

# ST IGNATIUS NEWSLETTER

14.11.2025



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

## Odd Sock Day



Dear Parents / Carers,

We have ended our week with our usual celebration assembly this afternoon. This is one of my favourite parts of the week in which we come together as a whole school and celebrate the achievements of everyone. This week the **Pupil Leadership Team** were formally introduced to the whole school and we looked at some of the wonderful **Prayer Garden** entries that the children have been working on. The ideas that have been submitted are absolutely wonderful and I look forward to what is going to happen next over the coming months. If there are any parents who think they might be able to support with helping to get a structure together please let me know.

Year 5 pupils attended a trip to the **Science Museum** today and I can't wait to speak to them to hear how they got on.

### Christmas Appeal

Believe it or not we are beginning to really think about Christmas! Today, you will receive a separate letter from me about an appeal which I have decided to call '**Love in a Box**'. This is an opportunity to live out our Catholic Social Teaching Values of service to others. I feel very strongly that we are called to help others.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

Open Morning for prospective parents  
@ 9.30am

### TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

Years 5 & 6 Boys Football vs Saxon

### WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

Phonics Live Session for Reception parents  
in the classrooms @ 8.50am

### THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

### FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

Jubilee Celebration Day  
Year 5 Swimming  
Year 1 Parent Assembly @ 9am

This is an opportunity for our children to actively help other children. There are more details contained in the letter but I really ask as many families as possible to take part. I have previously run this appeal and I can honestly say it is one of the most moving experiences of my career when giving donations to others at Christmas.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

God bless,

**Ms Murphy - Headteacher**

## Tupperware Collection

Following on from our Grandparents Afternoon, we have some tupperware and baking trays in the School Office which have not been collected. If you think they might be yours, please do pop by to check. There is also a Cath Kidston thermal bag.

We also have a blue cube box that was brought in which contained books for the book donation.

If these items are not collected before the end of term they will be recycled.

**School Office**

## Year 1 Notice



Year 1 pupils are in need of some small plant pots. If you have any at home (like the ones pictured), please could you send them into school with your child by Thursday next week.

Ask them to take them to Miss Grady or Miss O'Sullivan's classrooms. It is fine if they have already been used. Thank you!

**Miss Grady - Year 1 Class Teacher**

## Phonics Live Session

**This notice is for Reception and Year 1 parents only.**

We would like to invite you to join us for a special Phonics Lesson in your child's classroom on **Wednesday 19th November**.

Parents are welcome to walk in with their child at the start of the day, and the lesson will begin at 8:50am, finishing at around 9:20am. This is a great opportunity to see how we teach phonics and how your child is learning to read and spell in class.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Miss Palmer - KS1 Lead**

# Attendance Notice

Please be aware that attendance letters will be emailed out next week for all pupils with an attendance of under 90%.

Attendance at school is vital for both academic and emotional strength of a child.

**Ms Murphy - Headteacher**

# Weather Conditions

Please ensure your child(ren) are bringing a raincoat/winter coat into school now that the autumn weather has set in. Children will always have outdoor breaktimes unless the rain is particularly heavy. **Please ensure you label everything!**

***Note that next week we are forecast much lower temperatures all week.***

**Ms Murphy - Headteacher**

# Year 5 Science Museum Trip

Today, Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Science Museum as part of their learning about Earth and Space. We began our visit in the exciting **Wonderlab**, where the children explored hands-on science activities and experimented with interactive exhibits. Afterwards, we headed to the **Earth and Space gallery**, which helped bring our classroom learning to life.

A highlight of the day was the **IMAX cinema experience**, where we watched a presentation about life on the International Space Station.

The children were fascinated to see how astronauts live and work in space. We ended our visit with a fun and engaging interactive rocket show, which was a brilliant way to round off our space-themed day.

The children behaved wonderfully and showed great curiosity throughout. We had a great day!

