



# 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,



### Act of Remembrance

*They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old.*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun, And in the morning*

*We will remember them*

*"When you go home, tell them of us and say,*

*For their tomorrow, we gave our today"*

We think of all families whose lives have been affected by the loss of loved ones due to war. We especially pray for all the service men and women who gave their today for our tomorrow. We also think about those who are involved in wars around the world. As a community, we pray for peaceful resolutions to the conflicts.

Thank you Year 6 for leading our Remembrance assembly this morning. It was a beautiful and very moving service.



## Anti-Bullying Week 2022



To highlight this year's Anti-bullying week we are supporting 'ODD SOCKS DAY' on Monday 14th November. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to

school. It couldn't be simpler! The children will be participating in assemblies and activities throughout the week to help raise awareness of bullying, what it is and what can be done to stop it.

### Dates for your diary

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti Bullying Week – Wear Odd Socks to school day
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Information Session for Reception 2023 parents & carers 9.30am
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<del>Year 6 class Mass in school 9am – parents &amp; carers welcome</del>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	'Children In Need day' ~ 'BE SPOTACULAR' ~ wear something spotty Year 5 & 6 Football tournament
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Non uniform day for donations for the Christmas Fayre Reception, year 1 & 2 ~ sweets Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 ~ unopened bottles
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am ~ Parents, carers and family welcome
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE 12-3PM
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St Andrew's Day Year 5 Class Mass in school 9am – parents & carers welcome

### Year 6 Class Mass

Sadly, Father Brett can no longer attend year 6 class Mass on 16th November. We will rearrange a date as soon as possible. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### BBC Children in Need

Don't forget 'Children in Need Day' on Friday 18th November. We will be raising money for the charity by inviting all children to 'BE SPOTACULAR! The children are invited to wear something spotty/Pudsey with their school uniform. It may be exchanging the school jumper or shirt for a spotty one, perhaps a spotted tie, or what about exchanging the grey school skirt or shorts for a spotty alternative? We look forward to seeing spots before our eyes! There will be donation buckets if you can spare any change.



## St George's Christmas Fayre

We are all looking forward to this year's Christmas Fayre! The Friends of St George's are working hard to plan a great afternoon for our community.

On **MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**, the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform to support the Christmas Fayre. We ask that every family or child bring:

Reception, year 1 & year 2 ~ SWEETS ~ bag of haribo, small party bag sweets etc

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 ~ AN **UNOPENED BOTTLE** as a donation. Previously we have received donations of red, white and rose wine, prosecco, various spirit, in addition to bottled beers and some soft drinks to accompany the alcohol!

**The PTA thank you in advance for your support.**

## Festive Card Competition

Over the next few weeks, Mrs Gillett would like your child to participate in the Purple Mash Festive Card Competition. Children will need to design a festive image using '2Paint' in Purple Mash. Your child should already have their Purple Mash login. If they don't know their login, then please contact their class teacher.

Children should design their card on 2Paint, save their work in the My Work folder and then share it on the correct display board for their age. The winning design will become the official Purple Mash festive card and the winners will be awarded 50 printed copies of their card, a £20 Amazon voucher and a Goody Bag. Their card will also be made into an ecard through Purple Mash. The closing date for the competition is 24<sup>th</sup> November. Click on the link below to see how to submit your child's design. Good luck everyone!

## Bronze reading Awards – a bumper week!

Congratulations to those who were awarded their Bronze reading certificates, marking 50 reads since we returned in September. Congratulations to:

Rory, Milo, Joshua, Joseph, Isabelle & Elsie (St Francis), Milita, Scarlett, Jacob, Melissa & Finley (St Therese), Sophie, Ezinne, Teddy, River-Jane, Sophia, Toby & Abigail (St Elizabeth), Ada,

Mia-Rae, Shia, Meredith, Albie, Jude & Erin (St Bernadette),

Harry H., Elsiada, Harry S., Imogen, Katarina, Jake, Lily, Vince & Amelie (St Joseph), Edison, George, Kieran & Ellie (St Anthony)

Natalia, Samuel S., Thomas, Kundai, Florence R-F. & Daniel (St Peter)

## Sports Performer

A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to our winner this week. Keziah from St Therese class was selected for her fantastic gymnastic performance this week. Well done Keziah!



### Head Teacher Awards

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

*Jack (St Francis) ~ for fantastic phonics work. You have been working really hard in phonics and in writing activities. Well done Jack!*

*Scarlett ~ (St Therese) ~ for a fantastic week in all areas. Scarlett is a lovely friend and demonstrates a super attitude in all areas of her learning. Great job, Scarlett!*

*Megan (St Elizabeth) ~ for having a brilliant understanding of the properties of 2D shapes and lines of symmetry, in our Maths work this week. Well done Megan!*

*Freddie ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for fantastic instructions on "How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth" using a range of grammatical features. Your mammoth will be pristine!*

*Kamila ~ (St Joseph) ~ for working with focus and determination in all lessons. Well done, Kamila!*

*Dominic ~ (St Anthony) ~ for fantastic Design skills this week. Also, excellent focus throughout the week in all lessons. Well done Dominic, keep it up!*

*St Peter's Class ~ for leading the school in Remembrance. It was reflective, moving and gave us all the opportunity to remember that to bring about peace, we need to be united in love.*



## Open mornings for Reception 2022

The final information session for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2022 will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The session will be from 9.30~10.30am and will include a talk from the Headteacher, a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask questions.

Southend schools admissions team are hosting informal information sessions for parents of children due to start Reception in September 2023. It is being held at the Tickfield Centre on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November between 10am and 12pm or you can join the virtual session on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Places can be booked below:

- [15 November - Tickfield Centre](#)
- [17 November - Online](#)

## Harvest 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.  
God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*

## Diary Dates

Dates to add to the diary are:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week – Wear odd socks to school to raise awareness
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception 2023 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Southend Football Tournament (for football team)
	'Children In Need day' ~ 'BE SPOTACULAR' ~ wear something spotty

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends of St George's Christmas Fayre 12pm-3pm
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Class Mass 9am
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity Play 9.15am
	School Christmas Disco (times to be confirmed)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Gift Sale £1.50 per gift (max. of 2 gifts per child)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm at St George's Church
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Outfit day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn term
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023</b>	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term 2023
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	E-Safety session for parents 3.30pm or 7.00pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year theme day for Reception class – class to wear red
w/b 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023</b>	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class Assembly 9am
	Reception height and weight check
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Parent Consultations week
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 6 Bikeability
w/b 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross 9am Parents welcome
	Book Fair in school 3.15pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Key Stage 2 Assisi Cross Country
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of Spring Term
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL – FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023</b>	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term 2023
	Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception Fairy-tale theme day – children to dress up
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Netball and Football tournament at Our Lady of Ransom
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank holiday
w/b 8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
w/b 15 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 Assessment week
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly @ 9am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country
	Year 5 Class Assembly @ 9am
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2023</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school

w/b 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Reception 2023 Induction Afternoon
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
w/b 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Residential Trip
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Assisi Sports
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school @ 2.30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023</b>	