



# 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,

## R.E. News

On Tuesday, two of our year 6 pupils were invited to visit the St Vincent de Paul centre in Southend for an afternoon tea. The centre has been nominated for a prestigious Kings Award and our children joined other school children and volunteers to speak to the assessors about their involvement with the centre. Joshua and Ellie were excellent representatives of the school, telling the assessors about our food collections and how it made them feel. They also enjoyed some lovely food and drink before returning home.



## Sportshall Athletics



What a week for sport! On Wednesday and Thursday, our year 5 & 6 and years 3 & 4 athletic teams visited Garons Sports Hall to participate in the Sportshall Athletics event. As ever, the childrens' performance was outstanding.

### Match report by Beatrice and Lily

On 10<sup>th</sup> January, year 5 and year 6 went to the Garons Sports Hall to compete against other schools.



We came third overall, and because of this,

we have been selected to compete in the Essex finals. We are all very excited!

It was a really fun day; we loved doing the sports and watching all the events. We can't wait to go again.





### Head Teacher Awards

*Congratulations to all the children who have been recognised for their achievements this week.  
Josie ~ (St Francis) ~ for her super effort in all areas of learning and for being a great role-model to others.*

*Johnny ~ (St Therese) ~ Johnny has been making a super effort with his phonics and writing.  
A great attitude and super contributions. Keep it up, Johnny!*

*Finley ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for being very enthusiastic in our new topic about Dinosaurs. He  
always works hard and is polite and kind to everyone.*

*Pippa ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for being a budding historian who shows passion and a thirst for  
knowledge during topic lessons. Keep giving us your fantastic facts!*

*Ada ~ (St Joseph) ~ for working with increased independence and perseverance. She is also  
developing resilience and is taking more risk in her learning across all subjects. Well done!*

*Katie ~ (St Anthony) ~ for magnificent maths this week. Katie has demonstrated fantastic  
learning, challenged herself and achieved great success. Keep up the good work!*

*Emily ~ (St Peter) ~ for a brilliant start to the spring term. She has been engaged in all the  
work we have done this week and has shown a real 'can do' attitude in maths – well done!*



## Dates for this half term

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| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan                                                             | CAFOD workshops in school for all children<br>After school football begins           |
| Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan                                                             | CAFOD workshops in school for all children<br>Lunchtime KS2 Cross Country begins     |
| Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan                                                             | Reception & KS1 fitness club begins                                                  |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan                                                             | Swimming for years 3 & 4 begins                                                      |
| Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan                                                             | Teacher led clubs begin                                                              |
| Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan                                                             | Young Voices concert at The O2                                                       |
| Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb                                                              | Reception class dress up day to celebrate Chinese New Year<br><br>Safer Internet Day |
| Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb                                                             | Shrove Tuesday                                                                       |
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb                                                             | Ash Wednesday – service in school for the children                                   |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb                                                             | Final day of half term                                                               |
| <b>HALF TERM – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b> |                                                                                      |

## Reading Awards

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

Noah, Lacey-May & Stanley (St Francis), Elise (St Joseph), Brooklyn & Beatrice (St Anthony) and Oliver (St Peter)

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

Olivia, John-Luke & Edie (St Francis), Joshua, Isabelle, Milo, Joseph, Nyla, Elsie, Darcie, Isla & Rory (St Therese), Jacob, Eva, Isla, Jason, Ebony-Hope & Lily (St Elizabeth), Pippa (St Bernadette), Nathan, Damian & Mia Rae (St Joseph), Elijah (St Anthony) Afsa & Freya W. (St Peter)

## Sports Awards

Well done to our two winners this week – both from the same class! Adedapo and Charlotte from St Elizabeth's Class have been chosen for showing great talent in our Dance lesson about The Secret Garden. They both used fantastic imagination to link movements, actions and balanced shapes using different levels, within and around a hoop. Congratulations to both of you.

## Artist of the Month

This month's artist has been selected from St Francis class. Reuben has been chosen for his fantastic Elmer in the snow picture, which was linked to the class topic called "Winter Wonderland". Reuben used a range of different things such as cotton buds, brushes and his finger tips to explore a printing technique and he created a colourful collage for his Elmer the Elephant design. Well done on such a fantastic piece of artwork!

## **Swimming information**

Years 3 & 4 will begin swimming lessons at Garons Sport Centre 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.

## **No Breakfast Club ~ 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Unfortunately, there will be no Breakfast Club session on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. We are giving parents notice now so that you can make alternative arrangements in advance.



