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ST. ANNE'S  
CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL

Autumn  
2025

# The Review

*Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God*

# Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we come to the end of another busy and inspiring term at St. Anne's, it is wonderful to pause for a moment and look back at all that our Learning Family has achieved together this term. This Christmas Review is filled with news that reflect the energy, creativity and compassion that make St. Anne's such a special place.

From academic successes to artistic creations, sporting triumphs to charitable outreach, our students and staff have once again shown what it means to live out our school values in everything they do. I am so proud of how our students support one another, celebrate each other's gifts, and face challenges with resilience and grace.

As a Catholic school, we also remember that Christmas is more than a break — it is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the greatest gift of love the world has ever received. Amid the joy and excitement of this time of year, may we take time to reflect on that message of hope, peace and kindness.

This is also a time to think of others: those in need, those who are lonely, and those who may find this time of year difficult. Throughout *The Review*, you will see countless examples of how our students and staff have reached out — through acts of service, fundraising, prayer and friendship — to make a difference in the lives of others. These small gestures truly bring the illumination of Christmas into our Learning Family.

As we look ahead to the New Year, let us continue to be people of kindness, courage and faith. May the joy of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with peace, and may the light of Christ guide us all into the year to come.

With every blessing for a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Much Love and  
God Bless.



Mrs E Loveland,  
Headteacher



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## Staff Farewells



The following members of staff are leaving St. Anne's at the end of this term.

**Mr B Lukosius** – relocated to Hong Kong. Enjoy being more involved in the world of music.

**Mr W Fraser** – secured a role closer to home and within the Primary Sector – those lucky young people.

**Mrs M Hartigan** – retiring. Enjoy this new phase in your life.

**Mr C Davis-Alexis** – travelling. The world awaits.

*We give our thanks for all they have done for St. Anne's and wish them well for whatever God has chosen for them.*

# Catholic Life of the School

## A Message from the Chaplain



As we approach the end of this term and prepare for the joyous celebration of Christmas, it is a wonderful time to pause and reflect upon the many activities, liturgies and special moments we have shared together throughout this autumn.

We began the term with our **Year 7 Welcome Mass** in October, where we joyfully welcomed our newest students into our school community. It was a pleasure to see them, along with their families, embrace their Catholic faith and begin their journey here at St. Anne's. October also brought with it the annual **Rosary Month** and the **Rosary Challenge**, a time for students and staff to unite in prayer, contemplating the mysteries of the Rosary. During the **Month of the Holy Souls** in November, we were given a special opportunity to remember and pray for the souls of our dearly departed. The November prayer lists, filled with names offered by students and staff, became a moving witness to the love and remembrance that bind us to those who have gone before us. More recently, our **Advent and Reconciliation Services** have enabled us to prepare our hearts for the coming of

Christ with renewed peace, forgiveness and hope. These quiet moments of prayer remind us that Advent is not only a season of anticipation but also one of spiritual renewal, calling us to welcome Christ with open and ready hearts.

Looking beyond our school community to the wider life of the Church, this year we have celebrated the **Jubilee of Hope**, a profound invitation for all the faithful to reflect on the enduring hope we find in Christ. Among the many special jubilees held within this year, including the Jubilee of Families and the Jubilee of the Poor, one of the most notable was the **Jubilee of Youth**. Held this past summer in Rome, it gathered over 300,000 young people from around the world for prayer, celebration and fellowship. During this extraordinary event, Pope Leo XIV offered a powerful message to young people everywhere, urging them to become **builders of a more humane world** – one grounded in faith, compassion and a willingness to serve others. The Jubilee Year will draw to a close on 6th January 2026, as we bid farewell to this special time of grace and renewal.

This year has also been marked by extraordinary joy as we celebrated the **canonisation of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati**, two young saints whose lives of holiness and devotion are an inspiration to all. We also received the wonderful news that **St. John Henry Newman**, our very own English saint, was declared the **38th Doctor of the Church**, a remarkable honour that fills us with pride.

As we look ahead to the New Year, there is much to anticipate with hope and excitement. The months ahead will bring further opportunities for liturgy, charitable outreach, and spiritual formation and shared celebrations of faith.

With **Christmas** now upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you – students, staff, and families – a **blessed Christmas** filled with peace, joy and reflection on the love of Christ, who came into the world to bring us light and hope.

May God bless you all, and I look forward to the many moments of prayer, faith and community that we will share in the **New Year**.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

With blessings,

**Mr La Barbera**  
School Lay Chaplain



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## Month of the Holy Souls



November is a sacred time for remembering those who have gone before us. At St. Anne's, we took this opportunity to reflect on the lives of our loved ones and to pray for their souls.



Throughout the month, students were invited to add the names of their deceased loved ones to a prayer list, which was then offered up during our daily chapel services. These services, led by our Chaplain, were filled with Bible readings, prayers and poems, creating a sacred space for reflection and remembrance.

The response from our school community was deeply moving, and we were grateful for the opportunity to come together in prayer and support one another during this sacred time.

## Year 7 Welcome Mass



On 22nd October, we celebrated the **Year 7 Welcome Mass** at the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. George. This beautiful Mass marked a significant moment in the lives of our new Year 7 students, as they began their journey at St. Anne's. Led by Fr. Daniel, the Mass was a time for prayer, reflection and celebration, welcoming our students and their families into the St. Anne's community. To honour this special occasion, each student received a **St. Anne's School Pin** and **Prayer Card**, and, in celebration of the Marian month, a set of **Rosary beads** and **How To Pray The Rosary** card.

As the highlight of the Mass, our Year 7 students, accompanied by the Gospel Choir, sang our school hymn, ***Humbly Walk With You***, filling the church with joy and faith. This moving performance truly reflected the spirit of our school community.

## 8th December 2025 Mass (Immaculate Conception)

On Monday 8th December 2025, a group of St. Anne's Key Stage 3 students participated in the **Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary** at our local parish church.

This special Mass brought together our school and the wider parish community to honour the role of Mary in God's divine plan.

It was a deeply spiritual occasion that reminded us all of the importance of following Mary's example of faith, humility, and service. We were blessed by Fr. Axcel's words, and at the close of the Mass, he led us in a prayer to Mary, asking for her guidance and protection.

This Mass was a beautiful celebration of our devotion to Our Lady and her role in our faith journey.

## Year 7 Retreats Programme 2025-26

This year, our Year 7 students embarked on their first retreat, a key moment in their spiritual journey at St. Anne's.

