



ST IGNATIUS NEWSLETTER

17.07.2026



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



Celebration of the Arts

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have finally reached the last day of the academic year and it has been exceptionally busy and successful.

This year has witnessed two external inspections which recognise both the hard work and the achievements of our children. Thank you for always being so supportive of the School.

St Ignatius PTA

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team that worked tirelessly to raise money for the children and the School. The PTA team, which is extremely small, make a huge difference to funds raised and therefore resources for your child. They organise events, prepare wonderful opportunities for children to buy gifts for you, organise and prepare secondhand uniforms and most importantly give up their time.

I feel sad that there is such a small group of parents working within this team and I would urge you to offer support at least once a year to one activity. Thank you to all of the parents who have been attending the school discos.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER

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TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

INSET Day

WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

Start of Autumn Term

THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

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FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

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Reading Café

A huge thank you to the group of parents and other volunteers who have also offered their time to hear children read in the mornings throughout the year. We know that being able to read fluently and confidently is a life skill that can enable better life chances for children. I truly appreciate the service you have all given to the School.



KS2 SATs Results

Key Stage 2 results will go out today to all Year 6 pupils and again I am very proud of their achievements. I wish each and every one of them all the luck in the world and my prayers as they move to the next chapters.

Staffing News

I have some additional news regarding staffing and that is that **Mr Moran**, our site manager, will be moving on from us and we will be looking for a replacement to start from September. We thank him for his hard work in the short time that he was with us.

We return to school on Wednesday 2nd September at normal time. Year 1 classes will enter through the KS1 gates. Years 2 and 3 will enter through the central gates and Years 4, 5 and 6 through the KS2 gates.

I wish you all a very restful break and time with your families and close ones and I will be fully energised alongside a fantastic team for an exceptional year ahead.

During the holidays, I will be turning a significant number and I'm looking forward to celebrations with my friends and family!

God bless you all and thank you.

Ms Murphy
Headteacher

Attendance

This week's **highest attendance** was **Hedgehogs (99.2%)** and **5B (98.6%)**.

The whole school attendance percentage this week was **94.4%**. 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 8.30am as possible.

Ms Murphy - Headteacher

Year 1 Kings & Queens Day



Year 1 pupils had a wonderful time at their Kings and Queens Day. They enjoyed making crowns, having a royal tea party and acting out a Coronation.

Lots of the children dressed up as kings, queens, princes and princesses and we thought you all looked fantastic!

On Thursday, the children painted themselves as a king or queen.

Miss Grady - Year 1 Class Teacher

Half Termly Awards

This half term, our value focus was Honest Hannah. One child from each class was presented with an **Honest Hannah Award** in recognition of their honesty and integrity - in class, in the playground and within their smaller peer groups throughout this half term.

The following children were celebrated in assembly last week:

Reception:

- Hedgehogs - Roman B
- Badgers - Carter S

Year 1:

- 1OS - Mia T
- 1G - Caleb H

Year 2:

- 2C - Oscar S
- 2BP - Alicja M

Year 3:

- 3V - Taran V
- 3BF - Marnie R

Year 4:

- 4P - Jack A
- 4AP - Oliver W

Year 5:

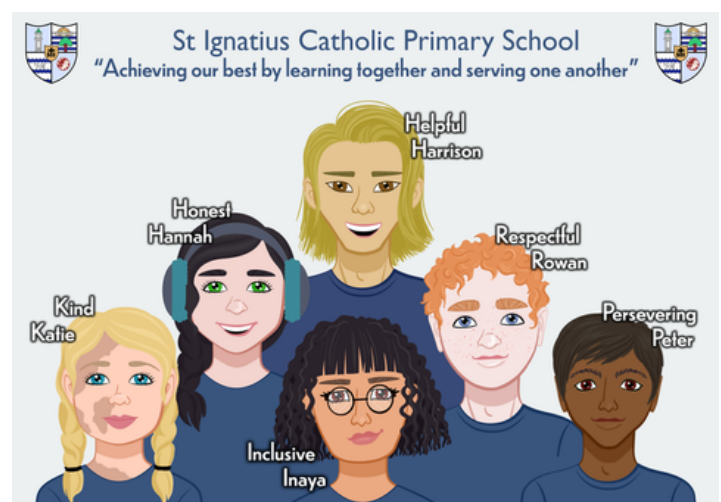
- 5W - Oliver W
- 5B - Eva B

Year 6:

- 6N - Faustino E
- 6S - Tanveer B

We are so proud of each and every one of you for trying so hard to live our school values!