### **Birthdays**

Congratulations to **Megan & Michelle** (St Bernadette), **Albie & Damian** (St Joseph) and **Evie** (St Anthony)

## Punctuality Update

| Year Group  | Yr R | Yr 1 | Yr 2 | Yr 3 | Yr 4 | Yr 5 | Yr 6 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Punctuality | 98%  | 99%  | 99%  | 97%  | 98%  | 98%  | 96%  |

### **Southend United Football Club ~ Year 1~6**

The club runs on a Thursday after school and finishes at 4.15pm. It is suitable for all children regardless of any experience and is a fun club to enhance every child's ability. To sign your child up, please click on the following link:

<https://southendunitedcommunityandeducationaltrust.coordinate.cloud/map>

Southend United have updated the booking process which asks parents and carers for a 'Pickup Pin' as an additional layer of safeguarding. This will be required for collection at the end of each session.

### **School clubs**

All 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 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**. The children will need to bring their P.E. kit to school with them and will get changed just before the club.

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

### **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 <sup>th</sup> February                                                       | Safer Internet Day                           |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February                                                        | Shrove Tuesday                               |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February                                                      | Ash Wednesday Service for children in school |
|                                                                                          | Lent begins                                  |
| <b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2024</b> |                                              |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb                                                             | Feast of St Anne Line                        |

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| Wednesday 28th February                                                                                                                                                                                 | Netball tournament @ Alleyn Court                                |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March                                                                                                                                                                            | St David's Day                                                   |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                                                                                                            | Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Parent & Carer Consultation week                                 |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                                                                                                           | St Patrick's Day                                                 |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                                                                                                           | NHS resilience workshop for year 6                               |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                                                                                                          | Feast of St Joseph                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Lent Reconciliation service in school                            |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                                                                                                        | Key Stage 2 Assisi Cross Country                                 |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                                                                                                                                                                           | Science Fair in school 2.30pm ~ everyone welcome                 |
| Wb Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                                                                                                        | Stations of the Cross 9am everyday ~ led by years 3 & 4          |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                                                                                                         | Last day of Spring Term                                          |
| <b>EASTER HOLIDAY ~</b><br><b>GOOD FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024</b><br>Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March ~ Good Friday<br>Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March ~ Easter Sunday |                                                                  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April                                                                                                                                                                           | First Day of Summer Term 2023                                    |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April                                                                                                                                                                          | Feast of St Bernadette                                           |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April                                                                                                                                                                           | Afternoon Tea for parents, carers, family and friends! 1pm – 3pm |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April                                                                                                                                                                          | St George's Day                                                  |
| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May                                                                                                                                                                            | Feast of St Margaret Clitherow and the 40 martyrs                |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May                                                                                                                                                                              | Bank Holiday                                                     |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May                                                                                                                                                                           | Reception height and weight check                                |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May                                                                                                                                                                            | Ascension Day ~ Mass for the children                            |
| w/b 13 <sup>th</sup> May                                                                                                                                                                                | Year 6 SATS WEEK                                                 |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May                                                                                                                                                                             | Pentecost Sunday                                                 |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                                                                                                                                                                          | Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country @ St Teresa's, Rochford         |
| <b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024</b>                                                                                                                 |                                                                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                                                                                                                                                                                    | Feast of Corpus Christi                                          |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                                                                                                                                                                             | Children return to school                                        |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June                                                                                                                                                                             | Reception class – Learn to ride session                          |
| w/b 10 <sup>th</sup> June                                                                                                                                                                               | Year 1 Phonics Screening                                         |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June                                                                                                                                                                           | KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (morning session)                    |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June                                                                                                                                                                         | Reception 2024 Induction Afternoon                               |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> June                                                                                                                                                                                   | Feast of St Anthony of Padua                                     |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June                                                                                                                                                                            | Year 4 Bikeability                                               |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June                                                                                                                                                                         | KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am               |

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| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June                         | St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June                           | INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS                         |
| Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                         | Feast of St Thomas More and St John Fisher                  |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                           | INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS                         |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June                         | KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon        |
|                                                        | Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school @ 2.30pm                  |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June                           | Feast of St Peter and Paul                                  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                         | Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm             |
| w/b 8 <sup>th</sup> July                               | Year 6 Residential Trip                                     |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July                           | Year 6 Leavers Mass 6pm                                     |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                           | Last day of term                                            |
| <b>SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2024</b> |                                                             |