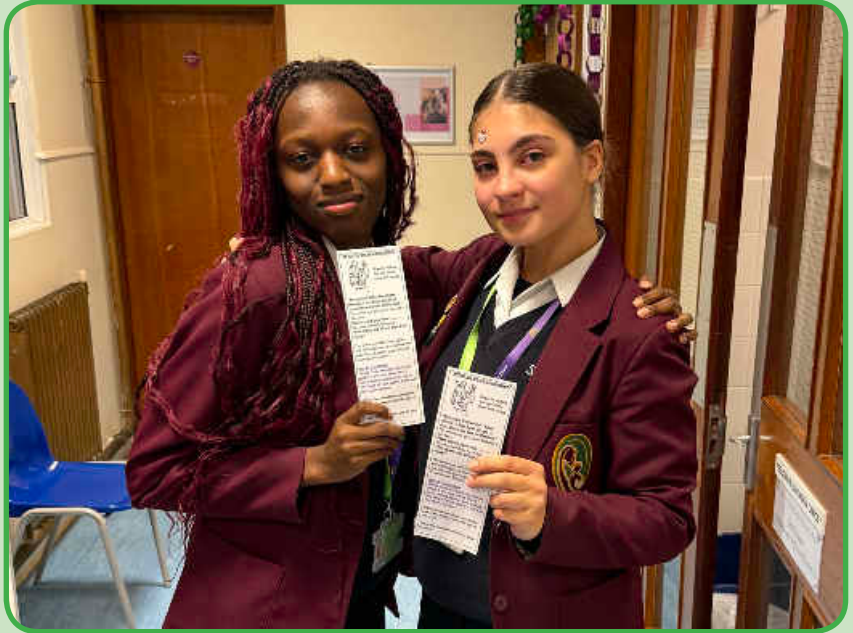
Held at **The Revival Church** in Enfield, the retreat was a time for reflection on the theme **Stronger Together: New Beginning**.

It was a joyful welcome into our Catholic community, highlighting the importance of prayer, belonging, and faith.

Guided by the Scriptures, such as Jeremiah 29:11 (*"For I know the plans I have for you..."*) and 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (*"One body with many members..."*), the retreat included personal reflection, communal prayer, and afternoon service, all aimed at deepening the students' connection to their faith and their peers.

This retreat is just the beginning of a wider vision to offer retreat opportunities across all year groups, ensuring that every student is given the chance to strengthen their faith and sense of belonging within our school.

## KS4 & KS5 Reconciliation Service – Advent 2025



This Advent, we were blessed to offer our KS4 and KS5 students the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school. This sacrament provides a moment for reflection and renewal as students prepare for the Christmas season. Each year group attended the Reconciliation Service in the mornings, and the afternoons were dedicated to confessions, with visits from five priests from our local Deanery. The services included Bible readings, reflection, and prayer, offering students a chance to examine their consciences and seek forgiveness. We are grateful for the support of the priests and the meaningful spiritual preparation it provided for our students as they entered the Christmas season.

## ACN Red Wednesday



On 19th November, our school joined the **Red Wednesday** campaign in support of persecuted Christians and other religious minorities around the world. This global event is a reminder of our responsibility to stand in solidarity with those who suffer for their faith.

Students wore red ribbons and accessories to show their commitment to religious freedom and human rights, and our KS3 students participated in a powerful online assembly hosted by **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**. This assembly shed light on the struggles faced by persecuted Christians, particularly in countries like Pakistan and Nigeria, and inspired our students to take action. It was moving to see our students embrace these values of compassion and justice, embodying the spirit of solidarity that is central to our Catholic mission.

# Voices United: A Magnificent Carol Service

Our annual **Carol Service** was a resounding success, showcasing the incredible musical talent within our school community as several school choirs came together for this cherished tradition. The chapel was beautifully decorated and filled to capacity as families, staff and students gathered to celebrate Christmas in song. The **St. Anne's Gospel Choir**, with passion and skill, performed a wonderful variety of traditional carols and contemporary Christmas songs. Students sang with confidence and joy, and the hard work they put into rehearsals was evident in every note. Solo, Duets and Quartets from all Year Groups delighting us with their renditions of *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, *Mary Did You Know?*, *Oh Holy Night* and *Do You Hear What I Hear?*. One of our student bands also played a wonderful rendition of *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*, evoking the importance of working towards Peace alongside God.

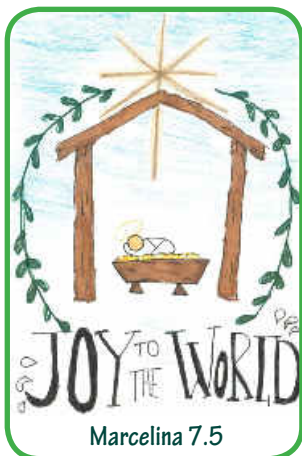


Between performances, the congregation joined in with beloved carols, creating a true sense of community and shared celebration. Thank you to our music and liturgy staff for their dedication and to everyone who attended and supported our young performers.

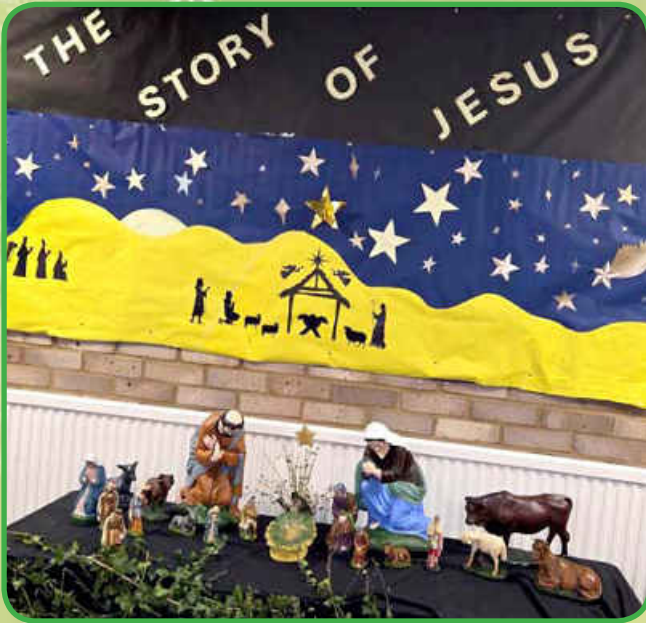
## Diocesan Christmas Card Competition Winners!

