



ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Let it be known to all who enter here, that Christ is the reason for this school,
the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes,
the model for its children, the inspiration for its staff.*

*We aim to be a Christian community and witnesses to Christ,
where all can experience and grow in Christian love
through God's word and the gifts of His sacraments,
and through prayer and personal example.*



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Dear Parents,



On behalf of all the staff and governors at St George's, I would like to wish all of you a very peaceful and holy Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mass

This afternoon we welcomed Fr. Brett to school to celebrate end of term Mass. Father stressed the importance of the Christmas season and that this should not be the last time that the children think about its significance. Below are the Christmas Mass times.

Christmas Eve ~ Thursday 24 th December (All at St George's Church)	5.30pm ~ Carols
	6.00pm ~ Children's Mass
	9.30pm ~ Carols
	10.00pm ~ Midnight Mass
The Nativity of the Lord ~ Christmas Day Friday 25 th December	8.45am ~ Mass (St Gregory's)
	10.45am ~ Mass (St George's)
Feast of the Holy Family	Saturday 26 th ~ 6pm Mass
	Sunday 27 th December
	8.45am ~ Mass (St Gregory's) 10.45am ~ Mass (St George's)

Dates for your diary



December

Fri 18th Last Day of Term

MONDAY 21st DECEMBER – FRIDAY 1st JANUARY

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Mon 4th First Day of Spring Term 2016

The Christmas Story told by the children of St George's



This week, all of our children were involved in retelling the story of the Nativity.



St Francis class welcomed parents, relatives and friends to their 'First Nativity' and St Therese & St Elizabeth classes performed 'A Miracle in Town' to all their family members, raising the roof with their singing. I was so very proud and impressed by all of them; they were super singers, amazing actors and brimming with confidence throughout.

On Wednesday evening, the junior children played their part in celebrating the birth of Jesus, performing 'Christmas Star' at St George's Church. Our children left us all with broad smiles and with the excitement of the Christmas story. They are all superstars and we are very proud of them!



I would like to thank all the wonderful staff who work at St George's who have played their part in preparing the children so well for all of the performances. I would especially like to thank Mrs Wallen, whose hard work and dedication organising and preparing the juniors paid off in real style!

Finally, I would like to thank you, our wonderful community ~ parents, relatives and friends who have supported the children so well. You came in huge numbers to watch the infant and junior performances, sharing the true meaning of Christmas with us. In particular, may I thank you for your very kind donations to our Christmas charity 'Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.' We raised an amazing **£531.45** for the charity.



Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who celebrated their birthday this week.

Harry L. (St Francis) Charlie (St Therese) & Stanley (St Anthony)

Mrs Lawrence & Mrs Wall



An early 'Happy Birthday' to those who are still to celebrate their birthday in December,
Natalia & Liwia (St Therese), Holly (St Elizabeth) Holly, Henry & Gabriel (St Joseph),

Emily M (St Anthony) Alfie (St Peter) and
& Mrs Arnold



Friends of St George's

The PTA would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all the parents who have supported the events organised for this term. Not only did the joint fayre raise just over £3100, the toy sale raised £45.50 and the gift sale £319.69. I would like to say WELL DONE to all the people who have helped organise these fundraising occasions. Time for a well earned rest!

'Do your bit in a Christmas Knit'

Thank you for all the donations for Christmas jumper day yesterday. We raised £123.10 which will be sent off to the charity.



Congratulations

Well done to Daisy (St Joseph) who recently took part in a national cheerleading competition. After a very long day competing, Daisy and the rest of the squad were awarded second place, a fantastic achievement.

Reading Awards

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

Nate, Edie & Isla (St Francis)

Florance V. (St Therese)

Lily, Lexi-Rose, Jacob & Monty (St Elizabeth)

Henry & Samuel (St Bernadette)

Emily & Finley (St Anthony)

Hannah, Isabelle, Milie-Grace & Elise (St Peter)

And.....the children who have reached 100 reads and earned their silver reading certificates

Edward & Freddie (St Therese)

Amelie, Eliana & Emily (St Elizabeth)

Louie (St Joseph)

Rachel & Millie O'D (St Peter)

100% Attendance

Well done to all the children who have 100% attendance during this term. They all received a bronze award for making it to school every day.

St Francis ~ Charles, Thomas, Harry L., Isis, Ernie, William, Natasha, Hannah & Joseph

St Therese ~ Charlotte, Natalia, Daisy, Jason, M'meli, Sophia, William, Jessica & Kyrea

St Elizabeth ~ Emily, Marley, Jacob, Charlie, Eliana, Holly, Lucy, Amelie, Lexi-Rose, Eden, Regan, Richard, Phoebe, James & Lily

St Bernadette ~ Samuel, Aidan, Bayley, Catherine, Jack, Adele, Liam, Henry, Maddy, Chantelle, Adam, Grace, Oliver & Dan

St Joseph ~ Henry, Maisie, Christian, Isabel, Maddie, Lily, Henry F., Holly, Ben H., Brian, Andrew, Grace, Hugh, Olivia, Callum, Alex, India & Rose

St Anthony ~ Finley, Jabez, Charlotte, Hannah, Aimee, William, Joshua, Adele, Marco, Emily M., Anna, Elliott & Harrison

St Peter ~ Katie, Sophie, Imogen, Finn, Ace, Bonnie, George, Jude, Hannah, Thobekani, Darrell, Millie O'H., Jack, Eliana, William, Cameron & Amelia

And finally..

When we return after Christmas, there will be a name change for you all to get used to. I am changing my name back to Miss Norris, my maiden name. Please don't worry if you forget, it will probably take a little while before we all remember! I thank you in advance for your support.

Prayers



Christmas can be a very difficult time for some people and there are members of our community who will not, for different reasons, be able to celebrate over the coming fortnight. We remember all of these people in our prayers.

Have a lovely Christmas holiday, we look forward to seeing you all back safe on

MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2016

God Bless,

Miss Norris



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 21st DECEMBER 2015 – FRIDAY 1st JANUARY 2016

Monday 4th January 2016

First day of the Spring term