



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,

Christmas Fayre

Last Saturday, the school community came together for the Christmas Fayre. The event was a fantastic success due to your generous donations, people who organised it, the stall holders and of course, to all of the children, family and friends who came on the day to spend their money.



We raised just under £2000 ~ a fantastic amount

On behalf of St George's, I would like to thank **EVERYONE** who was involved, I know in the weeks leading up to the fayre, many people put in a huge amount of effort. On the day itself it was wonderful to our community come together. A big thank you to Tina, Rachael, Elsa, Evelyn and the whole committee who organised the stalls and the volunteers to run it. Also a big thank you to Charlotte and Wayne, Scarlett's mummy and daddy, who made Santa feel so at home in the amazing grotto. You are definitely on the good list! Mrs Marquis and I really enjoyed supporting our star skippers. There were some stand out performances by children and adults alike!



Our top infant skippers were: Aviya, Pippa and Isla

Our top junior skippers were: Theo, Lily and Freddie

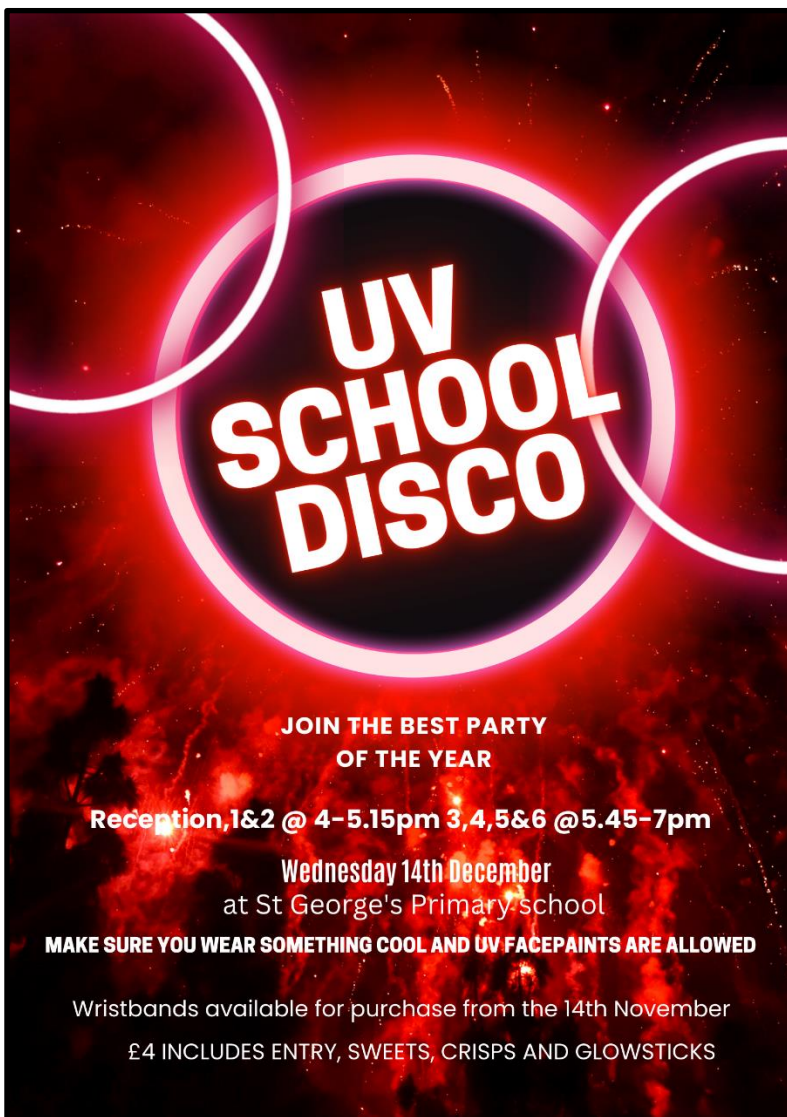
Our past pupils also had a go and there were some knockout performances by Edward, Rose and Ernie.

