

St Ignatius - Summer Newsletter

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Catholic Primary School



In God's Hands

'Safe in God's hands, we share our PEARL values'

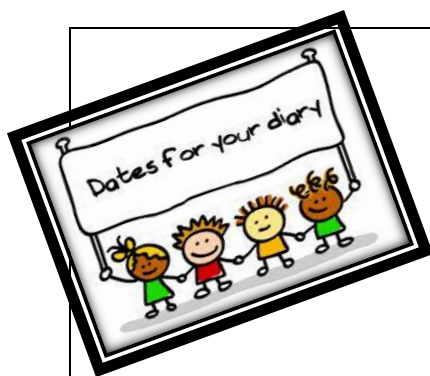
Mr Bonner's message

Summer Term 2025



Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of another busy school year and it is time to bid farewell to our Year 6 pupils. I am sure they are all very excited by the prospect of starting their journey through secondary school. There have been many highlights over the course of this year and our successful Ofsted Inspection is high amongst them. The inspectors pointed out how our children "behave exceptionally well" and they "work hard and achieve highly." This is an achievement the whole school community can take great pride in. Thank you all for your support throughout the year and I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday.



Summer Holidays

Friday 18th July 2025

Last day of school for pupils before summer holidays!



BACK TO SCHOOL - September 2025

Thursday 4th September 2025

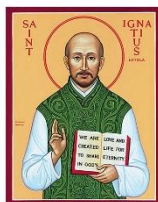
First Day back to school after summer holidays

<https://stignatiuscatholicprimary.co.uk/termdates>



St Ignatius Day

A day to celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius and our school. We had a special service in the church, where the children shared information and stories of St Ignatius' life. We finished the day with a celebration outside with lots of delicious foods from around the world.



Our School Patron Saint-St. Ignatius of Loyola.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, born Inigo Lopez de Loyola, was a Spanish knight who became a priest and founded the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits. He is known for his spiritual writings and his emphasis on finding God in all things.

His feast day is on July 31st.

THIS TERM HAS BEEN PACKED WITH:

Playground Proms

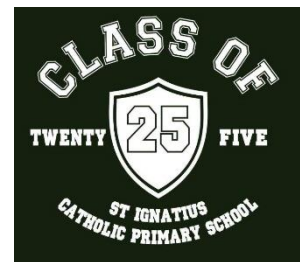


On 8th July, the whole school enjoyed a performance from Graffiti Classics, a string quartet music group, as part of Haringey Music's 'Playground Proms' events. The children learnt some songs to sing along to and everyone enjoyed the show! A wonderful opportunity to enjoy classical music and even better that it was outside.

Year 6 Leavers



We will be very sad to see our Year 6 pupils leave this Friday, but wish them well on their transition onto secondary school. Their production of 'The Wrong Way Round' last week was fantastic and a testament to the work that the children and staff have put into these past couple of months.
Well done all!



School Trips This Term

Reception- Woodberry Wetlands
Year 1- London Transport Museum and Markfield Park
Year 2- Markfield Park
Year 3- Trip to the cinema
Year 4- Markfield Park
Year 5- Kew Gardens
Year 6- Bowling



Maths Week

Parents attended their child's classroom to join in with maths activities for the first 25 minutes of the day, in celebration of Maths Week London. We also celebrated 'Dress as a Digit' Day.'



Sports Day

Hopefully you all got to see the great pictures from the children's sports morning/afternoon. They got involved in a number of traditional sports day events including the relay, obstacle races and a modern-day version of the egg and spoon.

SUMMERTIME

Please take a look at the exciting activities Haringey have on offer this summer. Many are free or of very little cost.



<https://haringey.gov.uk/news/20250626/haringeys-summer-holiday-line-up-back-bigger-than-ever>

Summer Reading Challenge

As you know it is so important to keep reading over the summer holidays, so you may like to get involved in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, which is supported by London's public libraries.

Please click on this link to sign up and find out more: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

School Uniform Expectations for September

Reminder:

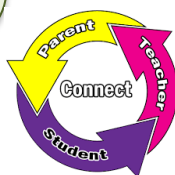
Please ensure that your child/children return to school in September in the full school uniform. Please see earlier letters/emails sent with a copy of the School Uniform Policy. PE kits are only to be worn on PE days and PE kit should only consist of white t-shirts, black/blue shorts and black trainers/plimsolls.



Dojo Communication



Sending a message straight to a teacher via ClassDojo



NEW CLASS NAMES ALERT!

Attached you can find our new class names for next academic year!
We are naming our classes after Saints!



