



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,

Welcome back!

It was wonderful to see all the children this week after their half term break. We hope you enjoyed some rest and family time. Here's to an exciting half term ahead!

Dates for your diary

Monday 27th February

Non uniform Day in support of aid relief after the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. £1 minimum donation.

Wednesday 1st March

School open as usual for all children (proposed strike day which does not affect St George's)

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day – activities in school. Uniform as usual, no dressing up this year.

Non-school uniform day

Following the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, the School Council are organising a non-uniform day on Monday 27th February to raise much needed funds for the disaster appeal. If your child is in Year 6 then their outfit should be suitable for the PE lesson. There will be a minimum donation of £1 on this occasion.

Keeping our roads and children safe

During half term, our local councillor, Steve Wakefield, started a petition to bring to an end anti-social driving on Eagle Way. We encourage all parents, carers and families within our community to sign the petition. You can find the petition [HERE](#)

I would like to thank our governor, Paul Shadbolt, who was key in communicating this issue with our local councillor which has resulted in this petition.



Congratulations!

Mrs Gillett received an email this week from the Council Parks department. They recently viewed the Climate Change Competition entries that are on display at the Focal Point Gallery in Southend and they were very impressed by Pati's creation. So much so, they plan to make an aluminium version of her artwork which will be made into a permanent sign in Priory Park. Well done Pati!

Term Dates 2023 – 2024

Please see below for next academic year's term dates and INSET days.

Autumn Term 2023	
Friday 1 st Sept 2023	INSET DAY ~ School closed for pupils
Monday 4 th September 2023	First day back for Autumn term
Friday 20 th October 2023	INSET DAY ~ School closed for pupils
MONDAY 23 rd – FRIDAY 27 th OCTOBER 2023 ~ HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 30 th October 2023	Back to school
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Last day of Autumn Term
THURSDAY 21 st DECEMBER 2023 – WEDNESDAY 3 rd JANUARY 2024 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
Spring Term 2024	
Thursday 4 th January 2024	First day back for Spring Term
MONDAY 19 th – FRIDAY 23 rd FEBRUARY 2024 ~ HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 26 th February 2024	Back to school
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last day of Spring Term
FRIDAY 29 th MARCH 2024 – FRIDAY 12 th APRIL 2024 EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Summer Term 2024	
Monday 15 th April 2024	First day back for Summer Term
MONDAY 27 th – FRIDAY 31 st MAY 2024 ~ HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Back to school
Friday 21 st June 2024	INSET DAY ~ School closed for pupils
Monday 24 th June 2024	INSET DAY ~ School closed for pupils
Friday 19 th July 2024	Last day of summer term

Friends of St George's

The Great St George's Quiz Night will be making a welcome return on SATURDAY 22ND APRIL. It will be held in the school hall, 7pm for a 7.30pm start, with entry through the community suite door. Each team can have up to 8 people and the cost is £5 per person. You can bring your own drinks (alcoholic or soft drinks) and snacks. If you would like to book a table, please contact a member of the committee or email them at pta@st-georges.southend.sch.uk



Head Teacher Awards

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

Elsie ~ (St Francis) ~ for working hard in all areas of the curriculum. Well done Elsie!

Ebony-Hope ~ (St Therese) ~ Ebony has impressed us all with her determination in her maths this week. Through her perseverance, Ebony has become a superstar at counting in 2s.

Well done, Ebony!

Alex ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for always doing his best in all areas of the curriculum and for making a huge improvement with the presentation of his work.

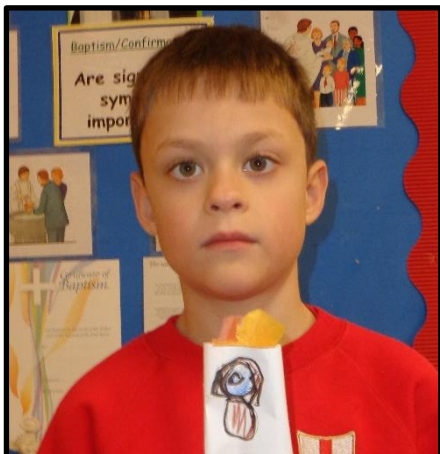
Nancy ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for working independently with improved confidence in her English and for being a fantastic friend to others.