**Miss Brown and Mrs Whittington - Year 5 Class Teachers**



# Opal Play

The children have been enjoying our Opal Play lunchtimes and some of our youngest children have begun spending their lunch play on the main playground where they can play with the small world characters, dress up in fancy dress costumes, play a game with the play leaders or build in the sand pit. The Reception children wear hi-vis vests when playing on the main playground so that all of their older friends can easily identify them. Our **Year 4 Wellbeing Ambassadors** meet the Reception children in their outdoor area and take them onto the playground. They have been doing a great job at learning the children's names and helping them choose where they would like to play.

Our **Year 5 Play Leaders** have been busy at lunchtimes too, encouraging and helping children join in and play different playgrounds games. The Play Leaders wear hi-vis vests so they can be easily spotted if any child needs a friend or wants to join a playground game. We have our **Tidy Up Leaders** from Year 5 who have been overseeing the setting up and putting away of resources at lunchtime.

We will soon have our den building area up and running. We are in the process of ordering a range of den building resources, which have kindly been funded by the PTA. Additionally, a parent will be providing us with a range of wood from his company. We are immensely thankful for this generous donation and everything that you as parents give to the PTA.

## Miss Grady - Year 1 Class Teacher and PE Lead



## Opal Play Certificates

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

### Golden Broom Award

- KS1 - Freddie K
- KS2 - Hugo H

### Golden Welly Award

- KS1 - Leah P
- KS2 - Mehry T

### Miss Frew - Assistant Headteacher



# Years 4 & 6: Bikeability Level One



Our Year 4 children, and a few Year 6 children, have recently had the opportunity to participate in Bikeability Level One. Through a series of fun exercises and games, the children have practised various cycling skills on their bikes in the school playground: riding one-handed, looking behind, stopping with control, sharing space, manoeuvring at low speed, using gears if they have them and turning with control. The children have also learnt a simple bike check too.

Well done children! Try and find times to go out cycling with your family now to keep practising these new skills!

**Miss Frew - Assistant Headteacher**

## Year 6 Learn to Ride Course

Some of our Year 6 children have participated in the Learn to Ride course this week. It has been lovely to see children who were not able to ride at the start of the course confidently cycling across the school playground!

Well done children!

**Miss Frew - Assistant Headteacher**



## PE Notices

### Year 5 & 6 Hockey Team

Ms Gleave will train with the hockey team on Monday and Wednesday next week. Please make sure your child has their shin pads and gum shields with them. If you need help purchasing these please speak to Miss Grady directly or via email at [a.grady@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:a.grady@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk).

### Year 5 & 6 Boys A Team Football

The following matches have been arranged:

- Tuesday 18th November - home game (letter sent)

We do need a referee for this match. If you are able to help, please speak to Miss Grady directly or via email at [a.grady@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:a.grady@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk).

### Year 5 & 6 Girls A Team Football

The following matches have been arranged:

