

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



Love in a Box Appeal

Dear Parents / Carers,

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent, the season of preparation for the gift of Jesus on Christmas Day. We will be lighting a candle on the Advent wreath every week. Please draw your childrens attention to the Advent wreath at church this Sunday as the first purple candle will be lit.

The first week of Advent is focussed on the theme of hope, perhaps you could spend some time with your child, thinking of your hopes for this season.

I have spoken to the children this week about how to prepare themselves to be the best gift for Christmas Day. Every child will be writing their own Advent promise next week, so please do ask them what theirs is.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their 'Love in a Box' donations. I have been overwhelmed and humbled by this support for other children at Christmas. As a mother myself I appreciate that this is both a very busy and expensive time of the year so I thank you for your support.

God Bless,
Ms Murphy, Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Wintershall Assembly

TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

Reception Dress Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

EYFS Nativity (parents invited) @ 9.30am
Year 5 visit Sunbury Library

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

PTA Hamper Donations
Year 5 Swimming
Years 5 & 6 Girls Football vs St Michaels

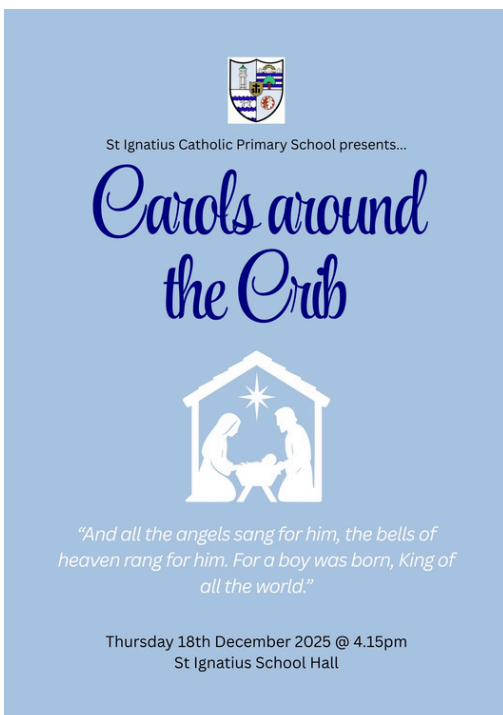
Pupil Leadership Team

This afternoon, I met with the Pupil Leadership Team and we looked at all of the ideas for our new **Prayer Garden**. This is a very exciting project for us and I look forward to sharing more details very soon.

I will be asking for help from our parents in the construction of this in due course. The overall theme will mirror our classrooms of natural and low sensory materials being used.

Ms Murphy, Headteacher

Carols around the Crib



Please find attached a letter [here](#) regarding a very special experience called '**Carols around the Crib**'. This is an event that took place at my previous school and I would like to bring it to St Ignatius.

Everyone is invited, including extended family. It is a wonderful opportunity to stop and reflect through prayer and song.

It will take place on **Thursday 18th December** at 4.15pm in the School Hall. Please do save the date in your diary!

Ms Murphy, Headteacher

Christmas Appeal: Love in a Box

We are very grateful for all of the beautiful 'Love in a Box' donations we have received so far. We are continuing to accept donations until Friday next week, so please do keep them coming in!

See attached the letter home [here](#), which provides suggestions on items to include.

School Office



Hot Lunches

We are pleased to confirm that the kitchen equipment has been replaced and is in fully working order, meaning next week we will be able to provide hot meals again. Please do place your orders with IFG before midnight on Saturday.

Christmas Lunch

Our festive Christmas Lunch will take place on **Wednesday 17th December** and orders for these can also now be placed.

School Office

Year 1 History

The Year 1 children have had a very exciting start to their history topic this week. On Wednesday a few of the children's grandparents came into school to talk to the children about the toys that they used to play with when they were little. The children were very excited to learn about the toys that our visitors used to play with and they even got to see some old toys and look at photos of old toys and books. Thank you to the grandparents who so kindly gave up their time to support the children's learning.



On Thursday morning, the children enjoyed taking part in a workshop led by Chertsey Museum. Here the children saw more old toys and even got to experience playing with replicas of some of them. The children had great fun playing skittles, skipping and riding on wooden horses outside whilst inside they played with different toys, sorted toys depending on their properties and even made their own toy!