We are overjoyed to share the exciting news that our students' entries in the **Diocesan Christmas Card Competition** have made it to the finals! The theme for this year's competition, "*Our Hope is in the Child of Bethlehem*" (Romans 5:5), is a beautiful reminder of the hope that Christ brings to the world. One of our students' cards (our cover artwork by Freya 7.3) has even been selected to be sent as Christmas greetings to chaplains across the Diocese!

This recognition is a testament to the incredible talent that exists within our school community, and we are so proud of our students' achievements. Their creativity and dedication are a true reflection of the spirit of St. Anne's, and we continue to strive to nurture their God-given gifts.



## A Scene of Wonder: Our Beautiful Nativity at ENC



The ENC campus has been transformed this Christmas season with a stunning nativity scene lovingly created by our students. Under the beautiful backdrop displaying “The Story of Jesus” with its starry night sky and nativity silhouette, students have brought the Christmas story to life.

The scene features a carefully arranged collection of nativity figures, from the Holy Family to the shepherds, wise men, and animals, all surrounded by greenery. Our students took great care in setting up each element, ensuring that every figure was positioned with reverence and attention to detail.

The nativity has become a peaceful focal point for prayer and reflection, inviting our whole school community to pause and contemplate the wonder of Christ’s birth. We are incredibly proud of our students for creating such a reverent and beautiful space that draws our community closer to the heart of our faith.

## A Season of Joy: Our Beautiful Christmas Masses



This Christmas season, our school community came together in faith and celebration as we held our annual Christmas Masses across both the Enfield and Palmers Green campuses. Both were filled with reverence and joy as we gathered to celebrate the coming birth of Jesus Christ. Students participated beautifully with thoughtful readings and heartfelt prayers. We also had the pleasure to sing our very own school carol, *When All the Lights Are Gently Dimmed*. The atmosphere was truly special, with each Mass bringing its own unique character whilst maintaining the shared sense of community that makes our school so special. Our young people demonstrated wonderful reverence throughout the services. It was particularly moving to see students from different year groups coming together in worship, united in their faith.

These masses remind us of the importance of our Catholic identity and provide a moment of peace and reflection during the busy final weeks of term. May the joy and hope of Christmas remain with our whole community throughout the holiday season.

# Made with Love: Staff Decorate Our Church for Christmas



This Advent season, our staff community came together in a wonderful spirit of creativity and service to handcraft beautiful Christmas decorations for our church. This special initiative reflects the Catholic social teaching of serving our community and sharing our gifts with others.

Staff members dedicated their time and talents to creating festive decorations that have enhanced our Christmas Masses and Carol Service, bringing warmth and joy to our liturgical celebrations. The handmade decorations have created a truly welcoming atmosphere for our students, families, and the wider school community during this sacred season.

In keeping with the principle of solidarity and care for our parish community, these decorations will be given to the parish to enjoy throughout the festive season. This generous gift ensures that the beauty and spirit of Christmas extends beyond our school walls and enriches the prayer life of parishioners who worship there.

This act of service beautifully demonstrates Catholic social teaching in action – using our God-given talents to create something meaningful, working together as a community, and sharing generously with others. It reminds us that the Christmas season calls us not only to celebrate but also to give of ourselves in service to those around us.

We are grateful to all staff members who contributed their time, creativity, and care to this project. Their dedication exemplifies the spirit of generosity and community that lies at the heart of our Catholic school.



## Catholic Social Teaching in Action: Christmas Hampers for Those in Need

This Christmas, our students demonstrated the true spirit of giving by creating hampers for those in need in our local community. Every student participated in this wonderful initiative, bringing our Catholic social teaching values to life through practical action.

The response from our school community was overwhelming. Students generously contributed items and worked together to assemble beautiful hampers filled with festive treats and essentials. The project brought the whole school together in a shared mission of service and compassion.



These hampers will bring Christmas cheer to families who might otherwise struggle during the festive season, ensuring that everyone can experience the joy and warmth of Christmas. Through this initiative, our students have put into practice the Catholic values of solidarity, human dignity, and preferential care for the poor and vulnerable.



We are incredibly proud of our students for their generosity and enthusiasm. Their actions remind us that Christmas is not just about receiving but about reaching out to others with love and compassion. This is Catholic social teaching in action, and it reflects the very best of our school community.

## St. Anne's Gospel Choir perform at Black History Month Event



The **St. Anne's Gospel Choir** were honoured to be invited to perform at **40 Leadenhall, London** as part of their **Black History Month** celebrations. The invitation was extended by former music teacher, Miss Green, whose continued support and encouragement of the choir made the occasion extra special.

The performance showcased the choir's talent through a variety of gospel songs that filled the venue with energy and inspiration. The opportunity also allowed us to wow the audience with selection of powerful solos, duets and some smaller groups, each adding a unique and personal touch to the event.

The choir's contribution was warmly received, making their appearance a memorable highlight of the Black History Month events at 40 Leadenhall and a proud moment for everyone involved.

## The Gospel Choir is a Big Hit on the BBC's Songs of Praise!

We were absolutely *thrilled* to see our **Gospel Choir performing alongside Talia** on BBC One's *Songs of Praise* on Sunday 30th November – a truly special broadcast marking the first Sunday of Advent and Talia's song *Praise Your Name!*



It was an incredible moment to watch our students shine on **national television**, singing out with confidence and joy while proudly representing the School and **Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St. George Church**. Providing the backing vocals on Talia's song and being part of such a high-profile performance made for a **memorable and uplifting experience** – one that our students will cherish for many years to come.



The excitement doesn't stop there! We are also delighted to be joining Talia once again at her **Carol Concert** on Saturday 20th December at **Farm Street Church** in Mayfair. We are very much looking forward to performing there ahead of Christmas.

# Diversity

## Charity as Catholic Social Teaching

The Catholic Church views charity as a virtue that compels individuals to love and serve others, particularly those in need. It is not merely about giving; it involves a deep commitment to the well-being of others, grounded in the love of God.

As such, the Diversity Team led efforts to raise funds for Charity through:

- Wear Red Day Dress Down Event
- Palmers Green Bake Sale - Aliya / Dassia Humanitarian Appeal for Congo, Sudan and Palestine
- Enfield Diversity Team Bake Sale for Aliya / Dassia Humanitarian Appeal



## Black History Month - October

The theme this year is **Standing Firm in Power and Pride**, a powerful tribute to the resilience, strength and unwavering commitment to progress that defines the Black community across the globe. We emphasised these six strands during assemblies:

- **Power in Protest** – Speaking Out, Standing Firm, Sparking Change
- **Pride in Our Roots** – Our History is Deep. Our Culture is Rich. Our Pride is Unshakable.
- **Icons of Influence** – Leadership with Purpose. Presence with Power.
- **Black Excellence in the Arts** – Resistance in Rhythm. Power in the Page.
- **Future in Focus** – The Present is Powerful. The Future is Ours
- **Service and Sacrifice** – Courage in Silence. Legacy in Action.



