

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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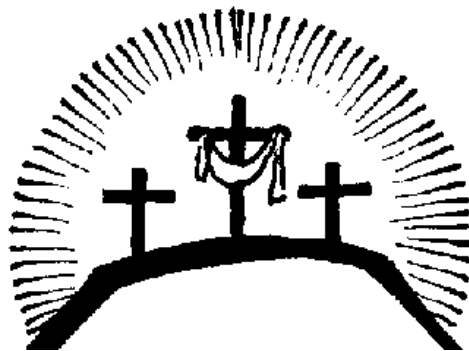
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To our wonderful community,



No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

John 15: 13

Today is the last day of the Spring term and we begin our Easter break for the next two weeks. This is the highlight of the Church's year and we encourage everyone to attend Mass, or a service, over these three days to celebrate this display of Christ's love for us, his friends.

Mass Times

Maundy Thursday 6th April ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm at St George's

Good Friday 7th April ~ Children's Stations of the Cross 10.30am at St George's

Celebration of the Lord's Passion ~ 3pm at St George's

Holy Saturday 8th April ~ Blessing of food baskets 10am at St George's

Easter Vigil ~ 8.30pm at St George's

Easter Sunday 9th ~ 8.45am at St Gregory's

Family Mass 10.45am at St George's

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very holy and happy Easter

Much love, Annabelle Delgado





Head Teacher Awards

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

Florence ~ (St Francis) ~ for great effort and focus in phonics and reading sessions. You are working really hard, well done.

Charlotte ~ (St Therese) ~ for having a fantastic week! Charlotte has progressed in so many areas. She has been listening, joining in and being a lovely friend. Keep it up Charlotte!

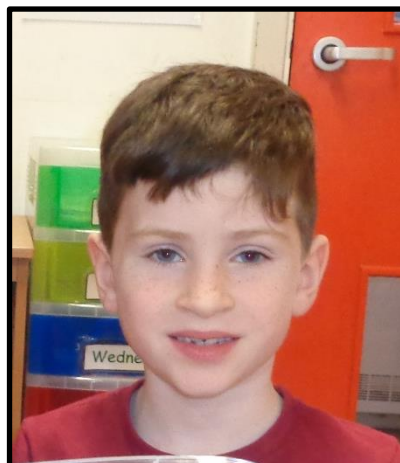
Toby ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for always listening carefully, contributing to lessons and making excellent progress in all areas

Charlotte ~ (St Bernadette) ~ a fantastic Spring term, full of enthusiasm, hard work and superb speaking in The Stations of the Cross this week. Well done, Charlotte!

Robyn ~ (St Joseph) ~ for working with increased confidence in all subjects across the curriculum and making valuable contributions in lessons. Well done, Robyn!

Harry ~ (St Anthony) ~ for being a wonderful learner and a kind friend. You have been an absolute star in St Anthony's Class this year and we will all miss you. Good luck at your new school. Keep being amazing!

Ellie ~ (St Peter) ~ for her brilliant sketching skills. Ellie used her skills to draw a life-like eye and created different tones and textures through her shading skills – well done!



Stations of the Cross

During the last week, Year 3 & 4 dramatised the Stations of the Cross for their friends, family and the school. The stations can be likened to a mini pilgrimage which follows Christ's journey to Calvary where he was crucified, and then the laying of his lifeless body in the tomb. It was very moving and gave all of us the opportunity to reflect on how much Christ loves us, even to the point of laying down his life. Thank you to all the children in years 3 & 4, and to Mr Sims, Mrs Marquis and the whole year 3 & 4 class team for organising this very special event.

A sporty week!

Our football team were in action on Monday, completing the final games of the league. They drew one match and lost the other two 1-0. They all played extremely well and we look forward to our final tournament of the season after Easter.



Beatrice from St Joseph's class was selected to run in the Essex Cross Country finals. This was due to her top 10 placing at the previous event earlier in the year. She did fantastically well and came 20th out of 125 of the best runners across Essex. Well done Beatrice, we are all very proud of you.

