

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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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school Respect message

At St George's

we give
RESPECT



and we get
RESPECT

This week, I had the pleasure of working with year 1,2, 4 & 5 to talk to them about our respect message. They were fabulous and knew all the different ways that we can show respect, both at school and at home. We discuss what Respect means, what to do if someone is unkind and how to spot and stand up against bullying behaviour. I can't wait to work with the remaining classes over the next two weeks. You can read more about our Respect message and behaviour by clicking [HERE](#)

First class trip of the new school year

On Tuesday, year 3 went to the pier to watch a performance about the pier.

We really enjoyed our school trip to Southend Pier. The show was so much fun, people had different ideas about what we should do with the pier. Some said to turn it into a VR ride or a really long sushi bar, but others wanted to leave it as it is. It was really windy. We tried to sketch and create chalk graffiti but the wind was too strong!

Addilyn and Jazmin



RE News

Supporting those in need



Last week we had a visit from Dan Cauchi who works at the Southend SVP Centre in Short Street. Dan thanked us for the food donations during the last year and introduced the children to the Hungry Cupboard. One of the roles carried out by the Southend SVP is to provide food and meals for those in need and Dan explained that they always need more as they provide over 1000 hot meals each month as well as supplying food through the Pick N Mix shop.



We would like to continue to support the centre with items such as soups, tins, bottled water, pasta, cereal, long life milk etc which can be brought into school any day. We will also be sharing the donations with The Shoebury Ark who support families in the area.



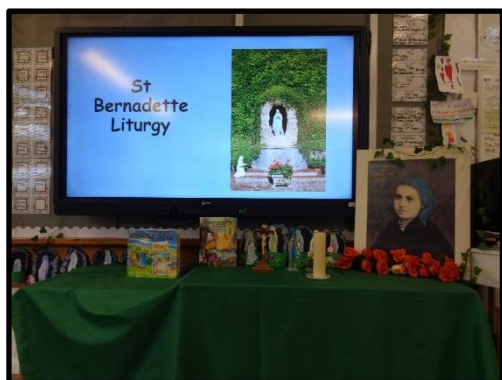
Many thanks to Olivia who has kindly started our collection.

Parish links ~ FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

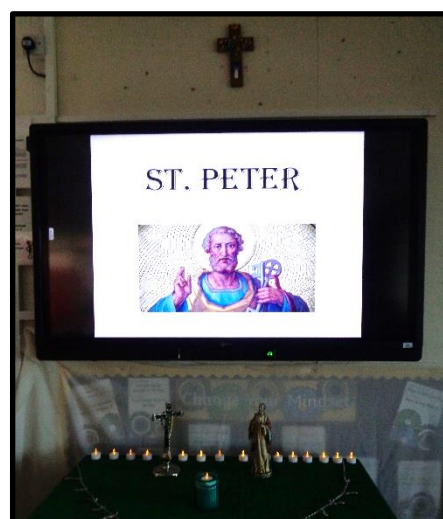
Forms to join our First Holy Communion programme for 2024 are now available in the porches of both churches. If your child has just started in Year 3 or above (so turns 8 years of age between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024) then you may want to consider putting their name down. Please note, all parents who saw Fr. Brett some while ago and have a Mass Card will still need to pick up a pack and fill in the forms. It is very important that the forms are completed and an appointment is made with me to process them BEFORE the 29th September. If you could kindly email the office to make your appointment. Many thanks.

Sharon

Collective Worship



This week, year 3 and 6 celebrated their first class liturgy of this academic year. Both classes linked the liturgy to their class saint. They sang hymns, listened to scripture and read prayers that the children had written. It was a wonderful way to start the day. Thank you to both classes.



CAFOD – Write a prayer of love

As a school, we are asking for our families to write a prayer of love. These can be submitted to the CAFOD website, using this link; [write a prayer of love](#). We would also like to use these in our school newsletter, therefore could you also email a copy to the school, as we will publish one prayer each week.

Our first prayer was submitted by the Welton family

Love lights the way, Love see's us through, Love is always there for me and you.

Love is happiness, smiles and laughter, with butterflies in our tummies and warmth in our hearts.

God gives us Love, God gives us strength, with his Love and light we'll keep going till the end.

Love is precious it brings us together.

Let's show Love, patience and joy, kindness and caring and spread our Love to all.

Thank you God for blessing us with Love, and keeping us together all the way through.

Amen.

Sports Award

We are so pleased to announce our first sports award recipient of the year!

Well done to **Katie** from St Anthony Class. She was selected due to her excellent effort and focus in our netball lesson this week. Mrs Arnold knows that she will make HUGE progress with such a good attitude!

Macmillan Cake Sale

Hello, we are speaking on behalf of the new school council at St Georges.

