



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,

December dates for your diary

Wednesday 10th December

Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am

Thursday 11th December

Reception Nativity Play 9.15am

Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 2pm

Year 5 Stargazing Event

Friday 12th December

St George's Got Talent – 9am start – 2 guests per performer

Monday 15th December

Non uniform day for winning house team

Christmas Gift Sale

Tuesday 16th December

KS2 Carol Concert 2pm at St George's Church

Wednesday 17th December

Rocksteady Concert 9.30am

Christmas Dinner at school

Thursday 18th December

Christmas Games Day led by Year 6

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 19th December

Last day of Autumn term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER – FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2026

Parish Christmas Card

Congratulations to **Myren** (St Elizabeth Class) and **Emilia** (St Joseph Class) for winning this year's Parish Christmas Card Competition! Their wonderful artwork was chosen by Fr. Brett and Mr. McEvoy to feature on the front cover of the Parish Christmas Card. Children will soon be bringing home a copy of the Christmas card, which includes the Christmas Mass times inside. A huge well done to everyone who took part – Roisin, Liza, Reu'ven, Amirah, Mabel, Isla P, Michelle, Olivia K, Nana, and Mia-Rae. All of the beautiful artwork will be displayed in church and in the main school entrance for everyone to enjoy.



Christmas timetable

Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance

Wednesday 10th December at 9.15am ~ entry via the Eagle Way gate from 8.40am. On arrival, you can wait under the canopy and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, organised by the Friends of St George's. The gate will close at 8.55am for children but will stay open until 9.05am for families coming to see the performance. Mrs Delgado will welcome you into the hall around 9.05am. Each family will have two seats for each performance (four in total). When you arrive, we will direct you to your allocated row and you can choose where in the row you would like to sit.

Thursday 11th December at 2pm ~ As above with entry via the Eagle Way gate from 1.30pm. Tea and coffee will be served under the canopy and you will be welcomed into the hall at 1.50pm. The gate will close at 1.50pm.

Reception class Nativity Performance

Thursday 11th December at 9.15am. ~ entry as above, including the tea and coffee! Each family will have four seats for the performance. Two seats will be in rows 1-3 and the other 2 seats will be in rows 4-6. When you arrive, we will direct you to your allocated row and you can choose where in the row you would like to sit.

There will be a collection at the end of the nativity plays for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, a charity that supports the school enormously. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Monday 15th December

Christmas Gift Sale

The PTA have organised the annual Christmas Gift Sale for Monday 15th December. Children can buy up to 2 gifts, £2 per gift. You can pay for the gifts with cash on the day or using PayPal. If you are paying with PayPal, could you use your child's name and GIFT SALE as the reference.

Tuesday 16th December



Our Christmas Carol Service for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will take place at the church on Tuesday 16th December at 2pm.

There is no seat allocation, nor set numbers per family. We will walk the children down to the church soon after lunchtime and at the end of the concert, the children can leave with their families. Younger siblings can be collected from school after. If you are unable to attend, let the office know and we will walk your child back to school to be collected at normal time. Children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will not need a school bag that day. If possible, could they bring their lunch in a disposal bag, or use a back up lunchbox, as we will not be bringing any items to church with us. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Wednesday 17th December 2025

Christmas Lunch

On WEDNESDAY 17th December we are having our School Christmas Lunch – Roast Turkey or Winter Vegetable Wellington, yorkshire pudding, stuffing, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, vegetables, gravy – the works! As we have opted for the premium menu, there is an additional cost per meal. However, this cost will be covered by PTA funds.

You can order by clicking this link <https://forms.office.com/e/q49cHcnG7g>

If your child is not having Christmas Dinner, they can bring in their own special packed lunch. It can be party food, a couple of sweet treats, or a turkey and cranberry sandwich! As in line with our school policy, we do ask that no items contain nuts and ask for no fizzy drinks.

Thursday 18th December

Christmas Games & Christmas Jumper/Outfit day

Year 6 will be hosting a Christmas games day for all the children at St. George's, on Thursday 18th December. Each class will have a 'games slot' during the day and will also be served juice and biscuits. The cost of the event is £2 per child and will help raise money for the purchasing of the Year 6 leavers' hoodies in the summer term. St. Peter's class are very excited to share the games they have selected and games they have made themselves! Parents can pay on School Gateway. Thank you for your support.

The children are also invited to come dressed in a Christmas jumper or other Christmassy outfit for the day. If your child is coming to school in a Christmassy outfit, they do not have to wear uniform.

Friday 19th December

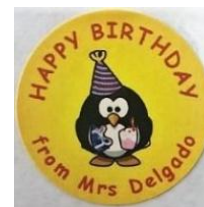
Last day of Term

We will be finishing the school term with Mass on Friday 19th December. It starts at 2pm so we anticipate that it will finish approximately by 2.45pm. The children will be ready to be collected from this time. Mr O'Shea will open the gates at 2.40pm.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday this week.

Holly (St Francis), Lacey-May (St Elizabeth) and Nana & Freddie (St Peter)



Bronze reading Awards

Congratulations to all the children who gained their BRONZE reading certificate this week:

Holly & Dylan (St Francis), Tammy & Fletcher (St Therese), Taliah (St Elizabeth), Isabella, Adam & Scarlett (St Joseph) and Damian (St Peter)



Head Teacher Awards

Well done to all the children recognised for their achievements this week.

Fiadh ~ (St Francis) ~ for being increasingly resilient to any challenges she comes across and for always giving 100% in all she does.

Mateo ~ (St Therese) ~ Mateo has had a super week! He has tried hard to work independently, answering lots of questions and using his phonics when reading and writing. Well done, Mateo!