I think our parents impressed us the most though! It was great that many of you skipped as a family! Our champion of the day, with a **mammoth 303 skips in two minutes**, was Mr Cochrane! I think we could all do with a few tips on how to get such an incredible total! Thank you to everyone who popped by and got involved.



December dates for your diary

Wed 7 th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Nativity performance to parents & carers
Thu 8 th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Nativity performance to parents & carers
Fri 9 th Dec	Choir performance at Brentwood Cathedral
Mon 12 th Dec	Year 4 Trip
Tue 13 th Dec	Year 4 Art Workshop in school
Wed 14 th Dec	Reception Nativity Performance 9.15am School Disco (see details below)
Thu 15 th Dec	Christmas Gift Sale
Fri 16 th Dec	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Carol Concert at St George's Church 2pm
Mon 19 th Dec	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper



Christmas Disco

This year's Christmas discos will be on Wednesday 14th December.

Reception, year 1 & 2 disco will be from 4pm until 5.15pm.

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be from 5.45pm until 7pm.

Tickets are £4 each and can be purchased from the PTA on Monday 5th & Monday 12th December in the front office area, from 8.40am until 9am and 2.40-3pm. You can also buy tickets via PayPal any time before the event. Tickets purchased online can be collected on these times too, with any not being collected sent home with the child on the Tuesday 13th.

Year 5 Class Mass

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our first class Mass of the year. The theme of the Mass was 'Waiting'. Thank you to Mrs Howell and the year 5 class team who organised the Mass, Fr Brett for celebrating and the parents who joined us.



Head Teacher Awards

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

Johnny ~ (St Francis) ~ for working hard in all areas of the curriculum

Nathanael ~ (St Therese) ~ for being a total superstar this week. Great job!

Fiachra ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for always being a polite and caring pupil, as well as having a great understanding of our Great Fire of London topic.

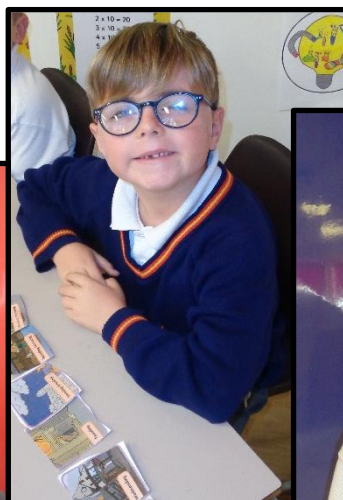
Iris-Ivy ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for working her socks off and impressing the Year 3 team with her wonderful reading and improving her vocabulary. Well done!

Jude ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for having a superb attitude to learning, asking fantastic questions and producing excellent work. Keep it up!

Maisie ~ (St Joseph) ~ for her amazing story writing ideas and for working with perseverance and motivation in all subjects.

St Anthony's Class ~ for planning, preparing and engaging through wonderful singing and readings in our very special Class Mass this week. A lovely start to the Advent season for our Class Community.

Reuben ~ (St Peter) ~ for his fantastic attitude and contributions to our maths lesson. You can always rely on Reuben for the right answers and is always up for a maths challenge - well done!



Parish Christmas Cards

The children in Mrs Gillett's art club have been very busy designing Christmas cards this term. Fr Brett and Mr McEvoy were asked to judge the artwork, but as they struggled to choose just one winner, they have selected three winning designs! Congratulations to:

Satya (St Peter), Sebby (St Elizabeth), and Olivia (St Anthony).

Well done to our winners and to everyone else that took part.

Christmas Performances

Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance

Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December 2022 at 9.15am ~ entry via the Community Suite (walk along the fenced pathway next to the car park and the door is on the left)

Each family will have two seats for each performance (four in total). When you arrive, we will direct you to your allocated row and you can choose where in the row you would like to sit.