We reiterated the great importance of ally-ship for all diversity themes.



## Hate Crime Awareness



On 16th October, Diversity Leaders in JLT engaged in the Anne Frank Trust UK's Hate Crime Awareness Live Workshop in the Library. Students made intelligent and insightful contributions to this important event.

## Fundraising Totals to Date

Wear Red Dress Down Day = £550.18  
 Palmers Green Bake Sale = £233  
 Enfield Bake Sale KS3 Diversity Leaders = £264.13

### Disbursements

Aliya/Dassia Humanitarian Appeal = £525  
 Show Racism The Red Card charity = £100  
 Young Minds - Year 8 Feast Fortnight Charity = £50  
 Diversity Events and Prizes = £372.31

# Students Dive into Spanish Culture

## during October Half-Term Trip

Forty-six students from Years 9, 10 and 13 spent five days in Spain over the October half-term, taking part in a cultural and linguistic experience across the Andalusian region.

The group began their journey in Nerja, where they explored the famous Nerja Caves before wandering through the picturesque old town. A highlight of the trip was a visit to the historic Alhambra Palace in Granada, offering students a memorable glimpse into Spain's Moorish past.



In Málaga, students toured the city's striking cathedral and visited the Casa Natal de Picasso, the artist's birthplace and museum. They also enjoyed time discovering the vibrant streets of the city. Adding to their cultural immersion, the group took part in a flamenco lesson, learning the traditional rhythms and steps of Spain's iconic dance.

On the final day, students gathered to watch a beautiful Mediterranean sunrise. The Hotel was just a short walk from the beach and gave them the chance to enjoy the coastal atmosphere throughout their stay.



The trip offered students a valuable opportunity to deepen their understanding of Spanish culture, history and language – an experience many described as unforgettable.



*"The Málaga Trip was a great experience. It was my first time going to Spain and I'll never forget it. It was very well organised and I had a lot of fun with friends. All the places we visited were wonderful and I could also put my language skills to use."*

**Natalia, Year 10**



# Art

## Illumination - Transforming Fear into Hope



This artwork was created by our Year 8 students. They were asked to consider how to transform the plastic part of a taser gun – a device often associated with fear or danger – into something positive and life-giving. Many students chose to shape their work around the cross, a powerful symbol of hope and renewal for many Catholics and Christians.



Through this Art Masterclass, students explored how objects connected with control or harm can be reimagined as symbols of safety, faith and healing. Their work challenges us to look deeper and see how creativity can turn even difficult things into messages of hope.

## Year 10 Textile Masterclass



Before the half-term break, artist-in-residence Sara Kelly led a Textile Masterclass with Year 10 students. Using sea shells as inspiration for their artwork, students explored many experimental drawings and creative techniques.

## Eco-Warrior Mural

Have you spotted our amazing Eco-Warrior mural that has been gradually coming to life during the Autumn Term in the Eco-Warrior Garden at St. Anne's Enfield Campus?

It's filling up with beautiful colours!

The project has proven itself to be a fun and focused activity that has brought the group together through creativity and collaboration.



## Open Evening 2025



Open Evening was a wonderful opportunity for St. Anne's artist-in-residence Sara Kelly to work collaboratively with the students, families and friends of St. Anne's. She began a drawing of the beautiful rose gardens at Forty Hall, and throughout the evening everyone contributed and brought the artwork to life. It was so much fun, full of unpredictable moments, and the final outcome was truly joyful.

### Royal Academy - Graphics Visit



The Year 10 Graphics class had a great time at the Royal Academy's Kerry James Marshall exhibition. Marshall's work examines African-American culture – everyday life, history and identity. It was a memorable experience and we all appreciated the central London Christmas displays!

### Year 7 Visit to Tate Britain



A Year 7 trip to Tate Britain was made all the more informative and insightful when the students went on a guided tour led by one of their education specialists. We enjoyed a whistle-stop tour of the galleries and gained a real sense of how art has changed across the ages.

# Drama

## Glee Club Challenge



In November, 35 of our KS3 Drama students had a wonderful opportunity to work with a professional performer from the **Jack Petchey Foundation** to help develop their routines for the upcoming **Glee Club Challenge**. Our students had the opportunity to show off all the choreography they've been creating and receive some helpful and positive feedback (and some gifts to take home, as shown above!). There is still lots of work to do ahead of the semi-final competition in January, but they are on track to create some fantastic performances.

# English

## BBC Bitesize Visit inspires Students with Real-World Career Insights

This term, students in Years 9 and 10 were fortunate to welcome a visit from the **BBC Bitesize** team, who delivered an engaging and insightful session focused on careers, education, and life beyond school. Students took part in research linked to BBC Bitesize resources and enjoyed an interactive Q&A that offered valuable insight into higher education, the world of journalism, and the importance of understanding that success does not follow a single, fixed pathway.

The team shared a range of personal career journeys, each demonstrating the many different routes into the media and education sectors. One member had completed an apprenticeship, another had spent over ten years working for BBC News, while another had studied criminology and previously worked in a prison. The final team member was currently undertaking training to become a therapist. These varied experiences helped students see how diverse backgrounds and choices can all lead to fulfilling careers.



## Public Speaking Competition Celebrates St Catherine's Feast Fortnight



As part of the celebrations for St. Catherine's Feast Fortnight, KS4 students took part in a Public Speaking Competition held at the Enfield Council Chambers. The event provided students with a unique and inspiring opportunity to showcase their public speaking skills in a formal, professional setting.

Students dedicated a great deal of time and effort to preparing their speeches and the students were enthusiastic about sharing their ideas.

One of the students felt particularly anxious beforehand, but was able to step up and truly thrive during her speech. The supportive and encouraging atmosphere created by the group played a key role in helping her feel comfortable, making it a truly wonderful experience and opportunity for all.

# Geography

## Wellies at the Ready! Fieldwork Investigation at Epping Forest

More than one hundred Year 11 Geographers swapped their classrooms for wellies last month as they headed into the heart of Epping Forest for their river fieldwork investigation. Armed with tape measures, stop watches, corks and plenty of enthusiasm, students followed the winding river to collect data on flow rates, channel width and other river characteristics.