You can also contact us by:

Sending an email to admin@st-igs.haringey.sch.uk
Calling the school office on 0208 800 2771



God our Father,
At the end of this school year we give thanks to God,
For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school,
For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced.
Bless our families as we take our holidays and pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

Amen

"The Saints were not Superhuman. They were people who loved God in their hearts, and who shared this joy with others. "
Pope Francis




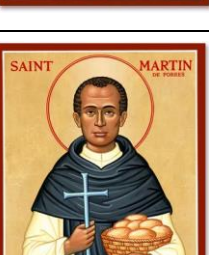
At St Ignatius we want to help our children to respond to Pope Francis' call to holiness. As such, the Saints play an important role in motivating our pupils. They inspire us to lead joyful lives; they serve as role models; they teach us that holiness means being who you are; and they pray for us from heaven, giving us the strength to be who God created us to be.

This academic year (2025-2026) each class is dedicated to a carefully chosen Saint. At the start of the Academic Year each class will complete a project around their Class Patron Saint. As they progress through the year, pupils will continue to learn more about their Class Saint and increasingly make links between Gospel stories, the lives of the Saints and how they should live their own lives.

Selecting our Class Saints

We wanted our Saints to reflect the diverse nature of our community - in gender and ethnicity. It was important to us that they were relatable to young children, so we deliberately included many modern Saints, who demonstrate ways of dealing with very current challenges, such as modern slavery and homelessness. We wanted to make the children realise that Sainthood extends beyond the traditional Saints that they may already know.

New Class Saints

	<p>Reception- Saint Francis of Assisi. He was an Italian Catholic friar who founded the Franciscan Order. He is known for his love of nature and animals, and for living a life of poverty and service. He is the patron saint of animals and the environment.</p> <p>We celebrate his Feast Day on 4th October.</p>
	<p>Year 1- Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. She is also known as the "Little Flower". She was a French nun who lived a simple life focused on small acts of love and kindness, which she called her "Little Way". She believed that even small actions, done with great love, could be a powerful way to serve God and others. She is the patron saint of foreign missions.</p> <p>We celebrate her Feast Day on 1st October.</p>
	<p>Year 2- Saint John the Baptist. He was a relative of Jesus who lived a simple life and preached about God's forgiveness. He is known for baptising people in the Jordan River, including Jesus, and for preparing the way for Jesus's ministry by encouraging people to repent. He is the patron saint of Baptism.</p> <p>We celebrate his Feast Day on 24th June.</p>
	<p>Year 3- Saint Martin De Porres. He is the patron saint of racial harmony and social justice. Saint Martin faced great hardship in his childhood and was often mistreated due to the colour of his skin. As Martin grew, he worked alongside a doctor to learn medicine. He spent hours of the night in prayer, a practice which increased as he grew older. Under Peruvian law, descendants of Africans and Native Americans were barred from becoming full members of religious orders. The only route open to Martin was to clean and cook for the Brothers of the monastery. In return, he would be privileged to wear a habit and live amongst them. After eight years at Holy Rosary, he was finally accepted as a Dominican brother. We celebrate his feast day on November 3rd and we remember him for his dedication to God and his power to perform miracles of healing.</p>



Year 4- Saint Josephine Bakhita. She was sold to slavery at a young age. She is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

Her Feast Day is on February 8, also known as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking.

St Josephine experienced such trauma during her kidnapping that she forgot her own birth name. Her kidnappers named her 'Bakhita' meaning 'fortunate'. St Josephine Bakhita is an inspiring role model of forgiveness.



Year 5- Saint Carlo Acutis. He was born in 1991 in London, England and he grew up in Milan, Italy. He was only 15 years old when he died of leukaemia. His life, though short, was marked by a profound faith and a passion for technology, which he used to spread the teachings of the Catholic Church. Carlo had great devotion to the Eucharist and he created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles. He was passionate about caring for others, particularly the vulnerable, and in school he stood up for people who were bullied. His dedication to faith and skill with technology earned him recognition within the Catholic community and beyond. Pope Francis formally recognised two miracles attributed to Carlo, paving the way for his canonisation as a saint in September 2025. He will be the first millennial saint, a testament to his enduring impact and the inspiration he continues to provide to young people.

His feast day is on October 12th



Year 6- Pope St John Paul II. He was born Karol Wojtyla in the small Polish town of Wadowice. In 1978, he was elected Pope, the 264th in the Church's history. He took the name John Paul II. He was the first non-Italian pope in over 400 years. He began his papacy on October 22nd by telling the world "Be not afraid." From the start of his papacy, Pope John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his mission, and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. He was the first Pope to visit a synagogue and a mosque. Pope John Paul II died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He was declared a saint on April 27, 2014. He is the Patron Saint of World Youth Day.

His feast day is on October 22nd.