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

**Miss Grady - Year 1 Class Teacher / PE Lead**

# Headteacher Awards

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

## Reception:

Badgers - Alani J  
Hedgehogs - Theo G-M

## Year 3:

3V - Borys F  
3BF - Alfie B

## Year 5:

5W - River C W  
5B - Victoria G

## Year 1:

1G - Finley S  
1OS - Mia T

## Year 4:

4AP - Jamie C  
4P - Thomas B

## Year 6:

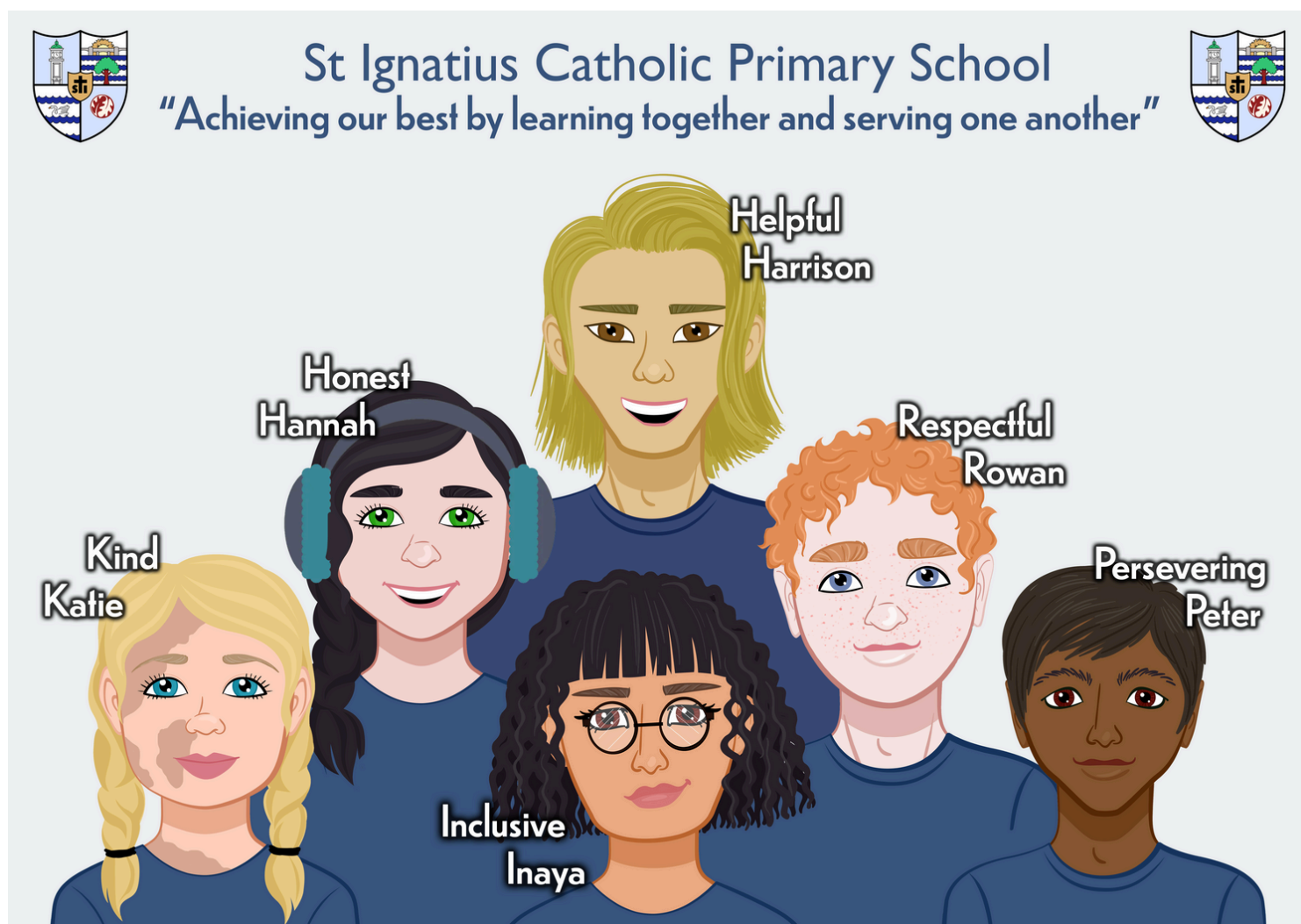
6N - Ingrid N A K-Y A  
6S - Riya H A

## Year 2:

2C - Leon S D K  
2BP - Baxter W

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

**Ms Murphy - Headteacher**



# Wake Up Wednesdays

AI can now generate realistic looking videos that are almost impossible to distinguish from genuine content. From hoax news to abusive deepfakes, these synthetic clips can mislead, manipulate and even harm. As AI tools become more advanced, and more accessible, young people are increasingly at risk of encountering fake but convincing footage online. This #WakeUpWednesday guide unpacks the dangers of AI-generated videos, from the emotional impact of fake distressing content to the potential for impersonation and bullying. With practical tips to help young users spot deepfakes and navigate online spaces with confidence, this guide is an essential read for parents and educators navigating this rapidly evolving digital landscape.