After a quick introduction (and an even quicker reminder not to drop equipment in the water!), students worked in small groups to measure velocity using float tests, observe changes in the river's shape, and record features such as meanders and riffles. There was plenty of teamwork, a little splashing, and more than a few debates about whose stopwatch skills were the most accurate.

The day offered a brilliant opportunity to apply classroom learning to a real environment, and students returned muddy but smiling. They were complimented by staff at the field centre for their excellent conduct and level of engagement. Well done, Year 11!



## Our Year 9 Eco-Warriors Shine at Sustainability Conference!



Five of our incredible Year 9 students proudly represented Enfield Borough at a prestigious sustainability conference hosted by the North London Waste Authority (NLWA). The event brought together young minds passionate about tackling environmental challenges.

Competing against other schools from across the borough, our team impressed everyone with their innovative solutions to North London's waste problems. They showcased creativity, teamwork, and determination – and their hard work paid off! They were crowned winners of the top prize.

We couldn't be prouder of their commitment to making a difference for our planet. Well done, Eco-Warriors!

## PGC Gardening Club Girls: Growing Change, Come Rain or Shine!

A group of dedicated girls from the Palmers Green Campus have been rolling up their sleeves and braving the elements – sun, wind, and even rain – to make our school greener and more vibrant. As proud members of the **Gardening Club**, they've been working together with enthusiasm and teamwork, proving that nothing can stop their mission to create a positive impact on our environment.



Thanks to the generous support of the **Woodland Trust**, the club has begun planting new trees in the school grounds. These trees will not only enhance the beauty of our campus but also play a vital role in boosting biodiversity, providing habitats for wildlife, and helping to combat climate change. Every sapling planted is a step toward a healthier, more sustainable future.

And this is just the beginning! The Gardening Club has exciting plans for the Palmers Green Campus, including:

- A **Wildflower Area** – to attract pollinators and create a stunning natural space.
- A **Flower and Vegetable Garden** outside Mary Agnes House – where students can learn about growing their own food and enjoy the rewards of their hard work.

We can't wait to see these projects bloom and flourish. A huge well done to the Gardening Club for their dedication and vision – your efforts are making a real difference!

## EC Eco-Warriors: Greening Our School, One Project at a Time!

Our incredible **Eco-Warriors** at the Enfield Campus have been hard at work, come rain or shine, to keep our school garden thriving and transform the front of the school with beautiful new trees and plants. Their dedication to sustainability and teamwork is truly inspiring!

A special highlight this term has been the **stunning mural**, created with the guidance of our talented Artist-in-Residence, Sara Kelly. This vibrant artwork adds colour and creativity to our campus, celebrating the spirit of environmental action.

In addition, thanks to the efforts of Ms Stracy, we've established an exciting **collaboration with a school in South Africa**. This partnership focuses on improving sustainability and building strong global connections – sharing ideas and learning from each other to make a positive impact worldwide.

And the Eco-Warriors aren't stopping there! Their future plans are ambitious and exciting:

- **Installing a Pollution Gauge** to monitor air quality and raise awareness.
- **Boosting Biodiversity** by introducing more plant varieties and wildlife-friendly spaces.
- **Creating a New Pond**, discovered by Ms Stracy and Ms Worrall, which we hope will be filled with water next year – ready to welcome pond life and become a thriving habitat for nature.



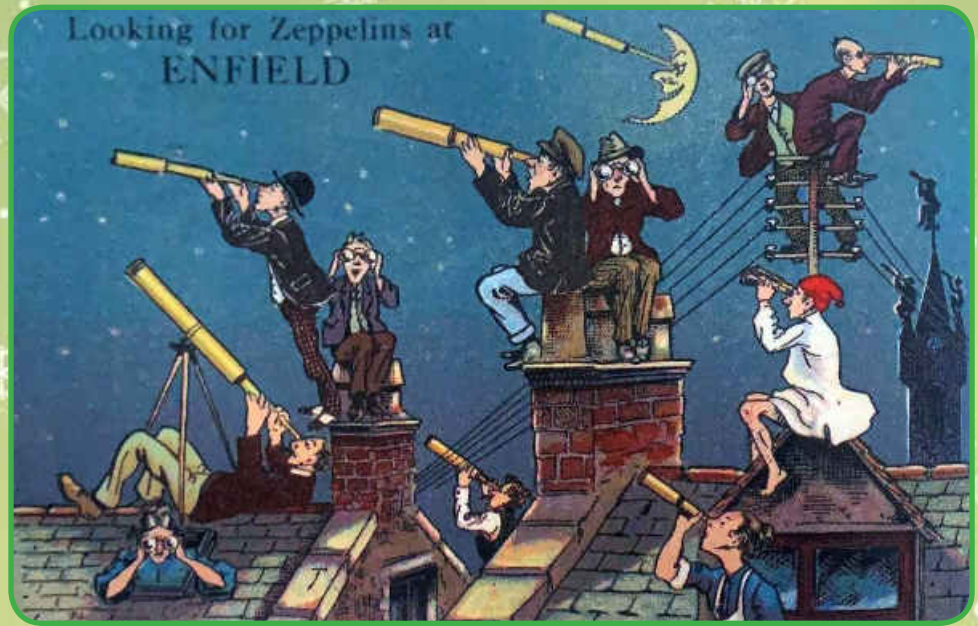
We're so proud of the Eco-Warriors for their vision and hard work. Every project brings us closer to a greener, healthier school environment. Watch this space for more updates as these plans come to life!

# History

## Learning About Enfield's First World War History

Year 9 students have been learning how people in Enfield were affected by World War I. Students learned about food shortages and coal shortages. They also learned about the role of women working the Royal Small Arms Factory and the Ponders End Shell Factory.

Due to the local manufacture of weapons, Germany launched Zeppelin airships to bomb Enfield, including the Cuffley Airship that dropped bombs over Edmonton and Enfield before being shot down in Cuffley, Hertfordshire.



## Member of Parliament visits and talks to Humanities Students

Bambos Charalambous, Member of Parliament for Southgate and Wood Green, visited St. Anne's on Friday 5th December 2025. He addressed an audience composed of Y13 Politics, Sociology, Economics and KS4 History students and explained what he does as an MP and how he supports his constituency.



Mr. Charalambous responded to questions from the very engaged audience on issues such as homelessness, immigration, crime and unemployment. There were also questions about education and the minimum wage. Mr. Charalambous also revealed how he has improved road safety after one of his constituents was killed in a road accident and how he helped another obtain necessary medication that the NHS had denied her. During his time as a councillor in Enfield, he campaigned to renovate the Palmers Green library. He urged the students present to become involved in politics by joining the local political parties, volunteering with charities and looking for internships, including at his office.