Lacey-May ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for showing a great understanding of the Advent wreath symbols and creating a beautiful, detailed drawing of it. Well done!

Alissa ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for giving 100% in all lessons this week. She always has exceptional behaviour and is a wonderful role model for others. Well done!

*Nathanael ~ (St Joseph) ~ for a fantastic week! In English lessons, he has worked with focus and increased independence, and his handwriting has improved significantly. Well done,
Nathanael!*

Toby ~ (St Anthony) ~ for his curiosity in class, always asking for the when, where and why. In addition to this, he consistently engages wholeheartedly in everything that he does.

Chloe ~ (St Peter) ~ for her creative flare and skill this week. She carefully takes her time and produces beautiful art pieces. Her most recent model making this week was fabulous! Well done!

Artist of the Month

Artist of the Month for December is Dolly from St Bernadette Class for her picture 'The Nativity'. In her painting, Dolly used a mix of warm and cool colours to create a soft, glowing nativity scene. She used a range of different tools to add detail to the trees and created contrasts between the textured background with the smooth, softer areas for the figures. Well done Dolly!

Sports Awards

This recipients of this week's sports award have been chosen by Toni, our netball coach. Nyla and Sinela have been chosen for their teamwork, their leadership and their resilience. Well done girls, it is always lovely to hear that our external coaches are also so impressed by you!

Times Table Rock Stars

Congratulations to our TOP TEN rockstars this week.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Zayaan - Year 6	Baffuor - Year 2	Folami - Year 6	Emilia - Year 4	Abigail - Year 5
6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Reuben - Year 2	Aviya - Year 5	Kyle - Year 6	Nana - Year 6	Lolade - Year 2

Punctuality Percentages

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99%	93%	100%	98%	98%	95%	98%

The Hungry Cupboard

Thank you to the children and families of St Therese class who have been filling up the Hungry Cupboard this week. The Cupboard will be taking a rest until the New Year. Thank you to all the families who donated food.



Congratulations!

Two of our previous pupils, Lucy and Eliana, have recently been appointed as part of the new Student Team at Southend High School for girls. I have no doubt that both girls will achieve great things as part of the team. Well done, we are very proud of both of you.



Prayers

This weekend, the Church celebrates the second week of Advent. The second Sunday of Advent is a time to focus on Peace.

Dear God,
As we light the second Advent candle,
help us bring peace wherever we go.
Make our hearts calm and kind.
Help us share peace with our family, our friends,
and everyone who needs Your love.
Jesus, Prince of Peace, come and fill our world with hope and gentle light.
Amen.

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>
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Thursday 11 th December	Reception Nativity Play 9.15am
	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 2pm
	Year 5 Stargazing Event
Friday 12 th December	St George's Has Talent!
Monday 15 th December	Non uniform day for winning house team
	Christmas Gift Sale
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm at St George's Church
Wednesday 17 th December	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am
	Christmas Dinner at school
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Games Day led by Year 6
	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19 th December	Last day of Autumn term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER – FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2026	
Monday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2026
Wednesday 7 th January	Sportshall Athletics Event Year 5/6
Thursday 8 th January	Sportshall Athletics Event Year 3/4
Friday 16 th January	Southend Schools Football tournament (year 3/4 boys) @ Len Forge
Tuesday 20 th January	ACT Dance Festival @ Palace Theatre
Friday 23 rd January	Year 3 & 4 Swimming starts

Thursday 5 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday 9 th February	Netball League matches after school @ Shoeburyness High School
	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm-5pm
	Parent-Carer Consultation week
Thursday 12 th February	ACT Music Festival @ STM
Friday 13 th February	Southend Schools Football tournament (key stage 1) @ Len Forge
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 16TH – FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2026	
Wednesday 25 th February	Netball tournament @ Cecil Jones
	Year 3 Roman Dress Up Day
Friday 27 th February	Year 3 & 4 Girls Football @ Len Forge
Tuesday 3 rd March	'Hot Cross Run' @ St Thomas More
Wednesday 4 th March	Key Stage 1 Tag Rugby tournament @ Southend Rugby Club
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 3/4 Tag Rugby tournament @ Southend Rugby Club
Friday 13 th March	KS1 Girls Football @ Len Forge
Monday 16 th March	Netball League matches after school @ Cecil Jones
Tuesday 17 th – 20 th March	Year 6 Residential trip
Thursday 19 th March	Feast of St Joseph
Monday 23 rd March	Non uniform day for winning house team
Wednesday 25 th March	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am
	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross @ St George's Church 2pm
Friday 27 th March	Last day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 30TH MARCH – FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2026	
Friday 3 rd April ~ Good Friday Sunday 5 th April ~ Easter Sunday	
Monday 13 th April	First Day of Summer Term 2026
	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 14 th April	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 16 th April	Feast of St Bernadette
Thursday 23 rd April	St George's Day
Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday
w/b 11 th May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Tuesday 19 th May	Crowning of Mary school celebration – details to follow
Wednesday 20 th May	Science Fayre 2pm
Thursday 21 st May	KS1 Cross Country – Pentecost Dash! @ St Teresa's, Rochford
Friday 22 nd May	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 25TH MAY – FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026	
Monday 1 st June	Back to school

w/b 8th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 9 th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (afternoon session)
Wednesday 10 th June	School Class Photographs
Saturday 13 th June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua
Tuesday 16 th June	Induction afternoon for Reception 2026
Friday 19 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 22 nd June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Wednesday 24 th June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Friday 26 th June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 1.45pm
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
Thursday 2 nd July	KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon
Friday 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day TBC
Friday 10 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.05am
Monday 13 th July	Non uniform day for winning house team
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 2pm @ St George's Church
Wednesday 15 th July	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 20TH JULY 2026	