Mrs O'Neill - Deputy Headteacher



Headteacher Awards

Each week our pupils are recognised for following our school values. Below are the nominations for the last two weeks. During our Celebration Assemblies the following children were awarded a Headteacher Award:

Persevering Peter Award

**Nominations for week commencing
3rd July 2026:**

Reception:

- Hedgehogs - Summer-Rae W
- Badgers - Felix K

Year 1:

- 1OS - Freddie E
- 1G - Zachary N

Year 2:

- 2C - Rohan H
- 2BP - Melania R

Year 3:

- 3V - Izabela L
- 3BF - Theodore W

Year 4:

- 4P - Chikamso M
- 4AP - Jamie C

Year 5:

- 5W - Daniel C
- 5B - Maya B

Year 6:

- 6N - James T / Evelina B
- 6S - Olivia V / Jarrell N-O

Respectful Rowan Award

**Nominations for week commencing
13th July 2026:**

Reception:

- Hedgehogs - Joy G
- Badgers - Esmae F

Year 1:

- 1OS - Anastasia N
- 1G - Sasha P

Year 2:

- 2C - Amelia F
- 2BP - Hektor D

Year 3:

- 3V - Carmen T-S
- 3BF - Sophia S

Year 4:

- 4P - John E
- 4AP - Millie M

Year 5:

- 5W - Max S
- 5B - Clarissa E

Year 6:

- 6N - Angelina R-K
- 6S - Vivaan R / Danylo N

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

Ms Murphy - Headteacher

PE Notices

Please find below scheduled PE days for each class next year...

- Reception - Thursday
- Year 1 - Monday and Tuesday
- Year 2 - Tuesday and Wednesday
- Year 3 - Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 4 - Tuesday and Wednesday (autumn & spring term) / Tuesday and swimming on Friday (summer term)
- Year 5 - Monday and swimming on Friday (autumn term) / Monday and Friday (spring & summer term)
- Year 6 - Monday and Friday

Years 5 & 6 Girls Netball

A huge well done to the Years 5 & 6 girls who won their final league game against Laleham 3-1. The girls did extremely well to play on a hot afternoon and showed great encouragement and teamwork. Well done girls!

Thank You

This year we have entered a huge number of sporting competitions, leagues and festivals. At every event the children have represented the school in the best possible way - always trying their best and demonstrating a true sporting attitude. Whilst we haven't won every event, we have had a lot of sporting success this year so a huge well done to everyone who has represented St Ignatius. Finally, thank you to the parents who so willingly help to transport children to the events - without your help we wouldn't be able to take part in so many events. I hope that the children leaving us in Year 6 have the confidence to try out for sports teams in their secondary schools and that you continue to enjoy taking part in sports.

PE Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform from September. Please note that cycling shorts, Nike pro shorts or branded items (e.g. Nike joggers) are not part of our uniform. Please also remember that earrings must be removed on PE days.