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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-GENERATED VIDEOS

AI-generated videos are increasingly difficult to spot and easy to share. From fake news clips to deepfake abuse, children and young people face new risks every day online. These videos can imitate real people, spread false narratives or even generate harmful content from scratch. Understanding these dangers is crucial for schools and families who want to protect children in a fast-evolving digital world.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### DEEPPAKE ABUSE CONTENT

Shockingly, artificial intelligence is now being exploited to create child sexual abuse material (CSAM). These synthetic images and videos are a form of digital abuse, often generated by manipulating real children's photos, including ones shared innocently online. Worryingly, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has identified a sharp rise in this disturbing trend. Whether real or AI-generated, this content causes lasting trauma – and its creation or possession remains a criminal offence under UK law.

#### EMOTIONAL MANIPULATION

AI-generated videos can be used to provoke strong emotions, including fear, anger or guilt. False footage of crying children, injured animals or burning buildings may be created purely for clicks, donations or political influence. Children may feel upset or powerless, unaware that what they are watching has been digitally invented to manipulate their reaction.

#### DISINFORMATION

AI-generated videos can spread fake news, making it harder for children to separate fact from fiction. False clips may include deepfake interviews, hoax disasters or fabricated health claims. AI is already being used to produce misleading or persuasive material that appears authentic. If they don't develop media literacy, children may accept false content as truth.

#### IMPERSONATION AND SCAMS

With just a few photos or voice clips, AI tools can imitate someone's appearance or speech. This makes it easier for scammers or bullies to create fake videos of children, teachers or celebrities. These impersonations can be used for fraud, harassment or humiliation – and can spread quickly through social media or group chats, due to the viral potential of video, in particular, on social media.

#### BLURRED REALITY

Regular exposure to fake content can erode a child's trust in real-world evidence. If everything can be faked, they may begin to question genuine videos – including actual abuse or injustice. This is known as the 'flar's dividend' where real harm is dismissed as fake news. It can discourage victims from coming forward or speaking up.

#### USED FOR BULLYING

Deepfake technology is already being used by peers to create embarrassing or explicit clips of classmates. These videos can be edited to appear as though a child said or did something they never did. Once shared, they are almost impossible to delete completely. AI-generated bullying adds a new layer of harm that is deeply personal and difficult to prove.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### TEACH HOW IT WORKS

Explain to children that videos can be faked – and show them how. Demonstrating side-by-side examples of real vs AI-generated clips helps to build awareness. Discuss how faces, voices and even movements can be copied by machines. Understanding the technology reduces fear and builds confidence in navigating digital content safely.

#### TALK ABOUT TRUST

Always keep lines of communication open. If a child sees something upsetting or unbelievable, they should feel safe discussing it without judgement. Create an environment where they know they will not get in trouble for asking questions. This also helps you step in quickly if harmful content has been shared, trust is vital and needs to be nurtured.

#### ENCOURAGE CRITICAL QUESTIONS

Help children question what they watch. Who made this? Why was it made? Is it trying to persuade me? These habits encourage digital thinking, especially when videos seem too shocking or convenient. Reinforce that not everything shared by friends or influencers is true, even if it looks convincing at first, and that the initial approach should always be one of speculation.

#### STRENGTHEN PRIVACY SETTINGS

Advise children not to share voice notes, selfies or personal videos on public platforms. AI tools often scrape content from social media to create deepfakes. Use privacy controls to limit who can see their content and turn off facial recognition where possible. Fewer public images means fewer opportunities for misuse.

#### Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keefe is a headteacher and digital education consultant with over a decade of experience in education. As Director of Digital Strategy across multiple schools and an advisor to The National College, he specialises in digital safety, PREVENT, and pastoral care.

