



# 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,



## A HUGE THANK YOU!

On Monday, our wonderful gardening volunteers came in to make a start on clearing our 'Coronation Garden'. We had enough volunteers for two days, but our crack team had it



finished by Monday afternoon! I am sure you'll agree that the transformation is amazing! The next stage will be to plant some bushes, plants and trees, and we are hoping that our volunteers who didn't get an opportunity this week, will help out with the planting. We will update you all when we have an idea of the times. A big thank you to the children who also came to help and Mrs Miller who managed everyone so well on the day!



## Dates for April and May

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Feast of St Margaret Clitherow and the 40 martyrs
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Mini Marathon Session 1
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception height and weight check Mini Marathon Session 2 Quad Kids years 3 & 4 and years 5 & 6
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day Mini Marathon Session 3
w/b 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	No Breakfast Club KS1 Quad kids
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost Sunday
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Gemma's Farm visit to the school for Reception & Yr1
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Trust Cross Country @ St Teresa's
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 3 trip

### Mini Marathon message from Mrs McLoughlin

The time is fast approaching for our children to take on the challenge of the London mini marathon. We have an amazing **112** children all signed up and ready to go. The children will be completing 2.6 miles throughout next week. Key Stage 2 will run over two days completing 11 laps of our track on one day and 10 laps the next. To make it more manageable for our younger children, they will be running 7 laps of our track on each of the three days. We ask that all the children participating come to school wearing their PE kits and trainers on Tuesday and please remember a water bottle. The event is to raise money for our school so do get all the family members and friends involved. Maybe you'll be inspired for a bank holiday jog at the weekend! Look out for a few action shots of our super competitors next week! It is a sponsored event and any parents, carers, family or friends can sponsor the children using the Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/mini-marathon-st-georges>

We strongly recommend that the children have insect repellent applied before coming to school, especially as they will be on the field to complete their run. As all classes are now having P.E. sessions on the field, we recommend that the children have insect spray applied before school.





### Head Teacher Awards

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

*Theo ~ (St Francis) ~ for great effort during our phonics and reading sessions. Well done!*

*Milo ~ (St Therese) ~ for being 'on fire' this week. Milo has answered questions, worked quickly and been a superstar this week.*

*Willow ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for having fantastic enthusiasm in our topic work which allows her to make lots of contributions and remember key facts and details.*

*Dillon ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for striving to be the best he can be across all areas, and making great progress in his reading and writing. Keep it up!*

*Lauren ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for having an "I can" attitude, and gaining confidence in her mathematics. Also working exceptionally well with her learning partner Well done!*

*Charlotte ~ (St Joseph) ~ for having an outstanding attitude towards learning. She always works with enthusiasm and makes numerous valuable contributions in lessons. Well done, Charlotte!*

*Robyn ~ (St Anthony) ~ for working with determination and perseverance, and always ensuring she does her best. A great attitude to learning. Well done Robyn.*

*Ted ~ (St Peter) ~ for increased focus and participation in class. He's shown a keenness to learn and has been working really hard to improve his comprehension skills – well done!*

## Update on Attendance

Last term, you may remember reading that from September 2024, penalty notice fines will be issued to families who take their children on holiday, or who have unauthorised absence during term time. I received further information from the local authority to share with parents and carers.

### **Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing**

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

#### **Per Parent, Per Child**

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.  
For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

#### **National Threshold**

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

#### **First Offence**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.  
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

#### **Second Offence (within 3 years)**

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

#### **Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)**

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

## Reading Awards

Well done to **Lauren** (St Bernadette) who was awarded her **BRONZE** award.

**Noah** (St Francis) who received his **SILVER** award this week.

**Nathan** (St Joseph) and **Amelie** (St Anthony) received their **GOLD** award.

The **DIAMOND** certificates are still coming thick and fast for 200 reads! Well done to:

**Edie & John-Luke** (St Francis), **Jacob** (St Elizabeth), **Nathan, Shia & Sinela** (St Joseph)  
and **Harry S.** (St Anthony)

### Sports Awards

This week's recipient is **Rosie S.** from St Elizabeth class. for her amazing improved sprinting technique. She stays focused, she pushes herself and she has great determination, all of which has helped to increase her speed during the sprints and long-distance races. Well done Rosie!

### Artist of the Month

This month's artist is **Sienna** from St Joseph's class. As part of the year 4 topic on Rainforests, the class have been studying the work of the French artist, Henry Rousseau. They recreated one of his most famous pieces, 'Surprised!', which has a tiger hunting in the jungle during a storm. The children learned about the artist, then used a variety of sketching techniques to produce observational drawings of leaves. They then mixed blue and yellow paint to create different shades of green, further mixing in white and black to the green to give themselves numerous shades to use in their rainforest painting. You can see her masterpiece hanging in the office foyer. Well done, Sienna!