	Boys	Girls
PE Kit:	• Navy short-sleeved t-shirt with school crest* (compulsory) • Plain navy blue shorts • Plain navy blue zip up hoodie • Plain dark trainers Additional / Optional • Navy fleece with school crest* • Tracksuit (<i>optional</i>) in navy (<i>plain, no logos</i>) • Football boots	

Miss Grady - PE Lead

Let's Celebrate

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

- Congratulations to **Frederico M** (4P) and **Sebastian M** (1G) completed the cancer 5km pretty mudder race. It was hot but both boys finished independently, raising over £350 for cancer
- Congratulations to **Harrison H-S** (3BF) - for passing Stage 5 in swimming. He loves swimming and puts a lot into his lessons and has bounced back since he broke his arm which took him out for 3 months
- Congratulations to **Amelia L** (2BP) who won second place in her gymnastics competition this weekend.
- Congratulations to **Sophia L** (1G) who won first place in her gymnastics competition this weekend.
- Congratulations to **Onaya W L** (5W) and **Yenara W L** (2BP) who have both graded at Judo. Onaya also won 1st place in the swimming competition and Yenara won 3rd place at the Gymnastics competition. In addition, Onaya also received The Guild Medal for her service at the Jhon Fisher Church in Shepperton
- Congratulations to **Olivia K** (3V) for taking part in her performing arts showcase on Sunday, and sung a solo. She was awarded a certificate for 'most improved performer'.

Mrs Tunnicliffe - School Office



Key Term Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET Day
Wednesday 16 th September	School Individual Photos
Friday 25 th September	PTA Break the Rules Day
Wednesday 30 th September	Open Morning to Prospective Parents @ 9.30am
Thursday 8 th October	PTA Autumn Disco
Friday 9 th October	Year 6 Harvest Festival Assembly @ 9am (parents invited)
Monday 12 th October	Year 6 PGL Trip (all week)
Thursday 15 th October	PTA Annual General Meeting @ 7pm
Monday 19 th October	Open Morning to Prospective Parents @ 9.30am
Thursday 22 nd October	Half Term (22.10.26 - 30.10.26)

Wake Up Wednesdays

Top Tips for a Tech-Free Summer for Teens

For many young people, the summer holidays can easily become dominated by phones, gaming, streaming and social media. This guide offers reassuring, realistic advice for parents, carers and educators who want to encourage 11- to 16-year-olds to spend more time offline without making technology feel like the enemy.

From phone-free challenges and micro-adventures to active travel, outdoor clubs and creative alternatives to scrolling, the guide focuses on small, achievable changes. It also highlights the importance of giving teens choice, responsibility and social motivation, helping them build confidence, wellbeing and healthier habits throughout the summer.

Miss Partington - Year 4 Class Teacher & PSHE Lead

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TECH-FREE SUMMER FOR TEENS

For many 11- to 16-year-olds, summer can quickly become screen heavy, especially when socialising, entertainment, and downtime all happen via their devices. Encouraging a tech-free summer isn't about banning technology altogether, but about helping young people rediscover friendship, creativity, independence, and the great outdoors. The NHS recommends that young people aged 5 to 18 aim for an average of at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day across the week.

1 BUILD OUTDOOR CHOICE



Teens are more likely to engage when they feel they have a level of control. Create a simple 'summer outdoors menu' with options such as cycling to a favourite café, playing rounders, visiting a skatepark, dog walking, photography walks, geocaching, or helping around the garden. Parents and educators can then ask young people to choose two or three activities each week that interest them.

2 PREPARE THE KIT

Small barriers can stop teenagers going outside, especially if they feel uncomfortable, too hot, or unprepared. Keep a grab bag with sun cream, water, snacks, plasters, a cap, period products, and a lightweight waterproof. During hot weather, plan shade, water breaks, and calmer activities, as vigorous exercise is not advised on very hot days.

3 TRY MICRO-ADVENTURES



Outdoor activities don't need to be expensive or complicated. A micro-adventure could be as simple as watching the sunrise, walking to a local viewpoint, making breakfast outside, visiting a new green space, or planning a bus journey to a nearby nature trail. Encourage teens to plan the route, snacks, and timings themselves to help build their independence.

4 LINK TO REAL INTERESTS



A young person who dislikes sport may still enjoy being outside if the activity connects with something they already care about. Link outdoor time to music, art, animals, fashion, cooking, photography, or social interaction. Ideas include sketching in a park, making a nature playlist, filming a wildlife vlog script, or designing posters for a community garden.

