



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,

Happy New Year!

A very happy New Year to you all ~ we look forward to an exciting 2024 at St. George's.

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.

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

Welcome to the newest member of the family....

Coby from St Therese class was VERY pleased to be back in school on Thursday to share the fantastic news that he is now a BIG BROTHER! Finley arrived on Wednesday 3rd and both Mummy and baby are doing very well. I think you'll agree, Coby has definitely put the HAPPY into 'Happy New Year!'. Congratulations to the whole family.



Swimming information

Years 3 & 4 will begin swimming lessons at Garons on a Friday morning on Friday 19th January 2024. The coach will be transporting the children during the morning.

Just a few reminders:

- The children will be using the diving pool for their lessons. The pool raises the floor so the children are able to put their feet on the bottom, should they need to.
- Your child's class teacher and LSA will be poolside whilst the classes are swimming.
- If you are concerned that your child may be a little nervous, please do not worry, they will be well looked after and reassured throughout. If you feel that it is something that you would like to share with your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to contact them.
- The children will need a one piece swimming costume or swimming trunks/briefs/swimshorts. Baggy shorts or bikinis are not permitted for swimming lessons.
- The children will also need a swimming hat, boys and girls, and they can wear swimming goggles.
- Children can bring hairbrushes, if needed, but there is no need for any toiletries/washing products.
- The boys will get changed in one large private cubicle and the girls in another private cubicle. They will not be using individual cubicles as these can be accessed by the general public.
- The children may need to practise drying themselves, dressing/undressing independently, putting on their swimming hat (we definitely recommend a dusting of talc inside to help!).

If you have any further questions, please contact the office.

Punctuality Percentages

We are continuing to promote attendance and punctuality at St George's as there is a clear link between excellent attendance and excellent progress and outcomes. Every child earns a punctuality point for their class when they are on time and the class with the best punctuality % earns a 'party' at the end of the year. Weekly, any class with 100% punctuality will get an extra reward (golden time, extra playground time etc) so it is definitely a good thing to get in on time! The class with the best punctuality percentage at the end of the year will also enjoy a super duper special reward – but we keep that under wraps until the end of the term!

The current standings for each class are:

Reception ~ 98.4%

Year 1 ~ 97.9%

Year 2 ~ 98.5%

Year 3 ~ 97.0%

Year 4 ~ 97.0%

Year 5 ~ 96.5 %

Year 6 ~ 98.1%

Birthdays

Congratulations to Eva (St Francis), Nyla (St Therese) and Pati (St Joseph) who are celebrating their birthdays during this first week of January.



Reading Awards

Even though it was the Christmas holidays, many of the children continued to read daily to keep their skills sharp and to earn their next certificate.

Well done to the following who received their **BRONZE** award this afternoon.

Theodore (St Francis), Ruby (St Bernadette) and Harry H. (St Anthony)

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

Hallie-May, Violet S., Sophie & Beau (St Francis), Finley & Emelia (St Elizabeth), Ezinne, Sophie, Aviya, Toby, Sophia, Abigail, Ellie & Teddy (St Bernadette), Erin, Aaron & Sinela (St Joseph), Harry H., Lily, Blossom, Padmé, Vince, Heidi, Jake, Imogen & Kamila (St Anthony)
Jack, Archie, Matthias & George (St Peter)

School clubs

Our external clubs – Year 5 & 6 Football (Monday after school), Cross Country KS2 (Tuesday lunchtime), Girls Football KS2 (Thursday lunchtime) and KS1 Fitness (Thursday after school) will begin from **MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2024**

We are waiting for confirmation from Southend United and will let parents and carers know as soon as we hear.

Staff led clubs – e.g. netball, choir, KS2 dance, cross stitch to name a few – will begin from **MONDAY 22ND JANUARY 2024**.

Details of all the clubs and a form to sign up will sent out next week.

Prayers



We keep all our community in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
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 29th March ~ Good FridaySunday 31st 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
Saturday 4 th May	Feast of St Margaret Clitherow and the 40 martyrs
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
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	