George ~ (St Joseph) ~ for working with enthusiasm and focus in all lessons. He has set a great example to others with his excellent attitude and outstanding behaviour. Well done, George!

Samuel ~ (St Anthony) ~ for being an exceptional role model of learning and behaviour. He always tries his best in everything he does, takes pride in his work and is a very kind friend too.

A much deserved award. Well done Sam!

Klaudia ~ (St Peter) ~ for being a wonderful role model to others. She is always kind and thoughtful and greets the year 6 team with a smile everyday!



Lent Appeal

In our service on Wednesday, Father Brett spoke to the children about helping others during the season of Lent. We are going to be focusing on our collection for SVP in Southend. Today in assembly each class selected one of the food items needed by the Centre and the class will be concentrating their efforts on that item. Will your class be able to collect 100 items by the end of term?

The items are; St Francis ~ tinned fruit, St Therese ~ UHT Milk, St Elizabeth ~ pasta, St Bernadette ~ beans, St Joseph ~ soup, St Anthony ~ tinned potatoes /instant mash and St Peter ~ jams & spreads.

Science Ambassadors

In assembly today, our new KS2 science ambassadors were presented with their badges. It is a very important role within the school as they will be championing science, helping with resources, writing pieces for the newsletter and much more. They were given the role due to their passion for science during lessons.

Congratulations to:

Folami & Aaron (St Bernadette), **Katarina & Albert** (St Joseph), **Samuel & Honey** (St Anthony)
and **Conor, Klaudia, Joshua & Satya** (St Peter)

Royal Airforce Trust Inspire Stem Challenge

“On Thursday, Year 5 did a Space Challenge to see what was the best angle to fly our rocket that we designed and made with a partner. The materials we used were: card, pens, straws, plastic bricks, an angle guide, masking tape and glue. It was great fun being an engineer for the day.”

David and Dominic (St Anthony)

Reading Awards

Well done to the following children who received their Bronze award for 50 reads:

Dolly & Florence (St Francis), **Maddison** (St Elizabeth), **Reuben** (St Peter)

and congratulations to the children receiving their Silver award:

Coby & Nyla (St Francis), **Tabitha & Adam** (St Therese), **Fiachra** (St Elizabeth), **Folami** (St Bernadette) **Lily** (St Joseph), **Isabelle**. (St Anthony), **Leah** (St Peter)

And our first GOLD award recipients (150 reads) for this academic year

Elsie & Rory (St Francis), **Jason & Melita** (St Therese), **Sophia** (St Elizabeth), **Nathan** (St Bernadette), **Jake, Blossom, Padmé, Harry S, Heidi, Vince, Harry H, & Kamila** (St Joseph)
Edison, Hannah & George (St Anthony), **Florence RF, Thomas, Samuel S** (St Peter)

Sports Awards

Congratulations to Patti from St Bernadette's Class. Patti was chosen for her outstanding performance in our line dancing lesson. Well done Patti!

Punctuality

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	97%	95%	97%	97%	99%	96%

Birthdays

Congratulations to Folami & Amaya (St Bernadette) and Mrs Harris who are celebrating this week.



Prayers

Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time. We especially ask for prayers for May, the sister of Mrs Meechan. She recently passed away and her funeral is being held today. We think of all the family at this time. We also keep Joseph, Toby and the whole Mooney family in our prayers as Nanny Moon passed away last week. Both ladies were so loved and we ask that God gives their families comfort during this difficult time.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May the rest in peace.

Amen.

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Monday 27 th February	Non uniform Day in support of aid relief after the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. £1 minimum donation.
Friday 3 rd March	Ballot papers sent out for parent governor
Friday 10 th March	Voting for parent governor closes @ 12 noon
Monday 13 th March	Science Week
	Vote Count for parent governor
Thursday 16 th March	Reception Class Assembly 9am
	Reception height and weight check
Friday 17 th March	Election result for parent governor announced
Monday 20 th March	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Parent Consultations week
	Friends of St George's PTA meeting 2.30pm
Mon 20 th & Tue 21 st March	Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 24 th March	Science Fair ~ Parents and Carers welcome to attend
w/b 27 th March	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross 9am Parents and Carers welcome 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
Saturday 22 nd April	Great St George's Quiz Night at the school 7pm for a 7.30pm start
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	