



# 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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Dear Parents and Carers,



## Happy New Year!

A very happy New Year to you all ~ we look forward to an exciting 2022 at St. George's. It was lovely to welcome the children back into school this week.

### A New Year Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside our worries about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen



It is wonderful to start the year with TWO pieces of wonderful news! Jack in St Joseph's class and Sebastian in St Therese Class have become big brothers! Their new baby sister, Chloe, was born on New Year's Eve. Mrs Fitchew is also celebrating the arrival of her first grandchild, Margot who was born on Sunday. Congratulations to both families – I am sure you'll agree they look very proud and very happy!



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January 2022

w/b Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Clubs before and after school start
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	Closing date for Reception 2022 places
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Closing date to hand in Supplementary Information form for Reception 2022

Before and After School Clubs

All before and after school clubs begin next week. Just a reminder the clubs are:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Before school	KS1 Sports Hall Athletics*	KS1 & KS2 Cross Country*	KS2 Sports Hall Athletics*	KS2 Dodgeball*
After school	Southend United (years 1 – 3) Netball (years 4 – 6) Science** (year 1 & 2)		Football (years 5 & 6)	Southend United (years 1 – 3)

\*Clubs will be charged at £25 for the term (10 weeks)

Southend United Football will need to be booked on their website

We know that wrap around childcare is vital for many of our parents and carers, including families who may only need it on specific days. This has become even more so during the last couple of years with the government directive of 'Work from home'.

To support our families during this time, from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January, we have reduced the cost of our shorter after school session (3.15pm – 4.45pm), to £5 for this half term. The full session (3:15pm – 6pm) price will remain at £10.

We will review our prices during half term but hope that the numbers will mean we can keep this rate for the foreseeable future. We have limited spaces, so please book ahead via Wisepay.

'On the day' bookings may be possible, please phone the office to enquire.

Lunchtime clubs will commence from 17th January 2022. There will be more details in next week's newsletter.

Start and End of day arrangements

Due to no longer needing to stagger drop off or collection, we are returning to the previous times for drop off and collection.

From next week, the gates will OPEN at 8.45am and CLOSE at 8.55am. Any arrivals after this time will have to come in via the front office.

Pick up time from the playground will be from 3.15pm UNTIL 3.20pm (the gate will be open from 3.10pm).

If you are unavoidably held up at the end of the day, we ask that you contact the school so we can reassure your child, as they worry if you are late. The gates will be closed and any children

who are still waiting, will be taken to after school club. You will then need to collect your child from the community suite entrance (side entrance, next to the car park) and you may be charged for a part session.

### Daily Mile

Congratulations to Year 4 who ran the most miles last term, a grand total of 858.1, and were rewarded with a day in sportswear. Well done!



### COVID update

So far, we have been very fortunate that the rise in COVID 19 cases has not majorly impacted the number of pupils in school. However, we do have some children who are absent due to isolating following a positive contact in their household, or testing positive themselves. If you need any information about what to do if a member of your household tests positive, please [CLICK HERE](#).

When you inform us that your child is isolating at home due to COVID, you will be sent a range of activities that your child can complete whilst they are at home, if they are well enough. The work can then be uploaded onto the online platform the class use – this will be either Tapestry, Purple Mash or Google Classroom. There will also be online activities that can be completed. Reception class children will be sent activities and parents can upload photos of their children's work on to Tapestry. Class teachers will be reminding the children how to log on and access the work next week and the children will have all log on details in their reading records. Your child's class teacher will be in touch to inform you of when a member of the class team will either catch up online or by telephone.

If children are absent from school because of illness that is not COVID, we will not be sending work home, as the children need rest and recovery time so they can return to school as soon as possible.

### Sports Awards

Congratulations to the children who have been recognised for their sporting achievements this week.

Isabella (St Francis Class) was chosen for demonstrating excellent skills in P.E. this week. The class were travelling across benches and Isabella showed superb balancing skills. Sonny & Olivia (St Therese) were chosen for their expressive moves and demonstrating great timing skills when performing in Dance this week.



### Head Teacher Awards

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

**Elijah** ~ (St Francis) ~ for fantastic phonics and number work this week

**Sebastian** ~ (St Therese) ~ for a fantastic start to 2022. Sebby has started how he means to go on. He is listening, is being responsible, speeding up and trying his best. Great job Sebby!

**Charlotte** ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for coming back to school full of enthusiasm and having an excellent knowledge of word meanings.

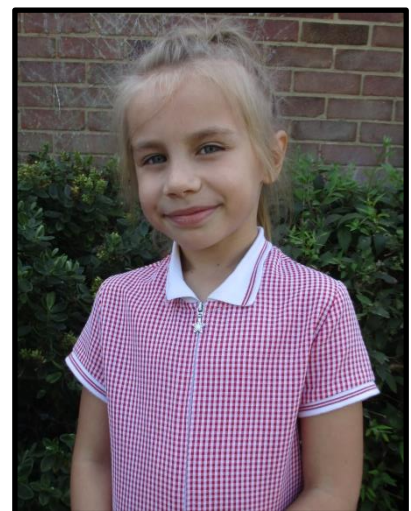
**Kamila** ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for her amazing maths this week. Kamila has been working really hard on her times tables and multiplication. We are all very proud of her!

**Joshua** ~ (St Joseph) ~ for an absolutely fantastic first week back. He has worked hard, participated fully in lessons and shown enthusiasm and focus. Well done, Joshua!

**Grace** ~ (St Anthony) ~ for an excellent start to a new term and 2022. Grace has returned with a fantastic attitude, demonstrating great learning behaviours, particularly in our new English topic, Oliver Twist. Keep it up Grace!

**Natalia** ~ (St Anthony) ~ for persevering in Maths this week. She has worked very hard to succeed in tricky long multiplication and is now showing much greater confidence. Keep believing in yourself Natalia, you are a Marvellous Mathematician!

**Julia** ~ (St Peter) ~ for her excellent attitude to learning, especially her engagement in whole class work and the thoughtful contributions during class discussions.



## Reading Awards

Congratulations to the children who have earned their bronze reading certificates this week:

*Eva & Adam (St Francis), Dalton (St Therese), Darcey (St Elizabeth) Julia & Ted (St Joseph)  
Eva & Conor (S Anthony)*

...and those who were awarded their silver reading certificates:

*Abigail, Sophia, Lex & Teddy (St Therese), Heidi, Harry S. & Kamila (St Bernadette),  
Freya W., Matthias & Archie (St Joseph), Samuel S., Natalia, Thomas, Florence I., Daniel, Leah  
& Florence R-F. (St Anthony), Julia, Ellouise, Logan, Scarlett, Isis, William, Isla, Harry C.,  
Samuel R-F & Hannah (St Peter)*

## Swimming ~ Spring Term

We are still awaiting news from Garons that the diving pool floor (where our swimming lessons take place) has been fixed. We will keep you updated as soon as we get more information.

## Birthdays

Congratulations to *Patrycja (St Elizabeth) and James (St Peter)*, who celebrated their birthday in the first few days of January.



## Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time.

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*