

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,

As we mark the beginning of the Jubilee Year, as a school we are excited what this special year can mean for children and adults, and their friendship with God. It's a time to restart, a time for resting with God and a time for worshipping Him!



It is a year where:

- We have the opportunity to return to God and grow our friendship with Him.
- Jesus invites us to join Him in His Jubilee mission.
- We can all be Pilgrims of Hope by sharing the hope God gives us.

All around the school, doors have been decorated to symbolise the start of this Jubilee year. You can find pictures of the different doors on our social media sites over the weekend.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in Heaven,

May the faith you have given us, in your Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit, reawaken hope in us.

May your grace transform us and your glory shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee be with us, as Pilgrims of Hope, so we may spread the joy and peace of Jesus throughout the Earth.

To you our God, be glory and praise forever.

Amen



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Head Teachers Award

Congratulations to this week's winners and below is the picture of last week's superstars!.

Mateo ~ (St Francis) ~ for his fantastic attitude to all aspects of his learning.

Stanley ~ (St Therese) ~ for an excellent week for listening and applying! Stanley has applied his phonics to his writing and thought through tricky maths. Well done, Stanley!

Izzy ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for being really enthusiastic in R.E and for making a wonderful 'Door of Hope', based on our Pilgrims of Hope ~ Jubilee Year work. Well done Izzy!

Scarlett ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for always giving 100% in lessons being a great role model and an excellent friend. Well done Scarlett.

Ryan ~ (St Joseph) ~ for being a Year 4 superstar this week! He has worked really hard in all areas of the curriculum and shown exemplary behaviour to others – well done!

Nana ~ (St Anthony) ~ for a fantastic first week at St George's. She is a wonderful example of joy and love; she always has a huge smile and will help everyone around her.

Henry ~ (St Peter) ~ for always having a mature and conscientious attitude in lessons. He displays outstanding learning behaviour and is making excellent progress as a result. Well done, Henry!

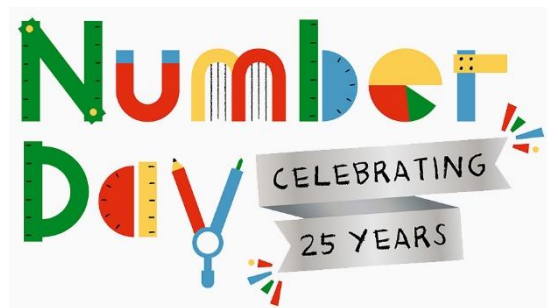


Assisi Catholic Trust Dance Festival

On Monday, we sent a dance troupe to the Palace Theatre to participate in the FIRST EVER Assisi Catholic Trust dance festival. A large group of Year 6 children performed a modern dance to a song called 'Jam' by Michael Jackson. The dance was a high energy, fast paced routine, inspired by basketball moves. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to:



Mrs Bracknell for working so hard with the children; our wonderful parents who helped with the transport and who were a fantastic audience; and the children, of course. You were magnificent and we were all very proud of you.



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.

Birthdays

Congratulations to **Reu'Ven** from St Therese class who is celebrating his birthday this week.



Reading Awards

Well done to **Fletcher** (St Francis) who received his **BRONZE** award for reading

And well done to the children who received their **SILVER** reading award for 100 reads.

Mia (St Therese), (St Elizabeth), **Nathanael & Finley** (St Bernadette),

Toby & Ruby (St Joseph)

Girls Football

Congratulations to the girl's football team who played and won their last game of the season yesterday. It was a local derby against Friars and the girls won 4-1, a great result! Well done:

Beatrice, Ruva, Lily, Lyla, Heidi, Robyn, Evie, Sinela, Darcey, Iris-Ivy

The girls would like to say that Friars had a lovely team and that their school was very welcoming,

A BIG thank you to Mrs Arnold who has supported,

encouraged and organise this season's matches. Her spirit and enthusiasm has certainly motivated the girls!



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.

GIVE IT A GO!

U9/U11 Girls of Southend!

Come down for a fabulous cricket bonanza tailored just for girls! Great for newbies, these sessions will serve up a smashing dose of cricket fun in a lively setting.

Best part? It's FREE!

**EVERY FRIDAY FROM 24TH OF JAN TO 4TH APRIL (EXCLUDES 21ST FEB)
5:30PM TO 6:30PM**

**SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
SS2 4UZ**

To book contact:

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GIRLS AND WOMEN'S CRICKET SESSIONS

**U13-U15 GIRLS AND WOMEN
FRIDAYS 24TH JAN - 4TH APRIL
(EXCLUDES 21ST FEBRUARY)**

6:30PM - 7:30PM

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, SS2 4UZ

Join the whirlwind of Essex's fastest-growing sport for women!

No prior experience or fancy gear required—just bring your enthusiasm!

We play with soft balls, so no worries about getting knocked out!

Grab a buddy and dive in—every fitness level is welcome!



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.

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
Monday 10 th February	Year 4 class trip
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)
Wednesday 11 th June	Year 2 class trip
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	