

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th December 2025

*Dear parents and carers*

This last week of term has been a special one in so many ways. At our **Liturgy and Worship** assemblies on Monday, led by our worship leaders groups, we carried on with our reflections on the season of **Advent**.

This was followed by the various **Nativity Plays** for different phases. It was wonderful to see our children re-enacting the Christmas story and singing the traditional Christmas carols. Everyone then gathered in the Parish Church for our **Carol Service** on Wednesday to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas - God becoming one of us.

On Thursday we had our **Christmas Jumper Day** and we raised money for **CAFOD**, a charity that works with many people in poor countries across the world by providing them with resources to enable them to improve their lives in so many ways. On the same day all children and staff also enjoyed our **Christmas lunch**. On Thursday and Friday, children enjoyed their Christmas treat - Year 2 and 3 children went to the Albany Theatre while other Year Groups took part in a Panto show in school today.

We have also been collecting food items for our **Parish food bank** to support families and homeless people this Christmas and beyond.

We all now look forward for a well deserved Christmas break. Children will be returning to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Thank you and have a good Christmas break.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Sunday 21st December**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**

**Tuesday 6th January 2026**  
**Feast of the EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**Tuesday 15th January 2026**  
**Meeting for all parents of**  
**Year 6 children - 2.30 pm**

**Tuesday 6th January 2026**  
**Children return to school**  
**Spring term**

**Wednesday 11th to**  
**Friday 13th February 2026**  
**Residential Trip - Year 6**



This is our last newsletter for this Autumn term.

We would therefore like to take this

**A VERY MERRY**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**and Happy New Year!**

**WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER**



## Christmas Card Competition winners

Congratulations to the following children who were the winners of the Christmas card competition -

Linh	Keriane
Litzy	Mia

Their designs were printed and handed out to the whole school in the form of a Christmas card.

## ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY

We are very proud of our high percentages of our pupils' school attendance over these last few years. However, parents are reminded that **no holidays or travel should be booked during term time** and that all children arrive by no later than **8.45 am** each morning.



## THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Every Wednesday we ask our children to have a look and read through THE WEDNESDAY WORD. This is a Catholic flyer about the Sunday Mass readings and includes a range of activities for children. Use the link below to share this Sunday's gospel as a family.



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=17.8>

## Starting Reception School in September 2026

If your child was born between

**1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022**

Your child is due to start primary school in September 2026

You will need to complete the online local authority form using the following link <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

before the closing date

**Thursday 15th January 2026**

Applications made after this date will not be considered for the first round and will be 'a late application'.

Every week our Mid-day meals supervisors award stars to pupils who show our school values during lunchtime breaks. The following are the names of our Star children for this week.



**Nursery:**

**Aslan, Tobi**

**Reception:**

**Anya, Raphael, Adelle**

**Year 1:**

**Victoria, Eleanor,  
Mardiyah, Levi**

**Year 2:**

**Chloe, Fatimah, Kane**

**Year 3:**

**Ethan, Lavie, Mia**

**Year 4:**

**Darleen, Isabella**

**Year 5:**

**Jade, Adedolapo**

**Year 6:**

**Joshua, Deborah**



# Missed your flu vaccine?

**Live or attend school in the borough of  
Southwark? Aged 4 – 16?**

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and  
protect yourself!

Saturday 6 December  
10:00 – 14:00

IRMO Centre, Warwick House, SW9 7JP

Saturday 20 December  
10:00 – 14:00

Big Yellow Flexi Offices, SE5 7SW

**For more information  
or to book an  
appointment call 020  
8614 5495**



# MUSIC GROUPS AT



St George's Cathedral runs a thriving **music programme** for **children aged 0-18**. All choirs are **free** to join and open to boys and girls.

## **Small Sounds (New from November 2025)**

Weekly music classes on Wednesday mornings for children aged 0-5 and their grown-ups.

## **Children's Choir**

Informal singing group for children aged 5-7 on Wednesday afternoons.

## **Junior Choir**

Church choir for young singers aged 7-12 on Thursday afternoons.

## **Cathedral Choir**

Auditioned, selective choir for talented singers aged 9-13 on Friday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

## **Cathedral Consort**

Liturgical choir for older children aged 13-18 on Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

For more information and to register please visit <https://stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/music/> or contact [cathedralmusic@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:cathedralmusic@rcaos.org.uk)



NATIONAL SCHOOLS SINGING PROGRAMME







**SmallSounds**  
by CATHEDRAL MUSIC TRUST



# SMALL SOUNDS

Free, drop-in music sessions for  
children aged 0 - 5 and their grown-ups

Shake, rattle and roll with your little ones and  
discover the joy of music through songs and play

**WEDNESDAYS at 10:15** in  
term time

**ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**  
**Lambeth Rd, SE1 7HY**

Scan to join our mailing list:

<https://www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/smallsounds>



# LOCAL MUSIC LESSONS

Dear parents

PEMBROKE ACADEMY OF MUSIC offers music and instrumental lessons to local children mainly those in Year 3 to Year 9.

Please see the poster below for more details about dates and times as well as fees for lessons.

We would like to support this initiative and children from our school who would like to take part and start learning how to play a musical instrument.

Please see Mr Camilleri if you would like to discuss further.

Thank you.



**Wednesdays** (term time) **6:30pm-8:15pm**  
At Pembroke House 80 Tatum St SE17 1QR

**For Ages 7-14** (Yr3 - end of Yr9)

Weekly high-quality music tuition in a range of musical instruments, music theory and ensemble performance at subsidised rates for all participants.

Contact by email or phone:

lucy.duncan@pembrokehouse.org.uk  
020 7703 3803

Fees per term:

Full Price: 1st child-£55,  
2nd child-£44, 3rd child-£33  
*Concession fees available.*





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