### Birthdays

Congratulations to **Joshua, Raven & Dejeni** (St Therese), **Sebby** (St Bernadette), **Erin & Aaron** (St Joseph) and **Mrs Burton** who celebrated birthdays this week.



### Punctuality Update

Year Group	Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Punctuality	100%	98%	95%	99%	95%	97%	100%

### Message from the PTA:

Hi all, as we get back into our Summer Term the PTA are preparing behind the scenes for our Summer Fayre on the 5th July from 3pm-5pm.

We are excitedly planning activities, stalls, food and drink and the return of the Ice Cream Van! However, we will need your help please.

### Teddies and Soft Toys

We are looking for donations to support our teddy stall and are asking if anyone has any teddies or soft toys to donate to our teddy tombola they would be gratefully received.

**Please bring them to the office or let your class rep know if you have anything you could donate.**

### Rainbow Hampers

Also making its return this year is the Rainbow Hampers for our Summer Fayre raffle! There will be more details to follow but in the same format as last year each class will be given a colour

and we ask please for donations of items of this colour to make some beautiful hampers we can include in our wonderful raffle on the day!

### Non-Uniform Day

Finally, there will be a non school uniform day to support the Fayre - this will be on Friday 28th June. If your child would like to come in non-uniform, we ask that they either bring:

- A bag of sweets if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2
- An unopened bottle of something (it can be alcoholic or non-alcoholic) if they are in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6.

Finally, we are asking for your time...if you have any time you can give to helping run a stall or setting up before or clearing up after the Summer Fayre we would love your help, please let me or your class rep know if you can.

As always, thank you for your support and enjoy your weekend!

**Felicity**

### After School Club

Please note that there will be NO afterschool club on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. This is due to staff training.

### SVP



**St Vincent's**  
URGENTLY NEEDED

- Hoodies and Jogging bottoms all sizes
- Socks
- Sleeping Bags
- Gloves
- Hats
- Coats
- Trainers
- Underwear (Men & Women)
- Roll Mats
- Thermals



**St Vincent's**  
Food Bank Items of Need  
URGENTLY NEEDED

UHT Milk	Jams & Spreads
Pasta sauces	Tins of veggie food (macaroni cheese/ veggie ravioli etc)
Tins of fruit	Sugar
Tinned Meat pies	Tuna
Mayo	Coffee
Butter	Biscuits
Nappies	Cereal Bars
Wet wipes	Tinned Tomato
Crisps/ biscuits	Toiletries
Tuna	Cereal
Crackers	

Thank you for continuing to support our collection for SVP's foodbank.

### Prayers



We especially keep Daniel Anjorin and his family in our thoughts and prayers this week.

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*



# Transitions up to end of school year 8

Event for parent carers



Southend SEND Independent Forum (SSIF) invite parent carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to their second seminar this year. 'Transitions your child will encounter up to end of school year 8' is the second in a series of valuable and informative events that will run throughout the year.

## About the event

This seminar is aimed at parent carers of children with SEND up to end of school year 8 who may need information and support regarding the different transitions your child will encounter. Transitions may include:

- Starting nursery or pre-school.
- Starting primary school.
- Starting secondary school.

We also include any key stage transitions, for example: the move from Early Years to Key Stage 1, or from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 and so on.

We have a panel of professionals from the Southend-on-Sea SEND Team, the School Nursing Team and The School Attendance and Inclusion Team. They will talk about how they can support you and your child through various transitions.

We are inviting parent carers to submit any questions they have for the panel by Thursday 9th May 2024, via email.

There will also be an opportunity for people to participate in a co-production session to develop a useful route map/flow chart of the transitions processes.

## Details



### Date and time

Monday, 20th May

Arrival: 9.00 to 9.30am

Session time: 9.30am to 12.30pm



### Venue

Civic Centre - Jubilee Room  
Victoria Avenue  
Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6ER



### Refreshments

Refreshments will be provided.



### Book here



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## Diary Dates

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Feast of St Margaret Clitherow and the 40 martyrs
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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
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country @ St Teresa's, Rochford
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 3 trip
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024</b>	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Feast of Corpus Christi
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 trip
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
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua
	Year 3 Roman Day in school
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
	No after school club due to staff training
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
	No after school club due to Celebration day
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
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre

w/b 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Assembly @ 9.05am
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>	