



ST IGNATIUS NEWSLETTER

21.11.2025



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



Year 1 Assembly

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to all parents that kindly completed the Catholic Schools Inspectorate parent survey this week. Your support was highly appreciated. I will provide an update on the inspection outcome with you all very soon.

Year 1 Assembly

Today, we have enjoyed a joyful assembly from our Year 1 pupils which beautifully brought together our value of kindness, shown through our learning of St Thérèse of Liseux and the impact of small acts of kindness given with great love. Our Catholic Social Teaching Value of solidarity emphasised the impact one small act carried out by each one of us, can have when we all contribute together.

Christmas Appeal: Love in a Box

A big thank you to parents that have already started dropping off their 'Love in a Box' donations. Please do keep them coming in!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

God Bless,
Ms Murphy, Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Year 1 Chertsey Museum Workshop
Judo Assembly @ 3.15pm

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Year 3 Mass

Class DoJo

Can we please remind parents that on occasions when your child will not be attending an after school club that you inform their class teacher via **Class DoJo**. If it is an external club, please also inform them directly.

Authorised Collections

Class teachers should also be informed, via Class DoJo, if another parent will be collecting their child - either from school or an after school club.

School Office

Year 1 Assembly

The Year 1 children delivered a beautiful assembly this morning about kindness, the Catholic Social Teaching Value Solidarity and Peace and our Saint for the half term, St Thérèse of Lisieux. They spoke about how to be a kind friend and gave examples of how they show solidarity with others. We learnt that St Thérèse of Lisieux did little kind things everyday with big love and we asked this to be your mission for the week.

We are very proud of how well all of the children learnt their lines and how clearly they spoke and sang. Well done Year 1.

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



Christmas Appeal: Love in a Box



Please be reminded that we are accepting 'Love in a Box' donations at the School Office from now until **Friday 5th December**.

Year 3 pupils have been visiting Sunbury Nursing Home. Therefore, I would like them to prepare a box for an elderly person. Labels be can found [here](#).

All other groups are requested to select either a boy or girl and choose an age range from the labels provided. Labels can be found [here](#).

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

Ms Murphy - Headteacher

PE Notices

Year 5 & 6 Hockey Team

A huge well done to all of the children who represented St Ignatius in the hockey tournament on Thursday. The staff who accompanied the children commented on how excellently all of the children played and that they were a credit to the school. Unfortunately, the team were narrowly beaten on penalties in the 3rd/ 4th place play off match.

A special thank you to **Miss Gleave** for training the team - we couldn't have played as well as we did without your help in training.



Year 5 & 6 Boys A Team Football

The boys played fantastically to win their 1st football league match against Saxon 4-1. I saw lots of great teamwork, where the boys truly supported, encouraged and lifted each other up. A special mention to **Dominic P** who scored 2 goals. Well done boys on a great start to your season. We are all very proud of you!



Year 5 & 6 Girls A Team Football

The following matches have been arranged:

- Friday 5th December - home game (letter will be sent next week)

Miss Grady - Year 1 Class Teacher / PE Lead

Wake Up Wednesdays

Tracking devices like AirTags and SmartTags were designed to help people find lost belongings, but they've also opened the door to worrying forms of misuse. Their compact size and subtle design make them easy to hide, which can lead to the unwanted tracking of people without their knowledge. From stalking and bullying to potential misuse by peers, these gadgets bring a range of risks that trusted adults must stay aware of.

This guide examines the growing popularity of Bluetooth trackers, the most common ways they're being misused, and how to spot signs that a child may be affected. With practical tips on detecting hidden devices, using the right apps, and starting important conversations, it's a vital read for parents, carers and educators looking to stay ahead of a fast-moving issue.

Miss Partington - Year 4 Class Teacher

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 TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces - like home - that should feel safe and secure.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location - whether in person or hinted at online - it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it - this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechRadar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.

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LUNCH MENU

Further to the email sent out earlier today, please be reminded that next week's menu will be adjusted. Unfortunately, there will be **no** hot food served.

If you have already selected school dinners for next week, please can you log on and adjust your booking to a **Pick 'n' Mix** option. Alternatively, we encourage you to provide your child with a packed lunch each day for the week.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused and are working with urgency on rectifying the issue.

Ms Murphy - Headteacher

KEY TERM DATES

- Thursday 27th November - Year 1 Chertsey Museum Workshop
- Thursday 27th November - Judo Assembly (parents invited) @ 3.15pm
- Friday 28th November - Year 3 Mass
- Wednesday 3rd December - EYFS Nativity (parents invited) @ 9.30am
- Friday 5th December - PTA Hamper Donations
- Friday 5th December - Year 5 Swimming
- Monday 8th December - Year 6 Bikeability Level 2
- Thursday 11th December - KS1 Nativity (parents invited) @ 9.30am
- Friday 12th December - KS1 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 - Year 3 & 4 Christingle (parents invited) @ 1.45pm
- Tuesday 16th December - Year 3 & 4 Christingle (parents invited) @ 1.45pm
- Tuesday 16th December - Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert (parents invited) @ 6pm
- Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch Day
- Wednesday 17th December - Years 5 & 6 Carol Concert (parents invited) @ 1.45pm
- Friday 19th December - End of Autumn Term - finish @ 1.15pm

EXTERNAL NOTICES

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



Tuesday 2nd
December
2025

Access and advice to Autism support

Tuesday 2nd December, 09:00-10:00, Springfield Primary School Hub

This session is for parents, carers and wider family members to hear about what is available to support families of Autistic children.

We are able to support pre and post diagnosis.

During this session you will:

- Learn about the help and support available from the Surrey Family Support Service
- Find out how you can access our support
- Learn more about The Mindworks partnership
- Be signposted to other local support
- Have the opportunity to join a Q&A session for information and advice

How to attend?

- You can just turn up on the day, however if you are able to let us know you are coming it would be helpful for our planning.
- If you would like to know more or to tell us your coming, please email chris.dempsey@nas.org.uk
- The session will be held at: Springfield Primary School, Nursery Road, Sunbury-on-Thames Middlesex, TW16 6LY





The Lower Sunbury
Business Community brings you:

Sunbury Christmas Market

Thursday 4th December 2025
from 5pm to 8pm

Avenue Parade, TW16 5HS

Children's zone with ride and stalls • Santa's Grotto
Artisan food and fayre stalls • Gifts and so much more



Come and join in the celebrations
Gifts for children in Christmas fancy dress!



Community
Sports
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Saturday Morning Bees

EVERY SATURDAY

8

15

22

29

6

13

NOV

DEC



Children aged 5- 11

8.45 - 9.45 (Years 1, 2, 3)

8.45 - 10.15 (Years 4, 5, 6)

Hazelwood Centre, Hazelwood Dr,
Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 6QU

£10 = per child, per session



Book Now





Community
Sports
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Monday Night Football

EVERY MONDAY

3

10

17

24

1

8

15

NOV

DEC

Boys & Girls | School Year 3 - 11

17.30 - 18.30 (Years 3 - 6)

18.30 - 19.30 (Years 7 - 11)

Hazelwood Centre, Hazelwood Dr,
Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 6QU

7 sessions = **£35**

Book Now





FUNWEEKS

WINTER ACTIVE CAMP



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**

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10TH DEC
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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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