Mr. Charalambous has a personal connection to St. Anne's as his sister attended. Additionally, his assistant, Sinead Loftus, also attended St. Anne's, leaving in 2008.

# Modern Foreign Languages

## GCHQ National Language Competition

This year we had a record number of teams entering the GCHQ National Language Challenge for Year 9 students. From November 17th to 21st, the students were solving language puzzles at home or in their breaks. Each puzzle contributed to their team's scores. There was excellent puzzle solving and code breaking as well as fantastic team work.



National  
Language  
Competition

Huge congratulations to the **Curious Mamba team** (Natalia, Atnasya, Mia and Jersey), the winning team in St. Anne's, and the runner-up team, **Inventive Bull** (Amy, Alaina, Gabby and Claudia). Well done to those who participated in other St. Anne's teams: Aksi, Alexia, Amelia, Amora, Arina, Christiana, Daniela, Jasmine, Lelita, Maame, Mackayla, Michelle, Redina, Shiqi, Sofia and Ziann.

## Stephen Spender Trust Translation Competition

Well done to Year 13 students Melody and Leah for entering the **Stephen Spender Trust** annual competition for translation in poetry in July. They entered the **Key Stage 5 Translation of Poetry from French to English** contest and did really well.

In November, we found out that Melody received a commendation. Congratulations to Melody and all other students who took part!

## Japanese Language and Culture Club



Our **Japanese Language and Culture Club** meets on Monday afternoons on the Enfield Campus. This club is an opportunity to learn some Japanese language and to explore and learn about Japanese culture. This term we have learned greetings and self-introductions in Japanese, Japanese numbers and how to talk about things that we like and dislike. We have also learned about Japanese geography and followed a Japanese sumo tournament and used our vocabulary to keep scores and identify winning moves.

We have also learned some Japanese kanji and practiced some calligraphy. The Japanese language uses three different systems for writing. Kanji are characters that were borrowed from Chinese and they are ideographs, which means that the characters represent ideas or concepts rather than sounds. We learned Kanji related to nature that we had encountered in our session about the geography of Japan. Some examples were:

山 mountain | 森 forest | 海 ocean/sea

# Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 10th November, students and staff at St. Anne's proudly wore **odd socks** to mark the start of **Anti-Bullying Week**. The colourful display of mismatched socks served as a powerful reminder that it is our differences that make us unique, and that everyone deserves to feel safe, valued and respected within our school community. Throughout the week, students engaged with a series of daily themes designed to encourage reflection, empathy and positive action:



- **Monday – Spreading Kindness:** Students were encouraged to carry out small acts of kindness and consider the impact these can have on others.
- **Tuesday – Being a Good Friend:** A focus on what it means to be supportive, respectful and trustworthy in friendships.
- **Wednesday – Inclusion:** Students reflected on how their words and actions can help others feel welcomed and accepted.
- **Thursday – Supporting Others:** Emphasis was placed on standing up for classmates and offering help when someone is struggling.
- **Friday – Positive Role Models:** Students considered how they can lead by example and contribute positively to the school community.



As well as the above, students also participated in department activities on this year's theme **Power For Good**. Some of our **Anti-Bullying Leaders** also created a **video** to emphasise the importance of making our environment safe for all.

**See the video at Instagram!**

Anti-Bullying Week provided an important opportunity for our students to reflect on their behaviour, strengthen relationships and reaffirm our shared commitment to kindness, respect and inclusion at St. Anne's.

# NFL Huddle Flag Event at Spurs

On Tuesday 7th October 2025, 23 GCSE PE students attended the NFL Huddle Flag Event at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. This event was sponsored by NFL Foundation UK and Spurs Foundation. It was a fantastic opportunity, where our Year 10 students spent the day on the pitch with NFL Coaches, running typical drills and practising, having the best time whilst playing Flag Football. They were also able to meet NFL Ambassador Efe Obada and play against him. The girls were a great team and now continue to attend Huddle sessions weekly at school.



# Festive Snow Globe Crafting



As part of our preparations for the Christmas season, our KS3 students took part in a joyful snow globe-making activity. Each student designed and created their own unique snow globe, choosing their decorations and adding their own personal touch.

The room was filled with smiles, laughter, and plenty of Christmas music as everyone got into the festive spirit. Students fully engaged with the task, showing creativity, focus, and pride in their finished pieces. This activity not only helped build fine motor skills and confidence but also brought a wonderful sense of community and celebration. A lovely start to the Christmas season for our students!

# The Latest News from Key Stage 3

## Digital Detox Day

In the build-up to our whole-school **Self-Focus Day**, more than one hundred Key Stage 3 students took part in our **Switch Off to Shine Challenge**.

The day was designed to encourage students to step away from their screens and reflect on how technology impacts their focus, wellbeing and relationships.

Throughout the day, students engaged in a range of activities including **board games, outdoor sports, mindfulness sessions** and discussions around **managing screen time and prioritising face-to-face interaction**.

The response from students was extremely positive. Many commented on feeling calmer, more focused and more connected to those around them.

For some, it was also a valuable opportunity to recognise just how much time they spend on devices and to begin thinking about healthier habits.



## Girls Love Squash

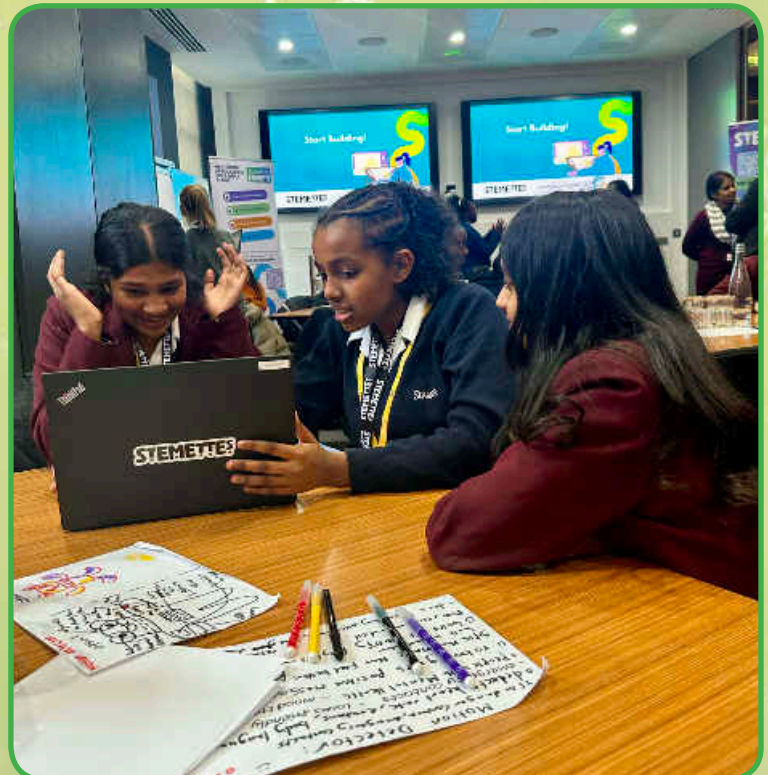


At St. Anne's, we're proud of our ongoing commitment to encouraging girls to get involved in a range of sports, and the **Girls Love Squash** initiative has been a highlight this year.

