Gardens Trip**

- Year Group: Reception
- Date: 11 March 2026
- Payment Deadline: 20 February 2026

- **Kew Gardens Trip**

- Year Group: Year 4
- Date: 19th March 2026
- Payment Date: 6th March 2026

- **Bocketts Farm Trip**

- Year Group: Reception
- Date: 21 April 2026
- Payment Deadline: 27 March 2026

- **Ancient Egyptians Workshop**

- Year Group: Year 3
- Date: 12th May 2026
- Payment Date: 1st May 2026

- **PGL Residential Trip**

- Year Group: Current Year 5
- Please refer to the previous letter for the full payment schedule.
- Deposit Deadline: 30 January 2026

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Miss McCormack - School Office

Flamenco Workshop

On Monday, children in KS1 and KS2 enjoyed a vibrant Flamenco dancing workshop that introduced them to Spanish culture through an engaging talk and live performance.

Each year group then took part in its own Flamenco lesson, learning about one of Spain's most iconic and celebrated dance styles. The children threw themselves into the experience with real enthusiasm, and it was wonderful to see some of them later practising their own Flamenco-inspired moves out in the playground!

Mrs Pegram - Year 2 Class Teacher



Years 4-6 Police Talk



On Tuesday this week, we were delighted to welcome the police onto the playground for a very exciting visit. The children loved seeing the police car up close, sitting inside, trying on the uniform and exploring all of the equipment.

There was huge excitement as the sirens and lights were switched on, and there were lots of brilliant questions as the children learned more about the important role the police play in keeping our community safe. Smiles, curiosity and joy filled the playground throughout the visit.

Mrs O'Neill - Deputy Head

Cultures Week

What an incredible week we've had at St. Ignatius celebrating Cultures Week! The children had a wonderful time during the **Cultures Exhibition** on Wednesday exploring a rich variety of traditions from around the world – from food, flags, traditional dress, jewellery, to informative posters and so much more.

Our **“Around the World Day”** was a huge success! The children travelled to six different countries, learning about each nation's unique traditions and heritage. They especially loved getting their passports stamped and taking part in fun, interactive activities that brought each culture to life.

Today was truly a day to celebrate – a chance for the children to reflect on their learning, embrace who they are, and share the incredible knowledge they've gained about different cultures, traditions, and heritages.

A big thank you to each and every one of you for your amazing support – not only for the children but for all of us at St. Ignatius. You've helped make this week one to remember.

Thank you!

Mrs Pegram - Year 2 Class Teacher and Geography Lead



Racial Justice Sunday

On the 1st February it is Racial Justice Sunday. To commemorate this the children can wear something **RED** on **Tuesday 3rd February** to 'Show Racism the Red card'.

There will also be a competition in class for the best poster to promote this important initiative.

Mrs Vander Vloet - Year 3 Class Teacher



**SHOW
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Rotary Young Artist Competition

We are delighted to launch the Rotary Young Artist Competition for pupils in **Years 3 to 6**, run by the Rotary Clubs of Shepperton and Sunbury, supported by Shepperton Aurora Rotary Club.

This year's theme is "**Happiness in Nature**". Children are encouraged to interpret this creatively and produce one finished, 2-dimensional piece of artwork inspired by the natural world.

Important details for parents:

- Artwork is to be completed at home
- Any medium may be used (drawing, painting, collage, printmaking or digital)
- Artwork should be unframed, preferably A4 size (maximum A3)
- Each entry must include a short sentence explaining the inspiration behind the artwork
- A completed and signed entry form must accompany each piece

Deadline:

All artwork and entry forms must be returned to school by **Monday 23rd February**. Please click [here](#) for the entry form.

Awards:

All entrants will receive a certificate. Artwork judged as Outstanding or Excellent will receive trophies, which will be presented in school before Easter. There may also be a local exhibition of selected artwork after Easter.

Miss Partington - Year 4 Class Teacher - Art & DT Lead

PE Notices

Years 5 & 6 Boys A Team Football

The following fixtures have been arranged:

- Monday 2nd February (home vs Ashford Primary). Letter sent via email.
- Tuesday 10th March (away vs Riverbridge). Letter to be sent closer to the date.

Years 5 & 6 Girls A Team Football

The girls have a match against Hawkdale this afternoon - I will share the results next week. Good luck girls!

The following fixtures have been arranged:

- Monday 26th January (home vs Meadhurst). Letter sent via email.

Years 5 & 6 Indoor Sports Hall

The children have been busy practising for this competition. We wish them lots of luck for Wednesday and hope that they have a fun morning!

