



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,

Pilgrims of Hope

As part of our jubilee celebrations, we are planning a 'Pilgrimage of Hope' walk with other schools in the Assisi Catholic Trust. We are hoping to choose a group of children from years 3, 4 & 5 to walk the six and a half miles from East Beach to Chalkwell Park Avenue. It will take around three hours. We also welcome any parents or carers who would like to walk with their child and the procession. If your child would like to be considered as one of the pilgrims, we ask they write a letter, FAO Mrs Delgado, explaining why they think they are a great pilgrim of hope for the year. It may be examples of what they already do in their lives to bring hope to others, or things they hope to do in the forthcoming year. The children can send their letters in during the first couple of weeks of next term. We look forward to gathering our pilgrims and walking alongside 200 plus other children from our trust.



World Book Day 2025!

The annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading is fast approaching! On Thursday 6th March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. World Book Day provides a fantastic opportunity for our children to focus on reading for pleasure and sharing their favourite book with other children, older and younger, in school. This year we are asking that every child wears a hat that celebrates their favourite book. This could be a top hat, a fedora, cap or decorated hair



band. The hat can be decorated with pictures or items that are linked with their chosen book. There will be a parade, prizes for the best hat and an opportunity to show off the creations to another class. School Uniform will still be worn.



Have fun and get creative!





Head Teachers Award

Congratulations to this week's winners and below is the picture of last week's superstars!
Emilia ~ (St Francis) ~ for fantastic progress with her segmenting and blending skills in her reading.

Theodore ~ (St Therese) ~ Theodore has been a superstar with his phonics this week. Keep up the great effort, Theodore!

*Alissa ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for designing a fantastic online safety poster, where she displayed her great artistic talent, as well as a good understanding of ways to stay safe on the internet.
Well done Alissa!*

Isabella ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for always giving 100% to everything she does. She is always smiling and is a great role model for year 3.

Ruby & Scarlett ~ (St Joseph) ~ for their excellent engagement during our art trip to the Focal Point Gallery. They answered a range of questions and made wonderful contributions, when discussing different pieces of art. You were art superstars!

Anina (St Anthony) ~ for being wonderfully kind, hardworking, and always having a fantastic smile. You are a shining example of everything that is great about St George's! Our superstar!

St Anthony Class ~ for a wonderful class assembly. Thank you for reminding us all just how special we are!

George ~ (St Peter) ~ for always working with enthusiasm and focus. He displays excellent learning behaviour and is making outstanding progress as a result. Well done, George!

Attendance and Punctuality

Below are the attendance percentages for each class over the first half of this year. Below is the punctuality percentage for this last week, for each class.

Attendance for first half of the academic year

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.4%	96.7%	93.8%	94%	93.2%	95.6%	96.9%

Punctuality percentages for this week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97%	97%	97%	99%	90%	97%	94%

When we return on Monday 24th February, we will be adopting a new late procedure in the mornings. If your child arrives after the gate has been closed (at 8.55am), parent and carers will have to accompany their child to the office and sign them into the late book. Parents and carers will need to provide the reason why their child/ren are late. Regular unauthorised lateness could result in the school referring to the attendance office at the local authority. If your child has a persistent lateness record, you may be asked to meet with Mrs Delgado, but you can approach us at any time if you are having difficulties getting your child to school on time. We expect parents and staff to encourage good punctuality by being good role models to our children and, as a school, we celebrate good class and individual punctuality.

Year 5 Class Assembly

On Thursday morning, St Anthony class led the school in collective worship. The theme was Mission. The children reminded us all how we are all special, and therefore have our own unique mission. The class sang two beautiful worship songs, both of which were very moving. Year 5, you were all superstars! We were all very impressed with your confidence, your clear speaking and we felt inspired by your message. Thank you also to Mrs Marquis and the class team for organising and supporting the children throughout.

Year 4 Trip

Year 4 went to the Focal point Gallery in Southend. We met an artist called Sue Lynas and she told us that we were going to choose some of our favourite memories and something that made us calm and happy. Scarlett drew a picture of when she won a gold medal in a competition. Ruby drew a special teddy bear called Paddy Paws, which makes her happy. The artist made a large bird house out of DVDs, cardboard and colourful paper. We then added our drawings to it. It was great fun and we would really like to go again!