Miss Grady and Miss O'Sullivan - Year 1 Class Teacher

Opal Awards

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

Golden Broom Award

- KS1 - Yoann G
- KS2 - Jaxson S

Golden Welly Award

- KS1 - Jack B
- KS2 - Patrick H

Miss Frew - Assistant Headteacher

Judo Notice

Last week, some of our pupils took part in a Judo Tournament, for many it was their first tournament and they all did so well.

These are the pupils that took part and where they placed:-

Bronze:

- George E (2C)
- Kyron D R (2BP)
- Kiyarn D R (2C)
- Amelia W (5W)
- Nisith W (6N)
- Darcy E (6S)
- Kayla K D (5B)
- Martin V (6S)

Silver:

Cameron A (3BF)

Gold:

Charile C (4AP)
Alec V (2BP)

Josh - Core Judo Coaching Staines

Headteacher Awards

Each week our pupils are recognised for following our school values. **Last week's** value was **Persevering Peter**. During our assembly on Tuesday the following children were awarded a Headteacher Award:

Reception:

Badgers - Eoin M
Hedgehogs - Jason V

Year 3:

3V - Edward S
3BF - Eli G

Year 5:

5W - Bradley O
5B - Cecelia C

Year 1:

1G - Archie W
1OS - Emma G

Year 4:

4AP - Dhanya G
4P - Jimmy R

Year 6:

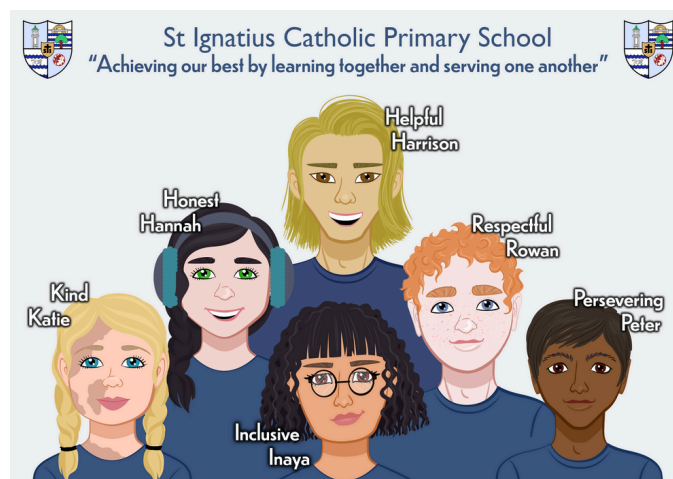
6N - Danylo N
6S - Evelina B

Year 2:

2C - Sadie S
2BP - Harry H

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

Ms Murphy - Headteacher



Headteacher Awards

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

Reception:

Badgers - Talia A-A
Hedgehogs - Lydia D

Year 3:

3V - Taran V
3BF - Shivaay Y

Year 5:

5W - Ellie A
5B - Papa A

Year 1:

1G - Heemoon L
1OS - Hyunmoon L

Year 4:

4AP - James H
4P - Bailey S

Year 6:

