



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,

St George's Catholic Primary School Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fayre last weekend. It was a great afternoon with the usual special community atmosphere. Father Christmas visited and saw many of the wonderful children at St George's and I managed to win a prize – the giant elf! He has now become a permanent fixture in my office!



We raised a fantastic £1,385.47

A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful PTA for and everyone who was involved in organising the event and running a stall. A special mention to **Mr Barnes** for keeping an eye on all things financial and to **Mrs Turner** and **Mrs Miller** who were here before, during and after the fayre. You all deserve a well-earned rest!

The Christmas Story



This week, our oldest and youngest children played their part in telling the Christmas story. Reception class performed 'Wiggly Nativity', a wonderful retelling of the Christmas story. The children were fantastic; they sang beautifully, remembered their words and actions and were brimming with confidence! Well done to all of the children and THANK YOU to the magnificent Reception class team: Mrs Cracknell, Mrs Philips, Mrs Halvey and Mrs Wayman who prepared and supported the children so well. Then, this afternoon, we came together as community; children, staff, friends and family for our carol service. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, and in such fine voice.

I would like to thank ALL the staff who have put in a great amount of time and effort in preparing each child for their performance during the last two weeks.

And of course, a BIG thank you to our children who really brought the spirit of Christmas to each one of us.



Christmas Lunch & Jumpers!



On **MONDAY 18th December** we are having our School Christmas Lunch when all the children bring in with 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, do ask that no items contain nuts and ask for no fizzy drinks. There will be NO relish lunches that day. The children can also come dressed in a Christmas jumper or other Christmassy outfit. If your child is coming to school in a Christmassy outfit, they do not have to wear uniform.

Christmas Gift Sale

Also on Monday, the PTA have organised their Christmas gift sale. Just a reminder that 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. Each child can buy up to 2 gifts.

Dates for December

Mon 18th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Outfit day
Tue 19th	Non uniform day for winning house team End of Term Mass for the children
Wed 20th	Last day of Autumn term Year 6 games day £1.50 per child

More success beyond St George's!



Congratulations to **Leja** from St Peter class for her fantastic achievement this week. On Sunday, 10th of December she was double grade at her Karate club. She moved to belts from red to blue. Her focus and determination paid off!

Congratulations also goes to **Lauren** from St Bernadette class who has worked so hard to gain her silver with a merit at the Freestyle Theatre school scoring 74 out of 100.

Well done to both of you!



Birthdays

Congratulations to **Isla & Callie-Mae** (St Therese), **Raymond** (St Elizabeth) and **Mrs Thorne** who are celebrating their birthdays this week.





Head Teacher Awards

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

St Francis Class ~ for their amazing performance of 'Wriggly Nativity'.

St Therese and St Elizabeth class ~ for their FAB-U-LOUS performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action!'

Rory ~ (St Therese) ~ Rory has tried so hard in his maths this week. He has challenged himself, explained his answers and also supported others. What a super learner!

Eva ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for working really hard on improving the presentation of her work and always thinking about using interesting words in her creative writing. She really is a super star!

Addilyn ~ (St Bernadette Class) ~ for developing an excellent attitude to school this term.

Always being incredibly polite and being a wonderful friend to others. Keep it up!

Ronnie W. ~ (St Joseph) ~ for working hard in all lessons and making excellent progress. With his times tables, he is an excellent example of how practise makes perfect. Well done, Ronnie!

Harry H. ~ (St Anthony) ~ for working with great enthusiasm and sharing his knowledge and fascinating facts throughout our Raging Rivers topic. A super learner, well done!

Ottilie ~ (St Peter) ~ for a fantastic term! She works so hard in everything she does and is a role model to others. She always shows respect and kindness to others – what a superstar!



Bronze reading Awards

Well done to all of you who gained your BRONZE AWARD this week for 50 reads:

Joshua (St Therese), Isabella, Willow & Harry (St Elizabeth), Ryan (St Bernadette),
Merrie (St Joseph), Chelsea and Freya F (St Peter)

Last netball match of 2023

The Santa Rally was amazing! Honey and Julia scored so many goals but the team as a whole did amazing! Freya was voted the best dressed there for her Christmas outfit. Great job, girls!

Match report by Mia.

Therefore, the last sports award for this term has been decided by the netball team after their recent matches. It was a very close vote! Julia from St Peter's class was chosen for her amazing court play and shooting skills. She certainly keeps calm under pressure! Well done, Julia.

Christmas games day!

Year 6 will be hosting a Christmas games day for all the children at St. George's, on Wednesday 20th December. Each class will have a 'games slot' at some point during the day and will also be served juice and biscuits! The cost of the event is £1.50 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!

Thank you for your support, Mrs Bracknell



Christmas Card Competition

One of the projects for Mrs Gillett's art group was to design the parish Christmas card for 2023. It is judged by Father Brett and Frank McEvoy. The two winning designs were:

Shia and Merrie, both from St. Joseph's Class

Mrs Gillett would like to say a huge 'Well done' to all of the other children who took part. Everyone's artwork can be seen on display inside St. George's Church.

Welcome!

This term, we welcomed three new members of staff. Miss Morrow and Miss Wingrove joined our Learning Support Assistant team and Mrs Smythe is now part of the office team. We wish you every success in your new roles.

Prayers

We keep all our community in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless, Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

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

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