Finally, our cross country team were in action at the Deanery Cross Country event at St Thomas More this week. We took over 40 children from the juniors and they were magnificent. They raced against other teams in the same year group from across the six other schools. Their determination, endurance and the ability to find that 'little bit more' was remarkable. We celebrated a FIRST PLACE as David from St Anthony's class was first over the line. Well done David! Many of the children improved their placing from the previous cross country event and we celebrated some team 2nd and 3rd places. Well done to the whole team:



Chloe, Darcey, Sinela, Nancy, Albie, Folami, Shia, Freddie & Ronnie W.

(St Bernadette's Class)

Lily, Ruva, Heidi, Rosie, Lyla, Robyn, Harry S., Harry H., Henry, Elijah, George & Albert

(St Joseph's Class)

Isabelle, Mia, Freya W., Olivia, Julia, Honey, David, Jack, Ted, Dominic, Edison & Albey

(St Anthony's Class)

Natalia, Kundai, Florence I., Alicia, Florence R-F., Leah, Alex, Joseph, Aubrey, Daniel, Thomas & Samuel S.

(St Peter's Class)

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week

Matthias & Sam (St Anthony) and **Sam B., Declan & Daniel** (St Anthony)

And to those who are celebrating over the Easter holidays

Olivia (St Elizabeth), **Jude & Nathan** (St Bernadette), **Ted** (St Joseph),

Lucy & Florence (St Peter) and **Mrs Gillett & Mrs Parascandolo**

Reading Awards

Congratulations to the children who were awarded their bronze reading awards:

Rosie S. (St Therese), **Vinnie** (St Elizabeth) & **Afsa** (St Anthony)

And those who received silver reading certificates:

Harry & Victoria (St Therese), **Charlotte** (St Bernadette) & **Ben** (St Anthony)

We also awarded GOLD reading certificates for 150 reads. Well done to:

Joseph & Darcie (St Francis), **Elsie** (St Therese), **Damian & Albie** (St Bernadette) & **Katarina**
(St Joseph)

and congratulations to our FIRST DIAMOND readers this year:

Lex & Sophia (St Elizabeth), **Aaron** (St Bernadette), **Archie & Matthias** (St Anthony)
& **Joseph** (St Peter)

Artist of the Month

This month's artist is **Ottilie** from St Anthony's class. She was selected due to her amazing use of chalk pastels to design an out of this world picture. She used her imagination to position her planets and create wonderful dimensions and movement, with colour and tone. Her knowledge from this term's science topic definitely stood her in good stead – to infinity and beyond! Well done **Ottilie**!

Sports Award

This week we have **THREE** sports awards. The first award is for **Harry** from St Anthony's class. He demonstrated excellent participation and team work in netball this week. The second award is for **David**, also from St Anthony's class, for his OUTSTANDING performance at the Cross Country this week. He was in second place with a few metres left but his drive and determination gave him that bit extra and he won! The final award could only be awarded to **Beatrice** for her AMAZING performance in the Essex Cross Country finals. Well done to all of you.

Summer Clubs

Thank you to everyone who requested a club during the summer term. Children attending before school clubs (dance, tennis and rhythmic gymnastics) will need to come in through the playground gate next to reception class. I will be opening the gate at 8am to welcome the children in. They will need to come dressed in P.E. kit and have their uniform to change into afterwards. Children at after school athletics club can be collected from the playground, whereas parents can collect children from Shoebury park after football club, as usual.

Punctuality Update

Year Group	Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Punctuality	93%	98%	92%	96%	98%	97%	93%

Summer Uniform

Just a reminder that we will be changing from our winter uniform to our summer uniform on the first day back after the Easter holidays, 17th April.

- [School embroidered polo shirt*](#)
- Tailored grey trousers/shorts (as appropriate) or skirt
- Red and white check summer dress/playsuit
- Grey or white socks
- White or navy tights
- Black shoes
- School [jumper](#) or [cardigan](#) *
- [School embroidered baseball cap *](#) or a sunhat/cap with neck protector which is plain in design and suitable/practical for school
- Red, white, navy or black hair band/scrunchie/bow

Items marked * are available to purchase through our school uniform supplier. You can access the site [HERE](#) All other items can be purchased from clothing outlets/supermarkets

Plain means no logos, slogans, brand names, inappropriate symbols etc.