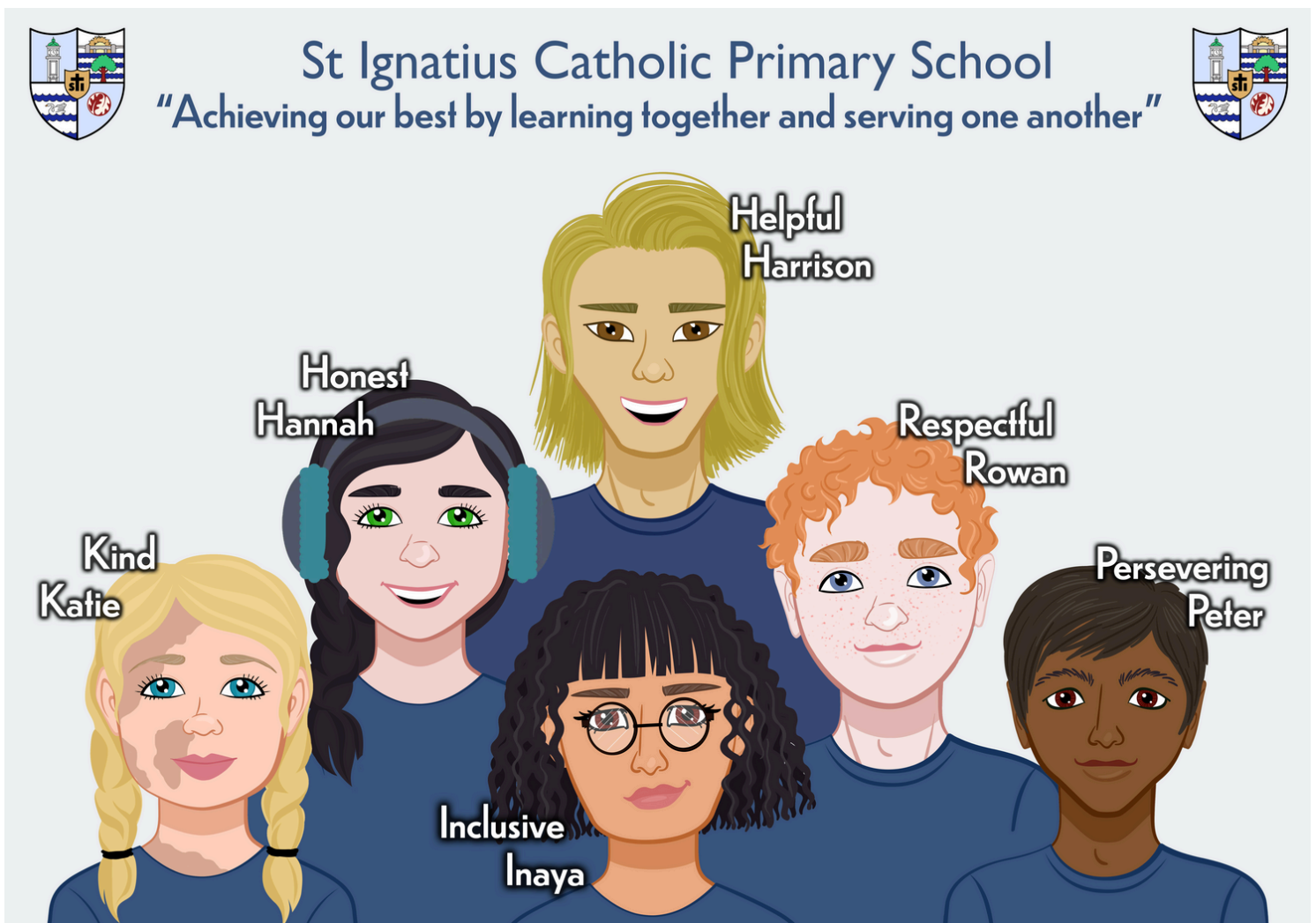
6N - Patrick H
6S - Poppy W

Year 2:

2C - Jessica H
2BP - Kyron D-R

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

Ms Murphy - Headteacher



PE Notices

Year 5 & 6 Boys A Team Football

The boys don't currently have any league fixtures arranged. The next match will most likely be after Christmas.

Year 5 & 6 Girls A Team Football

The following matches have been arranged:

- Friday 5th December - home game (letters were emailed on Tuesday)
- Tuesday 16th December - home game (letters will be sent out next week)

Year 5 & 6 Indoor Sports Hall

This competition will take place on the morning of **Wednesday 28th January** at Eclipse Leisure Centre in Staines. We will be asking parents to transport their own child. Indoor Sports Hall is great fun and involves a range of running, jumping and throwing activities.

If your child enjoys athletics, please encourage them to try out for the team. I will hold trials on Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th January at 12.15pm in the court. Please ensure your child has their trainers in school if they would like to try out.

Year 5 & 6 Girls Netball Team

Mr Moran has been busy assembling our new netball post so we are now ready to hold netball trials and start regular team training. We are going to form a girls netball team who will train together on a Friday lunchtime. If your child would like to try out for the team, please ensure they have their trainers with them on **Wednesday 3rd December**. I will hold the trials at 12.15pm on the netball court.

Miss Grady - Year 1 Class Teacher / PE Lead

Wake Up Wednesdays

What Parents and Educators need to know about TikTok

Now the world's go-to short video platform, TikTok captivates young audiences with its endless stream of engaging clips, but not without potential pitfalls. From unsettling or age-inappropriate content to harmful viral challenges, misinformation and even radicalisation, this ever-popular app can expose children to content that may not always be suitable for them.

