



# 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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## Head Teacher Awards

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

Hallie-May (St Francis) ~ for working hard in phonics and good letter formation

Izzy ~ (St Therese) ~ Izzy has had a fabulous week! She has been a superstar in phonics, recognising and blending her sounds speedily. Great effort, Izzy!

Adam ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for being very enthusiastic about our new History topic 'The Great Fire of London' and for making a great timeline to sequence the main events.

Teddy ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for setting an outstanding example of how to make the most of everything that school has to offer. Well done, Teddy!

Chloe ~ (St Joseph) for working with focus and independence. She is an excellent role model and demonstrates outstanding learning behaviour. Well done, Chloe!

Max ~ (St Anthony) ~ for being so engaged in our singing workshop this week and also demonstrating his very good understanding and knowledge of sign language during our Class Liturgy.

Oscar ~ (St Peter) ~ for his wonderful interest in our current science topic about animals and microbes. His enthusiasm is infectious!



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## RE News

### **Supporting charities**

A BIG THANK YOU to our school community for coming and supporting the Macmillian charity in today's cake sale. We raised a fantastic £206.07 during the morning and the money kept coming after school. We will publish the final total next week. Thank you to our wonderful school council and Mrs Arnold for organising the event.

### **Parish links ~ FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024**

Forms to join our First Holy Communion programme for 2024 are now available in the porches of both churches. If your child has just started in Year 3 or above (so turns 8 years of age between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024) then you may want to consider putting their name down. Please note, all parents who saw Fr. Brett some while ago and have a Mass Card will still need to pick up a pack and fill in the forms. It is very important that the forms are completed and an appointment is made with me to process them BEFORE the 29th September. If you could kindly email the office to make your appointment. Many thanks.

Sharon

### **Collective Worship**

This week, years 2, 4 & 5 celebrated their class liturgies. Once again, the classes linked the liturgy to their class saint. They sang – and signed – hymns, listened to scripture and read prayers that the children had written. Each celebration was a wonderful start to the day. Thank you to all the children and staff who were involved.

### **CAFOD – Write a prayer of love**

As a school, we are asking for our families to write a prayer of love. These can be submitted to the CAFOD website, using this link; [write a prayer of love](#). We would also like to use these in our school newsletter, therefore could you also email a copy to the school, as we will publish the entries.

### **Artist of the Month**

Congratulations to our first winner! **Jesse** from St Therese class was chosen for his amazing design to illustrate our school mission statement, 'Safe in the palm of God's hand.' Jesse has used a mixture of chalks, pen and oils pastels to decorate the background behind his photograph of him sitting in a picture of God's palm. Well done, Jesse!

### **Sports Award**

Well done to **Jazmin** from St Bernadette Class who was chosen as this week's sports star of the week. She was selected for working on the apparatus with flexibility, strength and elegance. She always listens carefully to instructions and performs to an excellent standard.

## Note from the Governors

It has been great to see the children returned to school this month. A special welcome to the new families that have joined in Reception, and in other years. We hope you will enjoy the coming years as part of our school community.

The School Senior Leadership Team and The Governors are always keen to hear your suggestions to enhance life at St George's. Please be reminded that there is a suggestion box available to everyone in the main school reception. It is helpful if you can include your name and contact details so we can contact you should we need further clarification or to discuss the suggestion further.

We want the very best for all the children and for that reason we ask for parents and carers to fully support the school's policies and procedures (available on the website). Please note that the school and Governors will not agree to the authorisation of requests to take holidays during term time. The impact on non-attendance and lateness has been proven that academic attainment and social development can suffer. Please ensure that as long as your child is well, they attend school, on time, on a daily basis.

Persistent lateness has an impact on your child's learning experience and can also be disruptive for their peers. For example:

5 minutes late each day = 25 minutes learning missed each week.

25 minutes late each week = over 3 school days missed each year.

10 minutes late each day = 50 minutes learning missed each week.

50 minutes late each week = almost 7 days missed each school year.

We look forward to meeting many of you at future social events and class assemblies and watching the growth and development of the children.

Kindest regards,

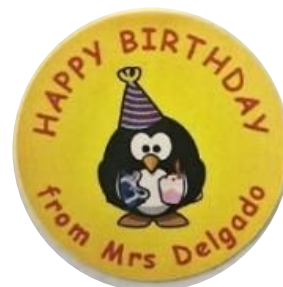
Nina Nathan

Chair of Local Governing Committee on behalf of the Governors

## Birthdays

Congratulations to Noah (St Francis) & Freya (St Peter)

Who are celebrating their birthday this week.



## Pre~loved uniform sale

Mrs Fitzpatrick will be holding a pre~loved uniform in the community suite on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 2.30~3.30pm. As the sales are becoming very popular, she has asked if anyone would like to help to email the office.

## Punctuality Update

Wow! Five classes on 99% this week! Can any class hit 100% next week?

Year Group	Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Punctuality	99%	98%	99%	94%	99%	99%	99%

## Friends of St George's News ~ Annual General Meeting

The Friends of St George's AGM will take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm.**

As parents/carers at St George's School, you are all members and are invited to attend. The Friends of St Georges are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are willing not only to raise money which will benefit all of the pupils at the school, but also help organise and run social events throughout the year. If you feel that you would like to play an active part in the school community, you may like to consider putting yourself forward for one of the positions. Each post is for a year and at the end of that time you can choose to either stand down or put yourself forward for re-election.