At St George's, we believe that children's safety in the sun is of paramount importance and this includes wearing a sun hat/cap. If a child has misplaced their school cap/hat, we expect any replacements to be plain with no bold, fashion logos. Red is the preferred colour as it enables us to easily identify the children walking to church, sports events etc.

Seasonal safety

At St George's, we believe that children's safety in the sun is of paramount importance.

- On hot sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by: wearing a school hat or cap with the peak of the cap facing forwards to protect the face. For fuller protection, including face, neck and ears, sunhats with a wider brim, or caps with additional protection for necks and ears can be worn. If a child has misplaced their school cap/hat, we expect any replacements to be plain with no bold, fashion logos. Red is the preferred colour as it enables us to easily identify the children walking to church, sports events etc.
- wearing an appropriate SPF sunscreen that has been applied at home, or that they have brought to school to apply themselves (adults in school are not permitted to apply sunscreen).

All children require a coat in school when the weather is changeable, cold or wet.

HOLY COMMUNION 2024 – An important message from Father Brett

In the autumn, St George's Parish will begin its First Holy Communion and Reconciliation programme for 2024. Usually, many of the children who enrol for the programme, do not attend Mass beforehand on a regular basis. Ironically, that's what Holy Communion is all about, participating in the life of the church community (i.e. coming to Mass) and centring our lives on God.

Additionally, about 85% of children who receive their First Holy Communion rarely come to Mass after the event, so their First Holy Communion becomes their last Holy Communion. My guess is that for many parents it is a 'ticking the catholic box' exercise which is rather a pointless exercise!

To be eligible for enrolment on this year's programme, your child must be a baptised catholic and will need to be attending Mass weekly from 22nd/23rd April. You will be given an attendance card which will be signed by myself every week. This card will be evidence of attendance for when you want to enrol your child in our Holy Communion programme in the autumn. If your child has other commitments and can't attend, then it is not the right time for them to make their first Holy Communion, and it can be deferred for another time. If you attend anyway as part of your weekly routine, then you'll still need a card. I like signing cards! If you are able to meet the commitment of coming to church on a regular basis and would be interested in enrolling your child onto the First Holy Communion programme in the autumn, then please contact the parish office for an appointment to see me. Would you please also provide us with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, if they were NOT baptised at St George's. (This is for children who are currently in Year 2 and above)

Prayers

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



Have a wonderful holiday - see you on the 17th April.

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 3rd APRIL – FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023	
Monday 17 th April	First Day of Summer Term 2023 Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 19 th April	Reception Fairy-tale theme day – children to dress up
Saturday 22 nd April	Great St George's Quiz Night at the school 7pm for a 7.30pm start
Wednesday 26 th April	Netball and Football tournament at Our Lady of Ransom
Monday 1 st May	Bank holiday
w/b 8 th May	KS2 SATs week
w/b 15 th May	KS1 Assessment week

Thu 18 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly @ 9am
Wednesday 24 th May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country
	Year 5 Class Assembly @ 9am
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 29TH MAY – FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2023	
Monday 5 th June	Children return to school
w/b 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 13 th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons
Monday 19 th June	Year 6 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 5 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school
Wednesday 21 st June	Year 4 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school
Wednesday 21 st June	Reception 2023 Induction Afternoon
Thursday 22 nd June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
Friday 23 rd June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 26 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 27 th June	Year 3 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school
Wednesday 28 th June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
	Year 2 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school
Thursday 29 th June	Year 1 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school
Friday 30 th June	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
	Reception Bake off judging day – cakes in to school
w/b 3 rd July	Year 6 Residential Trip
Thursday 6 th July	KS1 Assisi Sports
Friday 7 th July	Final bake off – each class winner to bring in their final cake
	St George's Summer Fayre 3pm – 5pm
Friday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school @ 2.30pm
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 24TH JULY 2023	