Reception class Performance

Wednesday 14th December at 9.15am. ~ entry as above

Each family will have four seats for the performance. Two seats will be in rows 1-3 and the other 2 seats will be in rows 4-6. When you arrive, we will direct you to your allocated row and you can choose where in the row you would like to sit.

Christmas Carol Concert Performed by years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday 16th December, 2pm at St George's Church

All families are invited to attend our Christmas Concert. There are no tickets or seat allocations ~ just pick a pew! Reception, year 1 & 2 will remain at school and can then be collected once the concert has finished.

Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 19th December

Coach Christmas would like to remind everyone that we are holding our Christmas Jumper day on the 19th December. Instead of buying a new jumper this year why not bring last year's one into school and swap it for another one? Good for the planet and the pocket! Swap shop running daily from 12th December.

Bronze reading Awards

Congratulations to those who received their Bronze reading certificates, marking 50 reads.

Jack (St Francis), Keziah & Nathanael (St Therese), Ryan & Dillon (St Elizabeth), Chloe (St Bernadette), Katie, Ruva & George (St Joseph), Honey & Jack (St Anthony) and Jacob S. (St Peter)

Birthdays

Congratulations to **Ronnie** (St Francis), **Freddie** (St Elizabeth), **Lyla & Robyn** (St Bernadette) and **Mia** (St Peter) who celebrated their birthdays this week.



World War II day



Last Friday, the children of Year 6 experienced life as WW2 evacuees. They arrived at the 'billeting office' and were given an identification tag to place on their clothing. The children had a very busy morning cooking (and eating!) traditional WW2 recipes, such as spam hash and eggless sponge. They surprisingly enjoyed all the food that was on offer!



They then finished off the day with learning about how children were evacuated and also listened to real life recounts of people who were evacuated as children, including my nan!

Food Collection



Thank you for your continued generosity supporting the SVP foodbank appeal.

Suggested donations are: tinned soup; biscuits, cereal bars, pasta, noodles, jam, crisps, soup, sugar, coffee, tinned spaghetti; tinned mixed veg; tinned potatoes, tinned corn; tins of veggie food (macaroni cheese/veg, ravioli etc.) tinned fruit/custard/rice pudding, pasta sauce and UHT Milk. The children can bring the items into school and we have a dedicated area in the hall.

Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time. We especially pray for Mrs McLoughlin and her family at this time. Sadly, her grandfather, Les, passed away last week. He was such a huge part of the family and will be greatly missed by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

We also pray for Tony Barrett, a parishioner, a previous governor and a wonderful friend of the school. His wife, Angela, passed away recently and her funeral was today. We keep all the family in our thoughts.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

Dates to add to the diary are:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Wednesday 7th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Thursday 8th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Friday 9th December	Choir perform at Brentwood Cathedral
Wednesday 14th December	Reception Nativity Play 9.15am
	School Christmas Disco (times to be confirmed)
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Gift Sale £1.50 per gift (max. of 2 gifts per child)
Friday 16th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm at St George's Church
Monday 19th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Outfit day
Tuesday 20th December	Last day of Autumn term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023	
Thursday 5th January	First Day of Spring Term 2023
Tuesday 17th January	E-Safety session for parents 3.30pm or 7.00pm
Wednesday 18th January	Chinese New Year theme day for Reception class – class to wear red
w/b 6th February	Children's Mental Health Week
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 13TH – FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2023	
Thursday 16th March	Reception Class Assembly 9am
	Reception height and weight check
Monday 20th March	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm

	Parent Consultations week
Mon 20 th & Tue 21 st March	Year 6 Bikeability
w/b 27 th March	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross 9am Parents welcome
	Book Fair in school 3.15pm
Wednesday 29 th March	Key Stage 2 Assisi Cross Country
Friday 31 st March	Last day of Spring Term
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
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
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	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Friday 30 th June	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
w/b 3 rd July	Year 6 Residential Trip
Thursday 6 th July	KS1 Assisi Sports
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	