



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,

Well done Team St George's!

We didn't even make it through the first week back without being involved in a sporting competition! Last Thursday our year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics team competed at Garons at the Southend Sports Partnership event. Year 3 & 4 were hot on their heels, competing the following day at the same event. It was a mix of short running events and indoor field events, such as standing long jump, vertical jump, soft javelin etc. The children gave it their all and there were some great team and individual performances. Our year 5 & 6 team have made it into the small school finals in March, which is very exciting! We will keep you posted!

Well done to the whole team for their fantastic performance:

Year 3 & 4 team: Finley, Lex, Teddy, Alex, Adedapo, Jacob, Fiachra, Toby, Dalton, Sebby, Adam, Sonny, Ryan, George T. and Harry M.

Sophie, Keziah, Isabella, Rosie S., Ebony, Tabitha, Isla P., Melissa, Abigail, Sophia, Ellie, Aviya, Ruby, Lauren & Willow

Year 5 & 6 team: George, Max, Henry, Elijah, Harry H., Harry S., Albert, Jake, Albie, Vince, Beatrice, Katarina, Ruva, Lyla, Robyn, Katie, Lily, Heidi, Kamila, Evie & Imogen



Head Teachers Award

Congratulations to this week's winners.

Liza ~ (St Francis) ~ for a great work ethic and trying very hard with her phonics and other activities this week.

Baffuor ~ (St Therese) ~ for his brilliant contributions to science this week. He has excellent knowledge about materials and shares his knowledge with fabulous enthusiasm. Keep up the great work!

Ava ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for her fantastic effort and enjoyment for learning, in all areas of the curriculum. Well done Ava and keep it up!

Isla ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for an incredible piece of descriptive writing this week. She used fantastic vocabulary and similes to create a vivid image when reading it! Great work Isla!

Dalton ~ (St Joseph) ~ for his fantastic contribution to the conductive workshop that took place this week. He was able to link science facts about electricity to the tasks set and was extremely helpful to others – well done!

Zayaan ~ (St Anthony) ~ for fantastic English work which was beautifully presented and for always being a wonderful, kind friend.

Albert ~ (St Peter) ~ for making excellent progress in maths and English. He is always fully engaged in lessons and makes numerous valuable contributions. Well done, Albert!

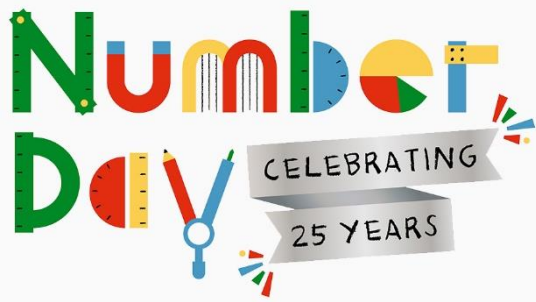
We need YOU!

At St George's, we are always looking for parents/carers who would like to volunteer.

Volunteers can provide additional support and enhance learning experiences. The types of roles could be:

- Hearing children read
- Working with small groups of children
- Working alongside individual children
- Undertaking art & craft activities with children
- Making resources
- Running lunchtime/after-school clubs
- Working with children on the computers
- Accompanying school visits
- Supporting pupils who need have been identified as needing additional support
- Providing positive role models and one to one support

If you are interested, please complete this [FORM](#). There will be a volunteer session that we ask you to attend before working in the school. We will also complete DBS checks, as part of our safeguarding procedure.



We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 7 February 2025.

Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow.

The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as

Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

We will be having a fun day of maths activities, and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*.

Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.

To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. Some of our year 6 children will be at both gates, before and after school, to take donations.

We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at St. George's will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.

Swimming information

We ask that years 3 & 4 wear their P.E. kits on 'Swimming Fridays'. Swimming begins on Friday 24th January 2025.

Lunchtime Rugby Club

Lunchtime rugby club begins on Monday. The uptake has been fantastic! If your child is part of the club, we ask if they could wear their P.E. kit for the day. It would also be beneficial if the children could bring an extra pair of shoes – school shoes/plimsols/old pair of trainers – to change into for the afternoon, should the field be wet or muddy. There is no need to purchase another pair of trainers or plimsols for this, children's school shoes will suffice. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Birthdays

Congratulations to **Michelle** (St Joseph), **Anina** (St Anthony) and **Brooklyn** (St Peter) who are celebrating their birthdays.