This programme is designed to introduce Key Stage 3 students to the fast-paced, exciting sport of squash, focusing on building confidence, teamwork and fitness. Through weekly training sessions and friendly competitions, the girls have developed their skills while also boosting their self-esteem and supporting one another. The initiative has already seen many students fall in love with the game, and we look forward to seeing even more girls take part next year!

## Stemettes

We continue to work in collaboration with the Stemettes by giving our Key Stage 3 girls a chance to explore the exciting world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).



The event was held in Central London and featured inspiring talks from female leaders in STEM industries. This allowed students to hear first hand about the challenges and rewards of working in these fields. They participated in hands-on workshops – from coding challenges to building simple circuits – and were inspired by role models who broke barriers in male-dominated fields.

## Thursday Morning Yoga Club: stretching to start to the School Day!



Every Thursday morning, a dozen Year 7 students have been beginning their school day with chair-based yoga – a gentle practice designed specifically for young people.

Students are learning a variety of poses including **Eagle Arms** and **Warrior**, all adapted to be accessible and engaging.

Using chair-based yoga means they can participate comfortably in their school uniform, with no special equipment or previous experience needed.

We welcome all Year 7 students to join us on Thursday mornings – no yoga experience necessary, just a willingness to try something new and invest in personal wellbeing.

## St. Anne's KS3 Football Team at Tottenham Hotspur

This year, the St. Anne's Key Stage 3 football team had the incredible opportunity take part in a tournament at the Tottenham Hotspur Training Ground completing against other Enfield Schools.



They finished the entire tournament **undefeated** with **8 wins, 2 draws and only 1 goal conceded** all day.

A fantastic performance and a proud moment for the team and the school.

## Boxing

Our Year 7 students have been taking part our **Life Long Learning** Programme of **Boxing for Focus and Resilience**.



The sessions, led by professional trainers, have provided Key Stage 3 students with the opportunity to learn fundamental boxing techniques, improve their strength and fitness, and develop important life skills such as perseverance and respect.

Boxing has proven to be a great way for students to release stress and stay active, and many have expressed interest in continuing with the sport in the future.

# The Latest News from Key Stage 4

## Digital Detox Day at South Bank Winter Market



A group of our Year 11 students enjoyed a well-deserved festive afternoon at the **South Bank Winter Market** as a reward for successfully completing the **Year 11 Digital Detox** challenge during their exam period.

The challenge encouraged students to reduce screen time and remain focused during a crucial stage of their studies, supporting wellbeing, concentration and balance. To recognise their commitment, students were treated to a visit to the Winter Market, where they enjoyed a hotdog and ice cream while taking in the Christmas lights, seasonal atmosphere and vibrant surroundings.

The afternoon provided a valuable opportunity for students to relax, socialise and celebrate their achievement in a positive and memorable way, marking the end of a demanding period with a well-earned reward.

A brilliant example of how small changes can have a big impact on focus, wellbeing and success.



## An Inspiring Podcast Session with Young Nexus Enfield



In December, nine of our Year 11 students took part in an inspiring podcast session in partnership with Young Nexus Enfield, engaging in honest and thoughtful conversations about identity, confidence and what it means to be a young person today.

The session provided a safe and supportive space for students to reflect on their experiences, share their voices and listen to one another. Through open discussion, students explored personal growth, self-belief and the challenges young people face in today's world.

Participating in the podcast empowered students to speak with confidence and authenticity, helping them to recognise the value of their perspectives and the importance of being heard.

A powerful and meaningful opportunity that encouraged reflection, connection and confidence beyond the classroom

## Year 10 Skateboarding at St Anne's

This term a group of our Year 10 students had the opportunity to take part in an inspiring skateboarding programme delivered in partnership with the **Tottenham Hotspur Foundation**. The project forms part of a wider commitment to increasing girls' access to sport and, just as importantly, helping them find a sense of belonging and confidence within it.

For many of the students, this was their first experience of skateboarding. By introducing them to a new sport in a supportive and encouraging environment, the programme has helped them build resilience, confidence and community. Our students supported one another through every wobble and fall, demonstrating teamwork, encouragement and perseverance throughout the session.

The impact has been immediate and powerful. Students who had previously been considered shy found their voice, encouraged their peers and grew in confidence. One student, was so inspired by the experience that she now has her own skateboard, a small but significant marker of the lasting impact of the session.



We are incredibly grateful to the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation and their partners for their continued commitment to empowering our young people.



# Christmas/New Year Recycling Centre Information

Over the Christmas period, reuse and recycling centres will be open as usual – a perfect time for tackling that long overdue declutter, refreshing a room before the New Year, or finally recycling those bits and pieces you’ve been storing up.

**Please Note:**

All recycling centres will be closed on Christmas Day (25th Dec.), Boxing Day (26th Dec.) and New Year’s Day (1st Jan.).

For more detail, please refer to these information sheets.

## Western Road - Haringey

**Opening times:**

Monday	9am - 4pm
Tuesday	9am - 4pm
Wednesday	9am - 4pm
Thursday	9am - 4pm
Friday	9am - 4pm
Saturday	9am - 4pm
Sunday and bank holidays*	9am - 4pm

\*Closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

## Edmonton EcoPark - Enfield

**Opening times:**

Monday	8am - 8pm
Tuesday	8am - 8pm
Wednesday	8am - 8pm
Thursday	8am - 8pm
Friday	8am - 8pm
Saturday	8am - 8pm
Sunday and bank holidays*	8am - 8pm

\*Closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The site is also occasionally closed for short periods of time during operational hours to allow containers to be moved or changed.