Our #WakeUpWednesday guide explores TikTok's hidden hazards, including in-app spending, compulsive screen time and privacy concerns, offering clear advice for parents and educators. With expert insight and practical safety tips, it aims to help families ensure that TikTok use remains fun, positive and, most importantly, safe.

Miss Partington - Year 4 Class Teacher

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok's Following Feed shows videos from known creators, while the default For You Feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but unsuitable content can still appear, and watching for long enough signals interest to the algorithm. Although TikTok bans illegal or inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children encounter age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Ofcom reports that most online harms for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users held their breath until passing out. Families filed lawsuits after children died linked to the trend, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £9.99 to £224.99, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok Shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor-quality items driven by persuasive marketing. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Between 1.6 and 1.9 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public view by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and allows anyone to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

TikTok's short videos may appear lighthearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12-15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing racist, misogynistic, extremist or conspiracy material. Even brief clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, double the time recorded in 2020. Excessive use can disrupt sleep, increase irritability, and distract from healthier activities. Constantly skipping between short clips may also affect attention span, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children cannot alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products promoted through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online promotions can be misleading.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



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Let's Celebrate

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

- Congratulations to **Troy P** (4AP) for receiving the Player of the Week Award at his football club
- Congratulations to **Charlie C** (4AP) for winning all 5 rounds in his Judo Tournament. He didn't concede any points to his opponents, leading to 1st place!
- Congratulations to **Freddie K** (2BP) for making his movie debut (very small part) in Benedict Cumberbatch's movie 'Thing with feathers', which was released in cinemas last weekend. He played the younger version of Benedict's son



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

LUNCH MENU

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

MENU WEEK 3
SERVED W/C: 20th Oct | 10th Nov | 1st Dec | 22nd Dec | 12th Jan | 2nd Feb | 23rd Feb | 16th Mar | 6th Apr
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
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	Peas & Carrots 	Sweetcorn 	Broccoli & Peas 	Carrot & Mixed Salad 	Beans 					
	Cheese Sauce 	House Tomato Sauce 	Cheese Sauce 	House Tomato Sauce 	Creamy Pesto 					
	Ham 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										
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> SWEET TREATS </div>	Strawberry Yoghurt & Strawberry Sauce 	Mixed Berry & Apple Crumble with Custard 	Orange Jelly & Mandarins 	Gingerbread Squares with Custard 	Garden Brownie 					
Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt										
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KEY TERM DATES

Wednesday 3rd December - EYFS Nativity (parents invited) @ 9.30am

Wednesday 3rd December - Year 5 visit Sunbury Library

Friday 5th December - PTA Hamper Donations

Friday 5th December - Year 5 Swimming

Monday 8th December - Year 6 Bikeability Level 2

Thursday 11th December - Years 1 & 2 Nativity (parents invited) @ 9.30am

Friday 12th December - Years 1 & 2 Nativity (parents invited) @ 9.30am

Friday 12th December - PTA Elfridges Christmas Shop / Raffle

Friday 12th December - Year 5 Swimming

Monday 15th December - Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 (all week)

Monday 15th December - Years 3 & 4 Christingle (parents invited) @ 1.45pm

Tuesday 16th December - Years 3 & 4 Christingle (parents invited) @ 1.45pm

Tuesday 16th December - Years 5 & 6 Carol Concert at St Ignatius Church

(parents invited) @ 6.30pm

Wednesday 17th December - Years 5 & 6 Carol Concert at St Ignatius Church

(parents invited) @ 1.45pm

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch Day

Wednesday 17th December - Years 5 & 6 Carol Concert (parents invited) @ 1.45pm

Thursday 18th December - Carols around the Crib (parents invited) @ 4.15pm

Friday 19th December - End of Autumn Term - finish @ 1.15pm (*children invited to wear*

Christmas outfits/colours)