Reading Awards

Well done to the following who received their **BRONZE** award this afternoon
Zara (St Francis), Lolade & Ayden (St Therese), Harry & Tabitha (St Bernadette), Diane &
Maddison (St Joseph) Jude (St Anthony)

And well done to the children who received their **SILVER** reading award for 100 reads.
(St Francis), Lacey-May, Philippa, Olivia & Taliah (St Therese), Rory (St Elizabeth), Ebony-
Hope & Lily (St Bernadette), Ezinne & Lex (St Joseph), Mia-Rae & Darcey (St Anthony) Vince
& Robyn (St Peter)

Sports Awards

Well done to our two winners this week! Ruby and Teddy from Year St Joseph's class have been recognised for choreographing their own dance sequence showing great timing and teamwork. I look forward to seeing the end result!

A note from Felicity and the PTA

As we begin a new term, we're excited to start fresh and make this year a great one for our school community. However, we need your ideas and support more than ever. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual Christmas Fete due to a lack of volunteers, and we're eager to explore new events and activities that will engage both our children and families, while also helping raise vital funds for our school.

This year, our main focus is on raising money to update the computer suite, with the goal of adding a small recording room and new media equipment to enhance our childrens' learning experience. To make this happen, we'll need the involvement of as many families as possible. Please use the form – link below – to share your thoughts on what kind of events you'd like to see and how we can work together to support our school. Your input and participation is so important to us to create engaging and successful events for our children and our school.

Thank you as always for all your support!

<https://forms.gle/mtuSA55esaPQoJqc7>

Booster/car seats

There are some occasions where children need to be transported during the school day, whether it be to a small event, or if a child needs to be driven home because they are unwell. If any families have any booster seats that they no longer use and would like to donate them, please bring them to the office. Thank you.

Prayers



We keep all our community in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

Further activities/dates will be added as soon as they have been finalised.

Monday 20 th January	ACT Dance competition Yr 6
Wednesday 22 nd January	Year 6 Residential meeting in school @2.45pm
Thursday 23 rd January	Girls football match v Friars
Friday 24 th January	Swimming for years 3 & 4 begins
Tuesday 28 th January	Basketball competition @ Thorpe Hall
Thursday 30 th January	Boys football match v Thorpedene
Monday 3 rd February	Year 5 trip to SHSG
Thursday 6 th February	Girls football match v Hamstel * DATE CHANGE
Tuesday 11 th February	Netball League matches after school @ Shoeburyness High School
Thursday 13 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 17TH – FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2025	
Wednesday 26 th February	Netball tournament @ Alleyn Court
Monday 3 rd March	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Parent & Carer Consultation week
Tuesday 4 th March	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 13 th March	Boys football match v Sacred Heart (at Hamstel school)
Tuesday 18 th March	Netball League matches after school @ Shoeburyness High School
Wednesday 19 th March	Feast of St Joseph
	Years 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletic final
Thursday 20 th March	Mad March 'Hair' Day – details to follow! * DATE CHANGE
Monday 24 th March	Key Stage 2 Assisi Cross Country
Tuesday 25 th –Fri 28 th March	Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 5 trip
Friday 4 th April	Last day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 7TH APRIL – FRIDAY 18TH APRIL 2025	
Wednesday 16 th April - Feast of St Bernadette	
Friday 18 th April ~ Good Friday	
Sunday 20 th April ~ Easter Sunday	
Tuesday 22 nd April	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Wednesday 23 rd April	First Day of Summer Term 2025
Monday 28 th April	St George's Day
Monday 5 th May	Bank holiday
w/b 12 th May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Thursday 22 nd May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country @ St Teresa's, Rochford

Friday 23 rd May	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 26TH MAY – FRIDAY 30TH MAY 2025	
Monday 2 nd June	First Day of Summer Term 2025
Friday 6 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly @9.05am
w/b 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 10 th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (afternoon session)
Friday 13 th June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua
Tuesday 17 th June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Friday 20 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 23 rd June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 27 th June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 3 rd July	KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 5 Taster Day @ St Thomas More & St Bernard's
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
Monday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 2pm
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY THURSDAY 24TH JULY 2025	