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# Safeguarding Notice

This week, we held a Key Stage 2 Assembly about online safety. We discussed how to keep safe online and avoid dangers. It would be excellent if you could look over this again (see link below) with your children and have a chat with them about the importance of keeping themselves safe online.

[Key Stage 2 Online Safety Assembly.](#)

Where your children are online at home, please be vigilant about ensuring privacy settings are in place. Thank you for your support in safeguarding our children.

**Mrs O'Neill - Deputy Head**

## PTA Notices

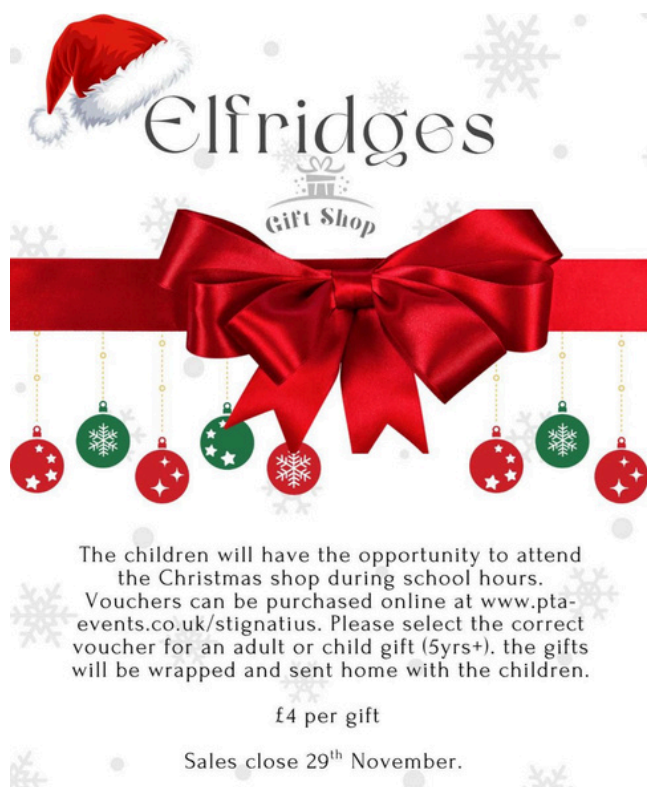
### Upcoming Events:

#### **Elfridges Gift Shop - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

- Visit our website to purchase your shopping vouchers - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stignatius/>

#### **Christmas Raffle - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

- We are looking for donations to add to our Christmas Raffle. Can your business, employer or a company you are linked to provide a prize or gift voucher? We are a registered charity and can provide a letter if needed. Thank you.



The children will have the opportunity to attend the Christmas shop during school hours. Vouchers can be purchased online at [www.pta-events.co.uk/stignatius](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stignatius). Please select the correct voucher for an adult or child gift (5yrs+), the gifts will be wrapped and sent home with the children.

£4 per gift

Sales close 29<sup>th</sup> November.



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# RAFFLE

## PRIZES NEEDED

WE ARE IN NEED OF SOME PRIZES FOR OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE. AS WELL AS OUR COLOUR HAMPER DONATIONS, CAN YOUR BUSINESS, EMPLOYER OR COMPANY YOU ARE LINKED TO PROVIDE A PRIZE OR GIFT VOUCHER? WE ARE A REGISTERED CHARITY AND CAN PROVIDE A LETTER IF NEEDED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WE ARE ALWAYS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL!