EXTERNAL NOTICES

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



The advertisement features a blue and white winter-themed background with snowflakes. At the top center is the logo for Primary Sporting Development (PSD), which includes the letters 'PSD' in a stylized font within a circular emblem, with 'PRIMARY' above and 'SPORTING DEVELOPMENT' below. Below this is the word 'FUNWEEKS' in large, colorful, block letters (blue, orange, pink, green, blue, pink). Underneath is 'WINTER' in a large, blue, cursive font, and 'ACTIVE CAMP' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. On the left is a cartoon penguin wearing a blue and white winter hat and a blue t-shirt with 'FUNWEEKS' on it. To the right are three circular photos: one of a girl in a green shirt holding a medal, one of a group of children, and one of a boy in a yellow shirt. A blue arrow-shaped box on the left contains the text 'BE QUICK! EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT ENDS ON 10/12/25'. Below this is a location pin icon followed by 'ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL'. A calendar icon is followed by 'MONDAY 22ND AND TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2025'. A clock icon is followed by '9AM - 3PM'. A person icon is followed by '10% SIBLING DISCOUNT'. A star icon is followed by 'FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1-7'. At the bottom left are icons for email, phone, and social media (Instagram and Facebook) with their respective details. A QR code is labeled 'SCAN TO BOOK'. On the right, a graphic of winter sports equipment (snowboard, skis, poles, gloves, goggles, hat) is shown. Text next to it lists 'SPORTS PRIZES', 'FESTIVE GAMES', 'XMAS CRAFTS', and 'DISCO'. Below this is a table for 'EARLY BIRD PRICING:'.

BE QUICK!
EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT
ENDS ON 10/12/25

ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 22ND AND TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2025

9AM - 3PM

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1-7

INFO@THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK
0203 397 7409
THEPSDGROUPUK

SCAN TO BOOK

SPORTS PRIZES
FESTIVE GAMES
XMAS CRAFTS
DISCO

EARLY BIRD PRICING:

BOOK BEFORE MIDDAY ON 10TH DEC	BOOK AFTER MIDDAY ON 10TH DEC
£25.00	£26.50

WWW.THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK/PSD-FUNWEEKS

THE CHOIR OF ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE



Girls and Boys

in Y2-3 are invited to apply to attend one of our

Chorister for a Day

events to be held on

Sunday 18 January & Sunday 25 January 2026

from 12.30pm to 6.30pm at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, Windsor SL4 1NJ

Advance booking is essential, with priority given to children in Year 3.

Closing date for applications: Sunday 11 January 2026

Please contact Francesca Alden Email cfad@stgeorges-windsor.org

www.stgeorges-windsor.org/events/cfad2026

Chorister for a Day is a wonderful opportunity for girls and boys aged 6-8 (Yrs 2-3 at school) and their parents and carers to experience a day as a chorister in our world-famous choir of children and professional adult singers. New choristers typically join the choir at the start of Year 4 and this event is designed to help potential choristership applicants find out more about life as a chorister ahead of auditions in February. The programme of events will include various activities, ending with the Chorister for a Day participants taking part in Choral Evensong with the Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.



Choristers at St George's rehearse every weekday morning and sing services on four weekdays and on a Sunday (Saturdays are mostly commitment free). This schedule develops not only their musical talents, but nurtures key skills such as leadership, team work, and time management. The Choristers are educated and board part-time at St George's School on generous scholarships, and limited means-tested bursaries may be available. The choristers all receive singing lessons from one of the UK's finest teachers of young voices, and receive instrumental and theory tuition. More information on all aspects of being a chorister will be available at *Chorister for a Day*.

The Choir was founded in 1348, and is now a choir of mixed girl and boy choristers and adult lay clerks (both male and female who provide the alto, tenor and bass parts). The choir sings regularly in the presence of His Majesty the King and other members of the Royal family, at annual events such as Garter Day and Easter Sunday Mattins, and at special events. In 2018, this included singing at both Royal Weddings in St George's Chapel: for The Duke and Duchess of Sussex in May, and for HRH Princess Eugenie and Mr Jack Brooksbank in October. In September 2022 the choir sang at the Committal Service for Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in St George's Chapel. The choir released a CD of Christmas music in 2019 on the Hyperion label which was met with critical acclaim, and a recording with the Band of the Household Cavalry was released in November 2022. The choir has also broadcast on radio, most recently in May 2024 with Choral Evensong (BBC Radio 3), and given concerts in the Windsor Festival and the Thaxted Festival.



It is important to note that we are not looking for musical stars at this stage – we are looking for children between the ages of six and eight who have the potential to develop their fledgling musical talent, who would like to consider the opportunity of applying for a choristership, and above all who would enjoy this sort of event.

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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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