

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th December 2025

Dear parents and carers

Our weeks are currently getting busier all the time. This week began with our **collective worship** on the theme of **Advent** which started last Sunday. We will be journeying through this special **season of the Church** Calendar on our way to celebrating Christmas and the birth of Jesus.

On Wednesday our **Year 1** children went on a pilgrimage to our local Parish Church. This was the last **pilgrimage** for this **Jubilee Year of Hope**. They reflected about the significance of going on pilgrimage to a Holy place of worship and learned about the various different areas within the church building.

Today Class 3M presented an amazing **Friday class assembly** in which they told us about their learning on the story of the Annunciation, their reading and their writing as reporters, their Maths work on angles, turns and directions and they also sang one of the beautiful songs they learned for this occasion.

Next week is another very important week because we have our **parent-teacher meetings** planned for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Appointment letters are being sent home today. We ask parents to arrive a few minutes before their appointment time to make sure we stick to our schedules.

Thank you and have a good weekend.



### This Sunday is the SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we light the second candle  
on our Advent wreath  
we think of how best to prepare for the  
coming of Jesus into our hearts.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Sunday 7th December**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Monday 8th December**  
**Feast of Mary the  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and  
Thursday 11th November**

#### TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Meetings between class teachers  
and Parents

**Week beginning  
Monday 15th December**  
**Nativity Plays**  
(see Page 3 of this newsletter for  
more details)

**Friday 19th December**  
**Last Day of term**  
**Children finish at the normal times**

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



Parent-  
Teacher  
Meetings

## TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our Termly Learning Conferences will take place from

**Tuesday 9th to  
Thursday 11th December.**

Children will be coming home with their appointment confirmation slips today.

Each parent will have 10 minutes to speak to the class teacher so punctuality is of utmost importance.

## 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>



On Monday 8th December we celebrate the feast of the **Immaculate Conception of Mary**.

This feast reminds us that Mary was such a special person who was conceived and born without any sin. We pray to her to help us stay in God's love at all times.

## 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:**

**Esosa, Tobi, Yemariam**

**Reception:**

**Adelle, George, Pamileri**

**Year 1:**

**Akaiyah, Louis, Lucinda**

**Year 2:**

**Santana, Abdul, Tiffany**

**Year 3:**

**Nayel, Abies, Hadiyah**

**Year 4:**

**Nzola, Fifi, Chanelle**

**Year 5:**

**Khadijatu, Chiamaka, Dylan**

**Year 6:**

**Joshua, Chesner, Princess**





## NATIVITY PLAYS and other services

GROUPS - CLASSES	DATE	TIME
Advent and Christmas Mass in church	Friday 12th December	9.30 am
Nativity Play Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 16th December	9.15 am
Nativity Play Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 16th December	1.15 pm
Nativity Play KS2 Grp A: Classes 3C, 4J, 5E, 6T	Tuesday 16th December	2.15 pm
Nativity Play KS2 Grp A: Classes 3C, 4J, 5E, 6T	Wednesday 17th December	9.15 am
Nativity Play Reception and Nursery	Wednesday 17th December	1.15 pm
Christmas Carol Service in church	Wednesday 17th December	2.00 pm
Nativity Play Reception and Nursery	Thursday 18th December	9.15 am
Nativity Play KS2 Grp B: Classes 3M, 4G, 5T, 6M	Thursday 18th December	2.15 pm
Nativity Play KS2 Grp B: Classes 3M, 4G, 5T, 6M	Friday 19th December	9.15 am

Please  
arrive a  
few  
minutes  
before  
start time

## ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE



Children in **Year 3 and Year 6** are invited to join the Cathedral choir for the Christmas Carol Service celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025**.

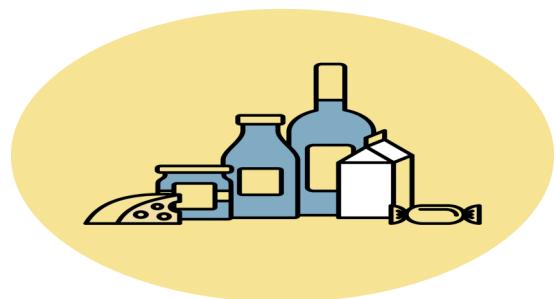
A number of schools will be joining together for a number of carols along with the Cathedral Choirs. Children will need to arrive at 7pm for a quick rehearsal and then the service is at 7.30pm, with everyone wearing **school uniform**.