Miss Grady - Year 1 Class Teacher and PE Lead

Opal Play

The following children have been awarded an OPAL play certificate during our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Golden Broom Award

- KS1 - Kai D
- KS2 - Maya B

Golden Welly Award

- KS1 - Harry A-S
- KS2 - Oliver W

Miss Frew - Assistant Headteacher



Headteacher Awards

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

Reception:

- Hedgehogs - Joy G
- Badgers - Nadelyn F

Year 1:

- 1OS - Eleanor W
- 1G - James W

Year 2:

- 2C - George E
- 2BP - Mabel H

Year 3:

- 3V - Natalie F
- 3BF - Rubani K-M

Year 4:

- 4P - Anthony K
- 4AP - Oliver W

Year 5:

- 5W - Max S
- 5B - Jacob A

Year 6:

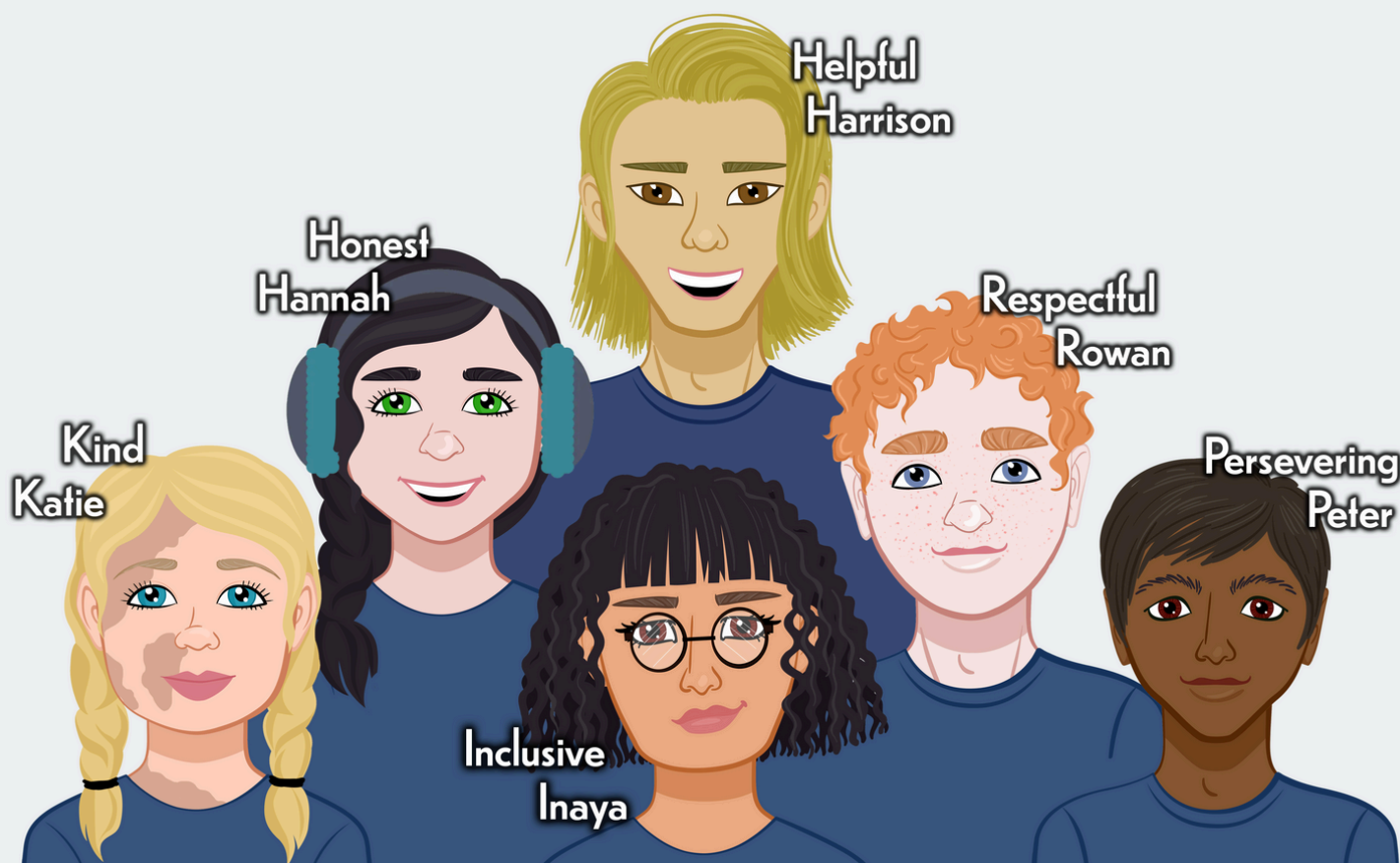
- 6N - Rozila J
- 6S - Niraj S

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

Ms Murphy - Headteacher



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PTA Notices

WILL YOU FIND A GOLDEN TICKET?

Purchase a chocolate bar for £3 and be in for a chance to find a golden ticket! Prizes include tickets to Ninja Warrior, Bocketts Farm, Hobbledown, Kidabulous and more... *(the more we sell, the more prizes there will be).*

Sales close on **Wednesday 4th February** and the chocolate bars will be delivered to the children in class on Friday 13th February.

You can purchase your child's chocolate bar online at www.pta-events.co.uk/stignatius



MOTHER'S DAY SHOP

Our Mother's Day Shop is now bookable online at www.pta-events.co.uk/stignatius. Gifts are £4 and early booking is welcomed, so we have an idea on numbers. Sales close on Friday 27th February and the children will visit the shop on Friday 13th March.