## Barrowell Green - Enfield

**Opening times:**

Monday	Closed
Tuesday*	8am - 4pm
Wednesday	8am - 4pm
Thursday	8am - 4pm
Friday	8am - 4pm
Saturday	8am - 4pm
Sunday and bank holidays*	8am - 4pm

\*Closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, and closing 2pm on Wednesday 24 and Wednesday 31 December.



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# URGENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT 24/7

## Worried about your mental health?

Young people and their parents can get urgent support and advice from trained NHS mental health advisors, any time, day or night.

Every mental health trust in London has put in place a telephone line for people in urgent need - including children, young people and their parents. The lines are free to call and open 365 days a year.

AREA	BOROUGHES COVERED	24/7 SUPPORT NUMBERS
North West London	Brent, Hillingdon, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	0800 023 4650
	Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham	0800 328 4444
North Central London	Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington	0800 151 0023
North East London	City & Hackney	0800 073 0006
	Newham	0800 073 0066
	Tower Hamlets	0800 073 0003
	Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest	0800 995 1000
South West London	Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth	0800 028 8000
South East London	Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark	0800 731 2864
	Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich	0800 330 8590

**shout**  
85258

**Shout** offers confidential 24/7 crisis text support for times when you need immediate assistance.  
Text "SHOUT" to 85258  
Web: [www.giveusashout.org](http://www.giveusashout.org)

**SAMARITANS**

**Samaritans** 24/7 365 days a year - they'll help you and listen to how you are feeling.  
Call: 116 123  
Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)  
Web: [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

**Crisis Tools**

**Crisis Tools** helps you support young people in crisis. Short accessible video guides and text resources are available for free.  
Web: [www.crisistools.org.uk/resources](http://www.crisistools.org.uk/resources)

**PAPYRUS**

**Papyrus** provides confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person.  
Call: 0800 068 3131 or text: 07860 039967 (9am - midnight, 365 days a year).  
Web: [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)

**childline**

**Childline** provides a confidential telephone counselling service for any child with a problem.  
Call: 0800 1111  
Online chat with a counsellor: <https://bit.ly/3HfYkwd>  
Web: [www.childline.org.uk/](http://www.childline.org.uk/)

## URGENT AND OTHER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

**Good Thinking**

**Good Thinking** is London's digital wellbeing service and provides a range of resources for young people to help improve mental wellbeing, including free NHS-approved apps.  
Web: [www.good-thinking.uk](http://www.good-thinking.uk)

**THE MIX**

**The Mix** provides free, confidential support for young people under 25.  
Call: 0808 808 4994 (3pm - midnight every day)  
Email: <https://bit.ly/3Ce6Vf4>  
Web: [www.themix.org.uk](http://www.themix.org.uk)

**Beat**

**Beat** provides support to help young people who may be struggling with an eating problem or an eating disorder.  
Call: 0808 801 0677 (for help in England) (9am - midnight during the week and 4pm - midnight on weekends and bank holidays).  
Email: [help@beateatingdisorders.org.uk](mailto:help@beateatingdisorders.org.uk)  
Web: [www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk](http://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk)

**kooth**

**Kooth** is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing, community, including live chat with the team, discussion boards, a magazine with helpful articles, and a daily journal.  
Web: [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

# Enfield Parenting Directory

Our Directory has a range of evidence-based parenting resources to support parents & carers through their parenting journey

- Accessible and easy to use
- Available in different languages
- Direct links to Enfield Start for Life, Local Offer, Informed Families, My Life, EarlyHelp4All directory

Start for  
Life

0-2 years



Early  
Years

1-5 years



Primary  
Years

4-11 years



Tweens &  
Teens

10-18 years



For more information visit [www.enfieldparentingdirectory.co.uk](http://www.enfieldparentingdirectory.co.uk)



# PARENT OR CARER? LOOK OUT FOR CHILD EXPLOITATION

## POSSIBLE INDICATORS

- Signs of alcohol, drug or substance misuse
- Unexplained gifts, particularly expensive ones
- Signs of becoming more secretive, distant or a change in behaviour
- An extra mobile phone, which cannot be accounted for
- Signs of sexual activity such as condoms, contraceptive pills or pregnancy tests

Report it, call **101** or **999** (in an emergency)  
and quote **Operation MakeSafe**



# Term Dates for Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January : Inset Day 3

Tuesday 6th January : Inset Day 4

Wednesday 7th January : All students return to school

Wednesday 7th-Friday 16th January : Year 13 BTEC Exams

Thursday 8th January : Year 11 Parents Evening

Friday 9th January : Year 9 Senior Booster Immunisations

Monday 12th-Friday 23rd January : Elizabeth Seton Feast Fortnight (Year 11)

Monday 12th-Friday 23rd January : Year 9 Pathways Taster Lessons

Tuesday 13th January : Start of Spring Term Mass: Key Stage 3

Wednesday 14th January : Year 7 Trip to 'The Guardian' Offices (Selected Students)

Thursday 15th January : Start of Spring Term Mass: Key Stages 4 & 5

Monday 19th January : Year 11 Dress Down Day (Elizabeth Seton Feast Fortnight)

Tuesday 20th January : Year 9 Senior Booster Immunisations Catch-Up Session

Tuesday 20th January : Jack Petchey Regional Final (Selected Students)

Thursday 22nd January : Year 9 Parents Evening (Online)

Tuesday 27th January : Music Festival

Thursday 29th January : Key Stage 3 Selected Students: Trip to Design Museum and Japan House

Friday 30th January : Year 8 Photographs

Monday 2nd-Friday 13th February : Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (2)

Thursday 5th February : Year 9 Pathways Evening

Saturday 14th-Saturday 21st February : Skiing Trip to Cerler, Spain

Monday 16th-Friday 20th February : HALF TERM

Wednesday 18th February : Ash Wednesday

Monday 2nd-Friday 13th March : Sr Thea Bowman Feast Fortnight (Sixth Form)

Tuesday 3rd March : Year 10 Money Workshops (First Session)

Friday 6th March : Year 10 Money Workshops (Second Session)

Tuesday 10th March : Year 10 Photographs

Thursday 12th March : Jack Petchey Award Event (Nominated Students)

Friday 20th March : Year 9 Photographs

Monday 23rd March : End of Spring Term Mass, Key Stages 4 & 5

Tuesday 24th March : End of Spring Term Mass, Key Stage 3

Wednesday 25th March : Year 11 & Year 13 Leaver Photographs: Group & Individual

Friday 27th March : End of Spring Term, Students dismissed at 12.00pm

Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April : EASTER BREAK

Lenten Campaign Soup and Roll Dates:

27th February and 6th, 13th, 20th and 25th March

Monday 13th April : Students return to school



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