## FOOD BANK

From time to time we come across families who we know are in need of some support. We are now going to try to help by setting up our own **EMS Food Bank** to help those in need.

Any parents who would like to contribute any food items can do that by bringing them to school and place them in the box in the Undercroft. Ideally we would like to do this on **Mondays, either in the morning or at hometime**.

Any food items you would like to donate will have to be **non perishable** items such as tins of food, packets of Rice or Pasta etc. Thank you.



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

As part of our fundraising for people in need this Christmas we're asking everyone to **contribute £1** on

**Thursday 18th December** which is our **Christmas Jumper day**.

This year our fundraising money will go to a charity **CAFOD** which supports poor families in many parts of the world.

**Christmas  
JUMPER DAY**



# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

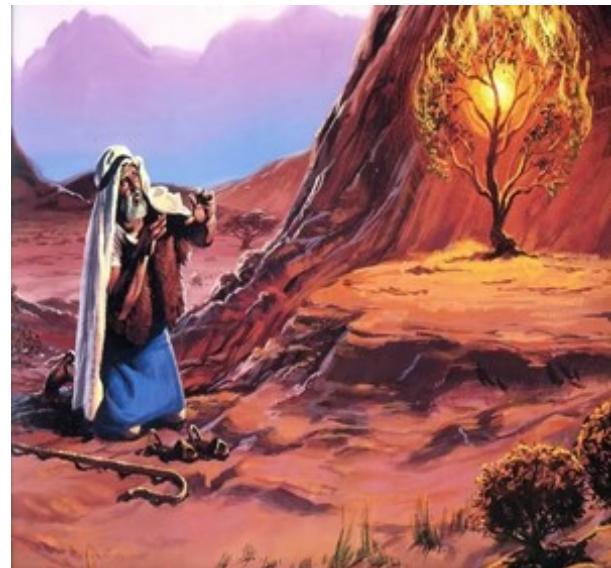
# THIS WEEK

## CLASS 5T

5T have been learning about **Greek vases and artefacts** which inform us about **past civilisations**. We have looked at various vases and identified the different aspects of **Greek culture** which they portray. This has given us a greater understanding of the ancient Greeks, thereby supporting us within our **literacy writing**.

In writing, we have been looking at the famous **Greek myth Odeseuss** and the long journey that he had to take to get home to **Ithaca**. To improve our writing we have used various writing skills to bring our own adventure story based on Odysseus' to life. We have used **adverbials of manner, abstract nouns, dialogue and powerful verbs**.

For RE, we learnt about the **covenant** which God has held with different people such as **Noah, Abraham and Moses**. A covenant is based on faith in God, hope in God's help to remain faithful to the promises made and love of God and one another. Having a covenant with God brings us closer together with Him and helps us to live a peaceful life.



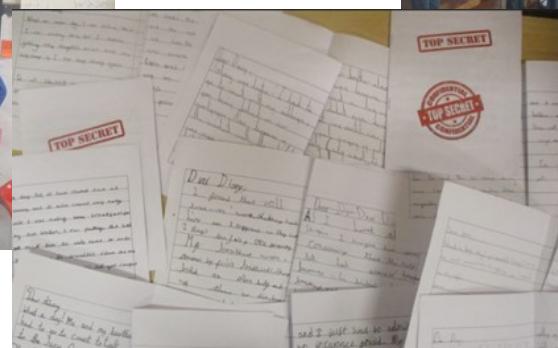
## CLASS 6M

In writing, we have been working on our **journalistic skills**. Here a group of children are presenting 'Breaking News', for **The Three Little Pigs**.

We have also been writing **diary entries** as two of the pig siblings.

As the end of the term is fast approaching – we have started **rehearsals for the Nativity**.

We hope to see you all there!



# 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  
SOUTHWARK

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





# 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.*



# WALWORTH LIBRARY HOMEWORK CLUB

WELL, WE CAN HELP!



**Need support  
with  
homework?**

We are offering pupils the support needed to complete homework or revision

Every  
Tuesday  
4-5PM

children's  
Area

**TERM TIME ONLY**