Please note we will be unable to accommodate cash bookings for either events on the day, so if you are unable to purchase online, please email us at pta@stignatius.surrey.sch.uk before the 27th February.

TEXTILES BANK

We now have our own textile recycling bank located by the KS2 gate. The ones in the local area are always overflowing so we saw this as a great opportunity to reduce waste whilst raising funds for our school *(please see attached flyer for items which can be accepted).*

Year 5 currently have a donation request for textiles, so please use the recycling bank after this project has passed.

Thanks for your continued support.

PTA Team



Let's Celebrate

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

- Congratulations to **Freddie E** and **Martin S D** in class 10S would like to share that they won their football game this weekend 10-1. They worked so well together on the same team
- Congratulations to **Anastasia B** (Badgers) who is delighted to have moved up a stage in swimming to Stage 2. **Thomas B** (4P) has also moved up to Stage 3 in swimming

If you would like your child's achievement to feature in the newsletter, please email the details along with a photograph to newsletter@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk.

Mrs Tunnicliffe - School Office



Wake Up Wednesdays

Roblox is hugely popular with children, offering millions of user-created games and social experiences. This #WakeUpWednesday guide explains how the platform differs from traditional video games, and why its scale, self-rating system and automated moderation can expose young users to inappropriate content or unsafe interactions.

Aimed at parents and educators, the guide explores concerns including online communication, in-game spending and compulsive play. It also shares practical advice on parental controls, limiting chat and encouraging open conversations, helping adults support children to enjoy Roblox more safely and responsibly.

Miss Partington - Year 4 Class Teacher

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. ITV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children.

A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-rated by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, as is the case with PEGI-rated games. With millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. While Roblox has tools to restrict access based on age settings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players are likely to encounter content you may deem unsuitable.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, schoolwork, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.

COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by groomers. In response, Roblox has announced changes to how chat works. The platform plans to use facial age-estimation technology to restrict chat access between adults and children they do not know.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox is introducing tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely for younger children. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other supervised platforms.

PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its self-rating nature.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



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Lunch Menu

Please see below next week's menu. Please discuss with your child their preferred lunch options and book via [IFG](#).

MENU WEEK 2		SERVED W/C: 3 rd Nov 24 th Nov 15 th Dec 5 th Jan 26 th Jan 16 th Feb 9 th Mar 30 th Mar 20 th Apr					Cucina IFG	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
MAIN MEAL OPTION 1 OPTION 2	Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Vegan Sausage & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Vegan Cottage Pie & Gravy	Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta Bake	Tex-Mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap			
	MSC Approved Salmon Pasta Bake	Pork & Beef Sausage, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken Curry & Carrot Rice	MSC Approved Fish & Chips			
VEGGIES	Peas	Carrot & Peas	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Carrot & Mixed Salad	Baked Beans			
PASTA	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Creamy Pesto			
FILLED ROLLS	Tuna Mayo Cheese	Chicken Egg	Ham Cheese	Tuna Mayo Cheese	Egg Cheese			
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans, tuna mayo or cheese and beans								
SWEET TREATS	Strawberry Mousse	Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard	Original Flapjack	Chocolate & Carrot Muffin	Raspberry Jelly & Mandarins			
Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt								
KEY Nutritionist's Choice Vegetarian Vegan Added Wholewheat								

Key Term Dates

Friday 30th January - Celebration Afternoon @ 2.45pm **(parents invited)**

Monday 9th February - Year 5 Rose Theatre Trip

Tuesday 10th January - Year 5 Tudor Workshops (in class)

Tuesday 2nd February - Wear something RED (in recognition of Racial Justice Sunday)

Wednesday 4th February - SEND Coffee Morning **(parents invited)**

Friday 13th February - Wellbeing Exhibition

Friday 13th February - Year 3 Mass

Friday 13th February - PTA delivery of chocolate bars

Friday 13th February - End of Half Term

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THIS HALF TERM!**



FUNWEEKS

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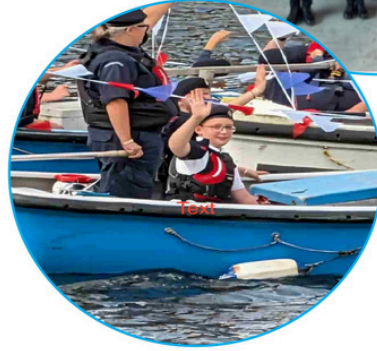
- Boating on the Thames (May-Sep)
- Fun activities inspired by Sea Cadet & Royal Navy values
- Proficiency qualifications including boat work and STEM activities
- Parades & community events
- Trips and educational visits

• **Email us to join an induction event (no obligations):**

• SunburyandWaltonSeaCadets@gmail.com

• For more information scan the QR code

• [Sunbury & Walton Sea Cadets, Penny Lane, Shepperton, TW17 8NF](https://www.sunburyandwaltonseacadets.com)



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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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