The posts are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary positions.

If you think you may be interested and would like a little more information, please contact **Tina Ugo**, our current chair, who is happy to give further information about the different posts.

In addition to these, we also need CLASS REPS. This role requires you to be a link between the committee and parents/carers in that class, giving information, asking for support and taking forward any ideas etc. The class reps need to be nominated in the same way as the other FOSG positions.

**Any person wishing to put themselves forward for any of these positions must complete the nomination form which can be found at the end of this newsletter**

You need two people (one to nominate and one to second) who are parents or carers with children attending the school. You then sign the form accepting the proposal. The form must be completed and handed to the office or a standing committee member before the AGM. To make this meeting certified it is important that we have **at least 30 parents** so please try to spare 30 minutes to attend. The form can be found at the end of this newsletter and on our website.

## Prayers

We keep all our community in our thoughts and prayers.

Have a lovely weekend, God Bless,

*Mrs  
Delgado*

# School Nursing Service

Community health clinics for children aged  
5 – 11 who are being educated in Southend.

Venue	Date	Time
Friars Family Centre	3rd October	14:00-16:30
Cambridge Rd	11th October	14:30-16:30
Centre Place	17th October	14:00-16:30
Hamstel	31st October	15:00-16:30
Prince Avenue	7th November	14:30-16:00
Blenheim	23rd November	14:00-16:00

Emotional health and wellbeing advice • Growth and development •  
Healthy lifestyles • Bedwetting support • Hearing and vision •  
Sleep support • Puberty

**No appointment needed.**  
**Call or text us for further information.**

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 **Southend-on-Sea  
City Council**

## Diary Dates

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

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Feast of St Therese
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
	Feast of St Francis of Assisi
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends of St George's AGM meeting 2.30pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Key Stage 1 & KS2 Cross Country competition @ Garons
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5/6 Deanery Football and Netball tournament pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> – FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023</b>	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Children return to school
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints Day ~ Mass in school for the children
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 6 height and weight check
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Feast of St Elizabeth
Wb Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent & Carer Consultation week
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception 2024 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Girls' Football tournament
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 9am
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5/6 Football tournament @Len Forge all day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Wear odd socks to school day – anti bullying week awareness
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and family photographs
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception 2024 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Reception 2024 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 class assembly
	Feast of St Andrew
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	First Sunday of Advent
	Parish Christmas Fayre after 10.45am Mass
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reconciliation service in school
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity Play 9.15am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm at St George's Church
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Outfit day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Non uniform day for winning house team

	Year 6 games day – details to follow
	End of Term Mass for the children
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn term
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2024</b>	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas Day	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December ~ St Stephen's Day	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term 2023
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday Service for children in school
	Lent begins
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2024</b>	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Feast of St Anne Line
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Netball tournament @ Alleyn Court
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	St David's Day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Parent & Carer Consultation week
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	NHS resilience workshop for year 6
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Feast of St Joseph
	Lent Reconciliation service in school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Key Stage 2 Assisi Cross Country
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Science Fair in school 2.30pm ~ everyone welcome
Wb Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Stations of the Cross 9am everyday # led by years 3 & 4
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring Term
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY ~</b>	
<b>GOOD FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024</b>	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March ~ Good Friday	
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March ~ Easter Sunday	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term 2023
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Feast of St Bernadette
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Afternoon Tea for parents, carers, family and friends! 1pm – 3pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Feast of St Margaret Clitherow and the 40 martyrs
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception height and weight check
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day ~ Mass for the children
w/b 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost Sunday

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country @ St Teresa's, Rochford
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Feast of Corpus Christi
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class – Learn to ride session
w/b 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (morning session)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception 2024 Induction Afternoon
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Feast of St Thomas More and St John Fisher
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon
	Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school @ 2.30pm
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of St Peter and Paul
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
w/b 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 6pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2024</b>	

**Nomination paper for the Election of FOSG Committee Members**

I\* \_\_\_\_\_ Propose\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ as

(Block capitals please)

( Block capitals please)

**For the election**

**Chair                      Vice Chair                      Treasurer                      Secretary                      Class Rep Yr**

**at St Georges Catholic Primary**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I\* Second the proposal of \_\_\_\_\_ as

**Chair**

**Vice Chair**

**Treasurer**

**Secretary**

**Class Rep Yr**

(Delete as appropriate)

**at St Georges Catholic Primary**

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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I \_\_\_\_\_ am willing to serve as

**Chair**

**Vice Chair**

**Treasurer**

**Secretary**

**Class Rep Yr**

(Delete as appropriate)

**at St Georges Catholic Primary**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# St Vincent's Centre, Southend

## VINNIES PICK N MIX

**Vinnie's Pick n Mix is a low cost food market which takes place inside our centre, we will replenish stock throughout the market time so its fair for everyone attending.**

**£5 first time you come then  
£4, when you come next!**

Yearly membership costs just £1, Which entitles you to purchase up to 15 items for £4 shop!



**Every Friday -  
10:00am- 12pm**

**St Vincent's Centre  
Unit 9 Victoria Business Park  
Short Street  
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# THE SHOEBURY ARK



We aim to help alleviate poverty in the Shoeburyness area by providing freshly cooked meals.

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Open Every Tuesday  
2 PM - 4 PM  
at



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