Next Friday, on the 29th of September, we are having a cake sale for the MacMillan Cancer Support.

Please bring £1 or invite your parents to scan the QR code that will be available that day.

£1 will get you 2 bite-sized cakes, £1 would also get you 1 slice of cake.

Bake or buy some cakes from a shop to support our sale, please remember to bring them into school on the morning of our sale. (Friday 29th September)

It would really make an impact on our sale.

So kindly come to the school hall at break time and buy a cake (we will have an extended break time as queues may be long).

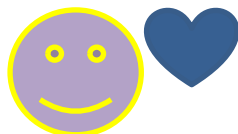
All money will be donated to the MacMillan Cancer Support.

Thank you for listening.

Yours sincerely,

Your year 6 school council:

Joshua, Leja, Chelsea and Afsa.





Head Teacher Awards

Well done to all the children recognised for their achievements this week.

Ayden (St Francis) ~ for joining in well during whole class activities.

Alissa ~ (St Therese) ~ Alissa has been a superstar this week. Not only has she been confident and tried her best in her writing, she also shown herself to be a lovely, caring friend. Great job, Alissa!

Rosie ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for always listening carefully and working hard in all areas of the curriculum.

Olivia ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for always contributing to class discussions and being fit to burst with awesome answers. Keep it up!

Shia ~ (St Joseph) for working with focus, independence and perseverance, and for having beautiful manners. Well done, Shia!

Sam ~ (St Anthony) ~ for working with a conscientious attitude in all lessons this week and making positive contributions to our class discussions. Keep up the great work Sam!

Leja ~ (St Peter) ~ for her excellent science research about invertebrates. She worked efficiently and independently to find many facts about ants – great job!



Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week, or are celebrating over the weekend:

Hunter (St Francis), Folarin (St Therese), Jacob & Scarlett (St Elizabeth),
Fiachra, Pippa & Lauren (St Bernadette), Heidi & George (St Joseph),
and Mrs Pickford



Pre~loved uniform sale

Mrs Fitzpatrick will be holding a pre~loved uniform in the community suite on Friday 13th October from 2.30~3.30pm. As the sales are becoming very popular, she has asked if anyone would like to help to email the office.

Punctuality Update

Congratulations to Year R who lead the way with 99% for punctuality this week.

Year Group	Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Punctuality	99%	94%	96%	95%	97%	98%	97%

Friends of St George's News ~ Annual General Meeting

The Friends of St George's AGM will take place on Thursday 5th October 2.30pm.

As parents/carers at St George's School, you are all members and are invited to attend. The Friends of St Georges are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are willing not only to raise money which will benefit all of the pupils at the school, but also help organise and run social events throughout the year. If you feel that you would like to play an active part in the school community, you may like to consider putting yourself forward for one of the positions. Each post is for a year and at the end of that time you can choose to either stand down or put yourself forward for re-election.

The posts are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary positions.

If you think you may be interested and would like a little more information, please contact Tina Ugo, our current chair, who is happy to give further information about the different posts.

In addition to these, we also need CLASS REPS. This role requires you to be a link between the committee and parents/carers in that class, giving information, asking for support and taking forward any ideas etc. The class reps need to be nominated in the same way as the other FOSG positions.

Any person wishing to put themselves forward for any of these positions must complete the nomination form which can be found at the end of this newsletter

You need two people (one to nominate and one to second) who are parents or carers with children attending the school. You then sign the form accepting the proposal. The form must be completed and handed to the office or a standing committee member before the AGM. To make this meeting certified it is important that we have **at least 30 parents** so please try to spare 30 minutes to attend. The form can be found at the end of this newsletter and on our website.

Prayers

We keep all our community in our thoughts and prayers.

Have a lovely weekend, God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Tuesday 26 th September	Flu Immunisation for all year groups
Friday 29 th September	MacMillan Cake sale in school
Sunday 1 st October	Feast of St Therese
Wednesday 4 th October	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
	Feast of St Francis of Assisi
Thursday 5 th October	Friends of St George's AGM meeting 2.30pm
Friday 6 th October	Key Stage 1 & KS2 Cross Country competition @ Garons
Wednesday 18 th October	Year 5/6 Deanery Football and Netball tournament pm
Friday 20 th October	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 23rd – FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER 2023	
Monday 30 th October	Children return to school
Wednesday 1 st November	All Saints Day ~ Mass in school for the children
Thursday 2 nd November	Year 6 height and weight check
Sunday 5 th November	Feast of St Elizabeth
Wb Monday 6 th November	Parent & Carer Consultation week
Monday 6 th November	Open Afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Tuesday 7 th November	Reception 2024 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Wednesday 8 th November	Girls' Football tournament
Thursday 9 th November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 9am
Friday 10 th November	Year 5/6 Football tournament @Len Forge all day
Monday 13 th November	Wear odd socks to school day – anti bullying week awareness
Tuesday 14 th November	Individual and family photographs