5 CREATE SOCIAL PULL



For many teenagers, friends are the strongest motivator in various areas of life. Parents can invite one or two friends on walks, picnics, or garden games, while schools can promote lunchtime leagues, outdoor clubs, or summer meet-ups linked to existing interests. Make these activities feel social rather than supervised, with adults nearby for safety but not dominating the experience.

6 MAKE TRAVEL ACTIVE



Active travel is a practical way to build outdoor time into everyday routines. Encourage young people to walk, cycle, or scooter short journeys where it's safe to do so, such as to school, the library, a friend's house, or a sports club. Educators could run a summer 'active miles' challenge, with pupils logging their journeys completed on foot or by pedal.

7 USE PHONE-FREE CHALLENGES



Rather than simply saying, 'Put your phone away', turn time spent offline into a shared challenge. Try a two-hour, phone-free park visit, a family evening walk, or a tutor-group challenge where pupils track their screen-free outdoor hours and share what they've been doing. You could all agree to keep devices in a box, bag, or classroom drawer, and allow for check-in time afterwards.

8 OFFER REAL RESPONSIBILITY



Teens often respond well when outdoor activities feel purposeful. Give them the responsibility for setting up a garden get-together, planning a picnic budget, leading a warm-up routine, mapping a walking route, or organising outdoor equipment. Schools could ask pupils to design an outdoor wellbeing trail, manage a sports rota, or support younger pupils during activity sessions.

9 REPLACE, DON'T REMOVE



If screens are taken away without an appealing alternative, young people may see outdoor time as a punishment. Replace gaming sessions with football drills, dance practice, basketball shots, treasure hunts, or card games outside. Replace screen scrolling with a 'boredom box' containing items like chalk, a frisbee, skipping ropes, playing cards, seed packets, or a disposable-style camera.

10 CELEBRATE SMALL WINS



Not every teenager will suddenly love the outdoors, so recognise their gradual progress. Celebrate a 20-minute walk, an hour at the park, a phone-free picnic lunch, or choosing to cycle instead of being driven around. Parents and educators can use praise, certificates, group displays, or simple shared reflection to show that outdoor effort matters.

Meet Our Expert

The National College provides expert-led training and resources to support schools, trusts and education settings worldwide. Its guidance helps parents and educators understand the issues affecting children and young people today, covering topics such as safeguarding, wellbeing, digital safety, and healthy development.

See full reference list on our website

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The National College

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MON 27TH - FRI 31ST JULY
MON 3RD - FRI 7TH AUGUST



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Ofsted 2024

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Diocese Report

OPEN EVENTS

Admission to Year 7 in 2027

Open Mornings

Thursday 24th September, 1st October and 8th October

Tours from 8.45am, 9.00am and 9.15am

Please note that tour bookings are NOT required

Open Evening

Thursday 24th September from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Headteacher Evening Address at 5.45pm and 6.30 pm

Sixth Form Open Evening

Admission to Year 12 in 2027

Wednesday 30th September from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30pm

Enquiries

Year 7

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SUMMER Camp

☀️ ✂️ Join Us for Our Exciting Summer Gymnastics Camp! ✂️ ☀️

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Come and flip, jump, balance and have fun with us this summer at Spelthorne Gymnastics!

All led by our experienced coaching team.

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**LEARN NEW
SKILLS**

**MAKE NEW
FRIENDS**

**PLAY FUN
GAMES**

**BUILD
CONFIDENCE**

Open to both members and non-members. Suitable for primary school children. All abilities welcome! Bring a packed lunch, water bottle and wear suitable clothing.