Report by Scarlett and Ruby

Number Day

Just an update on our final total - we raised £239.20. Thank you again to everyone who took part.

Year 6 Raffle

Every year, as the Year 6 residential approaches, the children organise their final event(s) to raise money to buy their leaving hoodies. This year, the class have organised a chocolate hamper raffle. The children have brought in various sweets and treats to make up several hampers for the lucky winners. Tickets will be on sale for the next month, until Friday 14th March. The winners will be announced in assembly. Tickets cost 20p each or 5 for £1. Year 6 thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Netball League Matches

This week, the netball team played the second round of their league matches. As ever, they played to the usual high standard!

On Tuesday 11th February, the year 6 netball team played league matches at Alleyn Court. It was very competitive! We didn't finish all the games, due to lack of light, but the results were a win, a loss and two draws. We all played really well and can't wait for our next tournament at Chase High on 26th February!

Match report by Robyn and Rosie.

Well done to the team: Robyn, Beatrice, Lily, Lyla, Rosie, Ruva, Heidi & Elsiada

Birthdays

Congratulations to Thomas (St Francis), Lolade (St Therese), Rosie (St Bernadette) and Jake, Imogen & Maisie (St Peter) who are celebrating birthdays this week.

Happy birthday to those who are celebrating during half term...

River-Jane (St Joseph), Folami & Amaya (St Anthony)



Reading Awards

Well done to Jesse & Folarin (St Francis) & Isabella (St Bernadette) who received their **BRONZE** award for reading

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

Donny, Beau & Sienna (St Francis), (St Therese), Melissa (St Bernadette), Katie (St Joseph) and Billy & Ronnie (St Anthony)

This week, we celebrated our **FIRST GOLD AWARDS** for 150 reads - a fantastic achievement!

Well done to:

Sophie & John-Luke (St Therese), Milita & Jason (St Bernadette), Teddy & Sophia (St Joseph), Aaron & Erin (St Anthony), Vince & Kamila (St Peter)

Wishing you all a wonderful half term holiday, whatever you have planned!

See you back on Monday 24th February.

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

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

HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 17TH – FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2025	
Wednesday 26 th February	Netball tournament @ Chase High
Thursday 27 th February	Netball tournament @ Alleyn Court
Monday 3 rd March	PTA Meeting at School 2:30pm
	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Parent & Carer Consultation week
Tuesday 4 th March	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday
	Year 1 & 2 Tag Rugby tournament 9am – 12.30pm
Wednesday 12 th March	Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby tournament 9am – 2.30pm
Thursday 13 th March	Boys football match v Sacred Heart (at Hamstel school)
Tuesday 18 th March	Netball League matches after school @ Shoeburyness High School
Wednesday 19 th March	Feast of St Joseph
	Years 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletic final
Thursday 20 th March	Mad March 'Hair' Day – details to follow!
Monday 24 th March	Key Stage 2 Assisi Cross Country
Tuesday 25 th –Fri 28 th March	Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 5 trip
Friday 4 th April	Last day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 7TH APRIL – FRIDAY 18TH APRIL 2025 Wednesday 16 th April - Feast of St Bernadette Friday 18 th April ~ Good Friday Sunday 20 th April ~ Easter Sunday	
Tuesday 22 nd April	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Wednesday 23 rd April	First Day of Summer Term 2025
Monday 28 th April	St George's Day
Monday 5 th May	Bank holiday
w/b 12 th May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Thursday 22 nd May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country @ St Teresa's, Rochford
Friday 23 rd May	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 26TH MAY – FRIDAY 30TH MAY 2025	

Monday 2nd June	First Day of Summer Term 2025
Friday 6th June	Year 4 Class Assembly @9.05am
w/b 9th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 10th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (afternoon session)
Wednesday 11 th June	Year 2 class trip
Friday 13th June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua
Tuesday 17 th June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Friday 20th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 23rd June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 27th June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 3rd July	KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 5 Taster Day @ St Thomas More & St Bernard's
Wednesday 16th July	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
Monday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 2pm
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY THURSDAY 24TH JULY 2025	