PLEASE LET US KNOW BY EMAILING US AT [PTASTIGNATIUS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PTASTIGNATIUS@GMAIL.COM)

# Let's Celebrate

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

- Congratulations to **George E** (2C) for receiving Player of the Match last week for his U7s team Spelthorne Rangers after scoring a hatrick. Well done George!
- Last Sunday, **Onaya L, Yenara L,** and **Mrs De Alwis** had the honour of participating in the Remembrance Day service. Onaya carried the flag for the Brownies unit and wore her grandads Air Force badge as an honour to him. Yenara laid the wreath for the Rainbow unit at the memorial and Mrs De Alwis (leader) accompanied the Rainbow unit with the other leaders



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](mailto: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 1
SERVED W/C: 27<sup>th</sup> Oct | 17<sup>th</sup> Nov | 8<sup>th</sup> Dec | 19<sup>th</sup> Jan | 9<sup>th</sup> Feb | 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar | 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar | 13<sup>th</sup> Apr
Cucina IFG

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>OPTION 1</b> <b>MAIN MEAL</b> 	Cheese & Bean Lasagne	Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Vegan Lentil & Stuffing Pastry Roll	BBQ Quorn & Peppers & Rice	Vegan Vegetable Nuggets & Chips
<b>OPTION 2</b> 	Sticky Chinese Chicken & Vegetable Rice	Traditional Creamy Beef Lasagne	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken in a Katsu Curry Sauce & Rice	MSC Approved Fish Fingers & Chips
<b>VEGGIES</b> 	Carrots & Peas	Broccoli	Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	Peas	Beans
<b>PASTA</b> 	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Creamy Pesto
<b>FILLED ROLLS</b> 	Ham Cheese	Chicken Egg	Ham Cheese	Tuna Mayo Cheese	Egg Cheese
<b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b> Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans, tuna mayo or cheese and beans					
<b>SWEET TREATS</b> 	Blueberry Cookie Bar	Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Strawberry Yoghurt & Strawberry Sauce	Apple & Cocoa Sponge	Raspberry Jelly
Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt					
<b>KEY</b> <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">Nutritionist's Choice</span> Vegetarian  Vegan  Added Wholewheat					

# KEY TERM DATES

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Open Morning @ 9.30am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Phonics Live Session for Parents @ 8.50am (Rec & Yr1)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Jubilee Celebration Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Year 1 Parent Assembly @ 9am

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Year 1 Chertsey Museum Workshop

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Judo Assembly (parents invited) @ 2.15pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3 Mass

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - EYFS Nativity (parents invited) @ 9.30am

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - PTA Hamper Donations

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 Swimming

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 Bikeability Level 2

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Nativity (parents invited) @ 9.30am

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Nativity (parents invited) @ 9.30am

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - PTA Elfridges Christmas Shop / Raffle

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 Swimming

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 (all week)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Year 3 & 4 Christingle (parents invited) @ 1.45pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Year 3 & 4 Christingle (parents invited) @ 1.45pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert (parents invited) @ 6pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch Day

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

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



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!



# FUNWEEKS

## WINTER ACTIVE CAMP



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SCHOOL**

**MONDAY 22ND AND  
TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER  
2025**

**9AM - 3PM**

**10% SIBLING DISCOUNT**

**FOR CHILDREN IN  
YEARS 1 - 7**

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**0203 397 7409**

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**EARLY BIRD PRICING:**

**BOOK BEFORE  
MIDDAY ON  
10TH DEC  
£25.00**

**BOOK AFTER  
MIDDAY ON  
10TH DEC  
£26.50**

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Santa

# Fun Run

Join us

30 November  
Bushy Park

14 December  
Sandown Park  
Racecourse



[santafunrun.pah.org.uk](http://santafunrun.pah.org.uk)



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# THE SNOWMAN



WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA

EXPERIENCE RAYMOND BRIGGS' TIMELESS  
ANIMATED CLASSIC WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA

4.30 PM & 6 PM

THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER 2025

THE NEW HALL, CARDINAL VAUGHAN SCHOOL, 89 ADDISON ROAD, LONDON W14  
TICKETS (£10 ADULTS £5 CHILDREN) AVAILABLE AT [WWW.CVMS.CO.UK](http://WWW.CVMS.CO.UK)



# 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](mailto: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:

Mrs 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](mailto: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](#).

## Contact Us

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