



# ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

At St George's, God calls us by name to love,  
learn and achieve together, safe in the palm of His hands.

*'I have called you by your name; you are mine' Isaiah 43*



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To our wonderful community,

### Dancing success!

Congratulations to **Emilia** and **Elsie** who achieved a fantastic first place at a recent dance cofestival in Horchurch. They were awarded **GOLD** for their duet to 'Happy Days'. The girls followed up this success by winning medals for their individual dance performances.

It was lovely to read how proud the parents were of the girls' performance, not just for winning, but for their resilience and tenacity in learning new, and technically challenging, routines. Well done to you both – we are also very proud of you!



### St Anthony Class Assembly

Congratulations to St Anthony's class on their wonderful Beatitudes-themed assembly on Thursday. The class focused on courage, their own class Beatitude. We could all see how much they have grown in both courage and confidence since Reception! The children sang beautifully, shared powerful historical and moral stories through excellent role play, and spoke with such clarity and confidence throughout. A huge thank you to Mrs Marquis and Miss McLoughlin for supporting and preparing the children so well

### Term dates 2026-27

Next year's term dates have been agreed and have been sent out as a separate email. They will be available on the school website from next week.



## New Payment System

After February half term, we will be moving to a new payment system - MCAS - My Child at School. All parents will need to download this App ready for their invitation to join which should come on 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> February

Any outstanding balances owing for school trips will be transferred to MCAS - however they may not be showing on the first day, so thank you in advance for your patience.

We ask parents to continue booking **Breakfast and After School Club** on the **School Comms App** for w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb and w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> March - bookings after that date will be made in the MCAS app. There will be spaces available.

Parents ordering school lunches will continue using the **Google Form** up until 27<sup>th</sup> February. We respectfully ask parents to fully pay for all dinners ordered by 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.



The advertisement features the 'my child at school.com' logo at the top left. Below it, the text 'DOWNLOAD MCAS' is prominently displayed in blue, with 'Coming in February 2026' underneath. A list of features is provided, each with a corresponding icon: Announcements & Messages (megaphone), Attendance Tracking (calendar), Achievements (trophy), Academic Information (graduation cap), Online Payments (credit card), Bookings & Consent (document with pencil), Contact Information (phone), and Multi-Child Access (two people). To the right, a smartphone displays the app's interface, showing a user profile for 'Rizwaan Adia' and a calendar for June 2024. The app's home screen includes buttons for Wraparound Care, Behaviour, Outstanding Payments, Homework, Trips, Clubs, Academic Calendar, Dinner, Attendance, and Exam. At the bottom of the phone screen are icons for 'My Child', 'Store', 'Announcements', and 'Messages'. Below the phone, there are two QR codes for downloading the app, labeled 'Google Play' and 'App Store'. At the bottom left, the logo for St George's Catholic Primary School is shown, and at the bottom center, the logo for the Assisi Catholic Trust is displayed.

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### Head Teachers Award

*Congratulations to our winners this week.*

*Elizabeth ~ (St Francis) ~ Throughout this week, Elizabeth has demonstrated our class beatitude - kindness. She is incredibly helpful within the classroom helping to keep everything tidy and is a wonderful friend to all.*

*Florence ~ (St Therese) ~ Our superstar! Florence has been so focused this week. Her phonics were great, her maths was excellent and she has tried exceptionally hard with her handwriting. Keep up the fabulous work, Florence!*

*Hallie-May ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for writing a brilliant biography about Mary Anning. Her handwriting was beautiful, with excellent punctuation and spelling, and her work included many interesting facts.*

*Ava ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for a brilliant week in all areas of learning. She has shown greater independence in lessons. Well done Ava!*

*Isla ~ (St Joseph) ~ for a fantastic week! She has worked well in all lessons and demonstrated excellent learning behaviour, displaying focus and perseverance. Well done, Isla!*

*St Anthony Class ~ for their superb speaking, amazing acting, and super singing within their class assembly. Well done!*

*Ronnie ~ (St Peter) ~ for his wonderful enthusiasm for our topic lesson on, 'Amazing Americas!' He has completed thorough research to produce an information poster about two places in America - well done!*

## School Uniform

Thank you to all parents who provided valuable feedback regarding the proposed changes to our school uniform. The governors have carefully considered your views and taken key points on board, particularly those relating to the option of wearing a polo shirt instead of a shirt and tie during the warmer summer months.

After reviewing feedback from parents, staff, and governors, we have now reached a final decision regarding school uniform arrangements.

It is important to note that one of the most frequent comments I receive from prospective parents is how smart our children look when visiting and walking around the school. I am sure many of you felt the same when you first visited St George's, and we are keen to maintain this positive impression.