**WEDNESDAY
29TH JULY**

**WEDNESDAY
5TH AUGUST**

**WEDNESDAY
12TH AUGUST**



45 PER PERSON



09:30AM- 3.00PM



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Hosted by Spelthorne Museum
Staines Library Hub
18th July 2026
11am to 3.30pm
Admission Free





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Mindfulness Pony Days For Kids

A magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship and mindfulness

What to expect :

- Mindfulness time with ponies
- Pony care
- Riding and Mounted games
- Connect with arts and nature
- Make new friends



Dates:

4th, 6th, 10th and 13th of August 2026

Time: 8:30 am -1:00pm

📍 **Hillcrest Farm Riding School,
Horsham RH13 6NX**

Book Now

Spaces limited to 10 children per day

£115 per child per day £30 pound deposit

By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £30 deposit. You will be invoiced for the balance 1 week before the event

Links for Booking

4th August

6th August

10th August

13th August

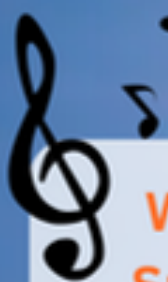
We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) we celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.



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Events this Summer at Sunbury Library.



Wednesday 29th July, 10.30am
Summer kazoos, 50p per Kazoo

Tuesday 4th August, 10.30am
Rainmaker £1 per child

Friday 7th August 12pm
Explore Learning Free

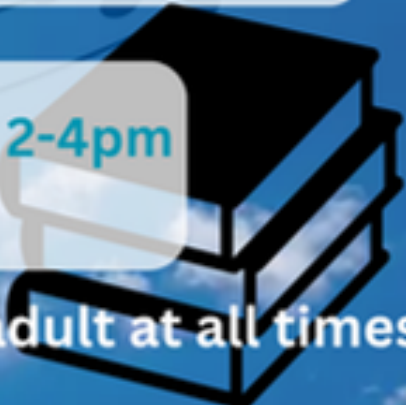
Saturday 8th August, 3pm
Make a Guitar £1 per child

Thursday 13th August, 10.30am
Weaving Craft £1 per child

Tuesday 18th August, 10.30am
Noisy Storytime, Free

Thursday 27th August, 10am-12pm & 2-4pm
Make a Badge 25p per badge

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times



This Summer at Sunbury Library

Rhymetime every
Friday 10.30am and
Saturday 11am

Craft event
every week

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge

READ
to the
BEAT

Treasure
hunt

New books every
week

Come in and see what we have to offer
Sunbury Library, open 9.30 - 5.
Tuesday to Saturday

Parents Supporting Parents

By volunteering just a few hours each week you can transform the lives of young children and their parents in your community.



As a Home-Start volunteer you could make a BIG difference to a local family

If you are a parent, a carer, or maybe a grandparent, you know just how tough family life can be at times. And we know it too. Our volunteers, who have parenting experience, help families with all sorts of problems, from the everyday to the overwhelming. Problems such as:

- Loneliness and isolation
- Relationship difficulties
- Multiple children under 5
- Ill health, disability or special needs
- Lone parenting
- Coping with bereavement
- Mental health
- Children's behaviour



**Our next training course starts Tuesday
15th September, enquire today!**



Contact for more info
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01784 463200

What do volunteers actually do?

Our volunteers will usually visit a parent in their home once a week for a couple of hours. How they help is really down to the needs of the family. Some might need a sympathetic ear, a shoulder to cry on, someone to have a laugh with. Others may need help keeping appointments or accessing local services and connecting with their local community. Our volunteers can provide an extra pair of hands to help people cope with everyday parenting situations, or practical help with activities like playing or reading stories.

Home-Start's approach is very personal and friendly and this often reassures parents that what they're going through is not unusual, that they are not alone.

I've loved my time with Home-Start since the first day on the course. The team are so welcoming and help provide all the relevant info. Working with families has been so rewarding. Seeing parents and children grow in confidence with a little help with signposting or getting to know the area if they are new is so lovely to be a part of.

Feedback from a home-visiting volunteer



"My volunteer's kindness and support made me feel less alone, more confident and allowed me to be able to care for my children. I am truly grateful for the help I received, it had a positive impact on me and my children."

Feedback from a supported parent

Contact us to find out more!

01784 463 200

info@home-startspelthorne.org

www.home-startspelthorne.org



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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