Thursday 16 th November	Reception 2024 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Wednesday 22 nd November	Reception 2024 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Thursday 30 th November	Year 3 class assembly
	Feast of St Andrew
Sunday 3 rd December	First Sunday of Advent
	Parish Christmas Fayre after 10.45am Mass
Monday 4 th December	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 5 th December	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 7 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Friday 8 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Tuesday 12 th	Reconciliation service in school
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception Nativity Play 9.15am
Friday 15 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm at St George's Church
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Outfit day
Tuesday 19 th December	Non uniform day for winning house team
	Year 6 games day – details to follow
	End of Term Mass for the children
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024	
Monday 25 th December ~ Christmas Day	
Tuesday 26 th December ~ St Stephen's Day	
Thursday 4 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2023
Wednesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 13 th February	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 14 th February	Ash Wednesday Service for children in school
	Lent begins
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 19TH – FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024	
Tuesday 27 th Feb	Feast of St Anne Line
Wednesday 28 th February	Netball tournament @ Alleyn Court
Friday 1 st March	St David's Day
Monday 4 th March	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Parent & Carer Consultation week
Sunday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day
Monday 18 th March	NHS resilience workshop for year 6
Tuesday 19 th March	Feast of St Joseph
	Lent Reconciliation service in school
Wednesday 20 th March	Key Stage 2 Assisi Cross Country
Friday 22 nd March	Science Fair in school 2.30pm ~ everyone welcome
Wb Monday 25 th March	Stations of the Cross 9am everyday # led by years 3 & 4

Thursday 28 th March	Last day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH – FRIDAY 12TH APRIL 2024 Friday 29 th March ~ Good Friday Sunday 31 st March ~ Easter Sunday	
Monday 15 th April	First Day of Summer Term 2023
Tuesday 16 th April	Feast of St Bernadette
Monday 22 nd April	Afternoon Tea for parents, carers, family and friends! 1pm – 3pm
Tuesday 23 rd April	St George's Day
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday
Saturday 4 th May	Feast of St Margaret Clitherow and the 40 martyrs
Wednesday 8 th May	Reception height and weight check
Thursday 9 th May	Ascension Day ~ Mass for the children
w/b 13 th May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Sunday 19 th May	Pentecost Sunday
Wednesday 22 nd May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country @ St Teresa's, Rochford
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 27TH MAY – FRIDAY 31ST MAY 2024	
2 nd June	Feast of Corpus Christi
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
Friday 7 th June	Reception class – Learn to ride session
w/b 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 11 th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (morning session)
Wednesday 12 th June	Reception 2024 Induction Afternoon
13 th June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua
Friday 14 th June	Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 19 th June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Thursday 20 th June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
Friday 21 st June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Saturday 22 nd June	Feast of St Thomas More and St John Fisher
Monday 24 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Thursday 27 th June	KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school @ 2.30pm
Sunday 30 th June	Feast of St Peter and Paul
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
w/b 8 th July	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 6pm

Nomination paper for the Election of FOSG Committee Members

I* _____ Propose** _____ as

(Block capitals please)

(Block capitals please)

**Chair Vice Chair For the election
Treasurer Secretary Class Rep Yr**

at St Georges Catholic Primary

Signed _____ Date _____

I* Second the proposal of _____ as

Chair Vice Chair Treasurer Secretary Class Rep Yr

(Delete as appropriate)

at St Georges Catholic Primary

(Block capitals please)

Signed _____ Date _____

I _____ am willing to serve as

Chair Vice Chair Treasurer Secretary Class Rep Yr

(Delete as appropriate)

at St Georges Catholic Primary

Signed _____ Date _____

St Vincent's Centre, Southend

VINNIES PICK N MIX

Vinnie's Pick n Mix is a low cost food market which takes place inside our centre, we will replenish stock throughout the market time so its fair for everyone attending.

**£5 first time you come then
£4, when you come next!**

Yearly membership costs just £1, Which entitles you to purchase up to 15 items for £4 shop!



**Every Friday -
10:00am- 12pm**

**St Vincent's Centre
Unit 9 Victoria Business Park
Short Street
SS2 5BY**



Reg Charity: 1053992

THE SHOEBURY ARK



We aim to help alleviate poverty in the Shoeburyness area by providing freshly cooked meals.

We also sell tinned/packet food and preloved children's clothing at very low cost.



Open Every Tuesday
2 PM - 4 PM
at



Friars Baptist Church, Eagle Way
Shoeburyness, SS3 9UW

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Shoebury*

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