From September 2026, all children, including those in Reception, will return to school wearing full school uniform: a shirt and tie with a grey skirt or pinafore, or grey trousers or grey tailored shorts and the school jumper or cardigan. Our supplier will stock clip-on ties from July, as an alternative to elasticated or standard ties, which may be helpful for pupils.

Following the early May Bank holiday (the first Monday in May), children will be able to wear our summer uniform. This includes a red and white checked dress or a plain white polo shirt (with or without the school logo), paired with grey tailored shorts, trousers, or a skirt. When children return after the summer holidays for the Autumn term, they will resume wearing full school uniform: shirt, tie, and grey skirt/pinafore, trousers, or shorts and the school jumper or cardigan.

For performances and events, pupils will wear full school uniform (shirt and tie). For class trips, teachers will inform parents of the appropriate clothing depending on the venue and weather conditions. We regularly receive very positive comments about our pupils' behaviour and appearance, and we are proud that St George's children are easily recognisable within the community.

## Punctuality Percentages

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	97%	99%	97%	99%	98%	99%

## Times Table Rock Stars

Congratulations to our TOP TEN rockstars this week.

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Abigail - Year 5	Sophie - Year 5	Tabitha - Year 4	Baffuor - Year 2	Finley - Year 4
6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
Melissa - Year 4	Sophia - Year 5	Milita - Year 4	Victoria - Year 4	Ruby - Year 5

## Reading Awards

Well done to **Dejani** (St Bernadette) and **Vinnie** (St Anthony) who received their **BRONZE** award this week.

And well done to the children who received their **SILVER** reading award.

**Taliah & Jacob** (St Elizabeth), **Nathanael** (St Joseph) and **Sonny** (St Anthony)

This week we awarded our **FIRST GOLD** reading awards which recognised children reaching  
150 READS

**Florence & Demir** (St Francis), **Hollie** (St Therese), **Hallie-May** (St Elizabeth), **Rory, Elsie & Isabelle** (St Bernadette),

**Emilia, Milita, Lily & Ebony** (St Joseph), **Sophia, Abigail & Teddy** (St Anthony) and **Aaron & Erin** (St Peter)

## Birthdays

Congratulations to **Penny** (St Francis), **Teddie** (St Bernadette), **Harry** (St Joseph),  
**George & Teddy** (St Anthony) and **Mrs Archer**  
who are celebrating their birthdays this week.



## Sports Awards

Well done to **Olivia** from St Francis class who was selected as the sports performer of the week. In the dance lesson, Olivia imitated a variety of animals and insects, showing great skill and grace. Well done, Olivia!

## Artist of the Month

This month's chosen artist is **Toby** from St Anthony's class. As part of their Victorian topic, Year 5 have been looking at Victorian artists. They have been studying L.S Lowry - who was renowned for a unique, naive style that captured industrial life in Northern England, featuring "matchstick men" in crowded, smoky urban landscapes. The children used his work as inspiration enabling them to blend industrial realism with a simplified perspective, using a restricted palette of only five colours to depict the lives of working-class people against a backdrop of factories and chimneys. Well done, Toby.

## Prayers



We continue to pray for our community.

God Bless, *Mrs Delgado*

## Diary Dates

Further activities/dates will be added as soon as they have been finalised and will be in **BOLD**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Netball League matches after school @ Cecil Jones
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Trip
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Southend Schools Football tournament (key stage 1) @ Len Forge
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026</b>	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Netball tournament @ Cecil Jones
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 & 4 Girls Football @ Len Forge
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm-5pm Parent-Carer Consultation week begins
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	'Hot Cross Run' @ St Thomas More
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Key Stage 1 Tag Rugby tournament @ Southend Rugby Club
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Match V Friars
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3/4 Tag Rugby tournament @ Southend Rugby Club
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Match V Sacred Heart Year 5 Trip
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Girls Football @ Len Forge
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Netball League matches after school @ Cecil Jones
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Residential trip Choir event ~ Royal Albert Hall
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Feast of St Joseph
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Non uniform day for winning house team
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross @ St George's Church 2pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring Term
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April ~ Good Friday Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April ~ Easter Sunday	

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term 2026
	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Feast of St Bernadette
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday
w/b 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Crowning of Mary school celebration – details to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Science Fayre 2pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	KS1 Cross Country – Pentecost Dash! @ St Teresa's, Rochford
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Back to school
w/b 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (afternoon session)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	School Class Photographs
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Induction afternoon for Reception 2026
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 1.45pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day TBC
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.05am
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Non uniform day for winning house team
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 2pm @ St George's Church
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026</b>	