



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,

I cannot believe that we are already at half term! The first seven weeks have absolutely flown by and it has been fantastic to see how engaged the children have been in their learning. I know this will continue into the next half term and beyond.

I wish all our children and families wonderful half term – enjoy the rest, you all deserve it! And to the staff, THANK YOU for this first half term. You have all worked incredibly hard and I hope you have a wonderful break.

See you all on Monday 31st October, Mrs Delgado

Dates for October/November

Mon 31 st Oct	Children return to school
Wed 2 nd Nov	Reception dress up day ~ Firework theme
Thu 3 rd Nov	Reception 2023 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Tue 8 th Nov	Individual and family school photos
Wed 9 th Nov	Reception 2023 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am Remembrance Day Assembly led by Year 6 ~ 10.45am in school ~ all welcome
Mon 14 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week – Wear odd socks to school to raise awareness
Tue 15 th Nov	Reception 2023 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Fri 18 th Nov	Southend Football Tournament (for football team)
Thu 24 th Nov	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am ~ Parents, carers and family welcome

Show Racism the Red Card

Today, many of the children came to school wearing red to show our support for 'Show racism the red card' day. We are very blessed as a school that our children celebrate all difference, in fact, they know that difference is what makes them unique! I know that they will continue to spread this important message, not just on a specific day, but tomorrow, next month and beyond. Thank you everyone!



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Rainbows
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Class Assembly

Yesterday Year 2 invited their families, friends and our school community to be part of their class assembly for this term. The theme was 'Creation' and the children spoke with great knowledge and understanding about God's creation of the Earth. They reflected on words from the bible to show how God cares for the most special thing in His creation, us! They sang beautifully and the dancing was very impressive. Well done to all of you!

Respect Canvasses

I am so pleased to announce our Respect design winners for this year. It was such a tough decision, as all the children took time, effort and imagination to create the respect message for their class.



Adam from St Therese's class for his message,

Respectful people tell the truth and can say sorry when they are wrong

Addilyn from St Elizabeth's class for her message,

Respect is looking after other people's things, looking after people and sharing

Erin & Mia Rae from St Bernadette's class for their message,

Treat others how you would like to be treated

Katie and Katarina from St Joseph's class for their message,

Respect is knowing that difference does not matter

Freya from St Anthony's class for her message,

Respect is taking care of yourself

Aubrey and Klaudia from St Peter's class for her message,

Respect is the freedom to be loved for who you are

The winning canvasses will be hung in the front foyer of the school and can also be seen on the school's social media sites.

A wonderful email...

Mrs Gillett and I received an email from Mrs O' Connell which brightened our day and was a perfect end to the half term.

'The other day I had taken Sebastian to the park and he had scooted off a little way ahead of me aiming for the swings etc. Before he got there he had stopped and got off his scooter and then preceded to clear a load of branches from the nearby willow tree that had covered a lot of the pathway. As I got nearer I noticed a lady in a wheelchair had been waiting on the side.

When I approached him, he said to me he had wanted to clear the path so the lady could get passed and that her wheelchair wouldn't get stuck. He said he wanted to show respect to her as that is what he had learnt at school to respect other people.'

Sebastian, you are a wonderful example of our Respect message – thank you for living it and sharing it. We are all very proud of you.

Birthdays

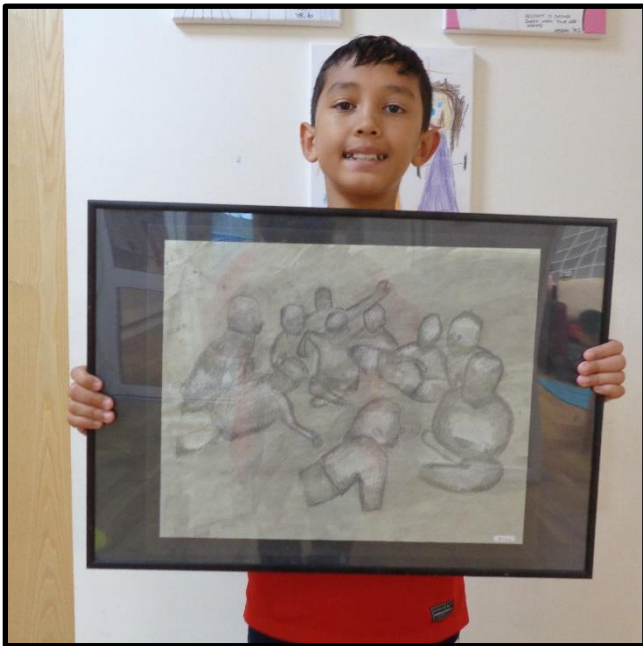
Congratulations to everyone who celebrated their birthday this week.



Harry (St Francis), Finley (St Therese), Alex & Sophia (St Elizabeth), Alfie (St Bernadette),

And an early HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those celebrating during half term. Izzy (St Francis), Rosie S. (St Therese), Mia-Rae (St Bernadette), Henry (St Joseph), Albey & George (St Anthony), Eva & Aubrey (St Peter) and Mr Sims and Mrs O'Shea

Artist of the month



St Peter's class have been studying an artist called Henry Moore this half term. Henry Moore was commissioned by the War Artists Advisory Committee, to make drawings of people in the London Underground during WW2. The children created drawings based on photographs of the class in different positions. They then adopted Henry Moore's scratchy technique and dark tones, to capture the feeling of anxiety - an emotion felt by many people during WW2.

Alex's exceptional artwork was chosen as it encapsulated the mood and feeling of the time. Well done, Alex!

Skip2B Fit!

Today we welcomed John, a coach from Skip 2 B Fit. Their philosophy is for children to build up their resilience by having access to skipping activities to stretch and challenge themselves, develops a positive mindset (if you try that little bit harder, you can succeed) and to promote healthy lifestyles. The Skip 2 B fit skipping ropes count the skips the children do when they do the 2 minute challenge. The children then have an opportunity to try and beat their previous best. The children had a fantastic time taking part and we will be buying some skipping ropes for the children to use at lunchtimes. I have a feeling we will be setting up a competition when we get back from half term!





Head Teacher Awards

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

Adefolarin ~ (St Francis) ~ for working super hard in phonics and fantastic handwriting.

Jacob ~ (St Therese) ~ for a super effort, particularly developing fluency in reading and phonics this week. Great work, Jacob.

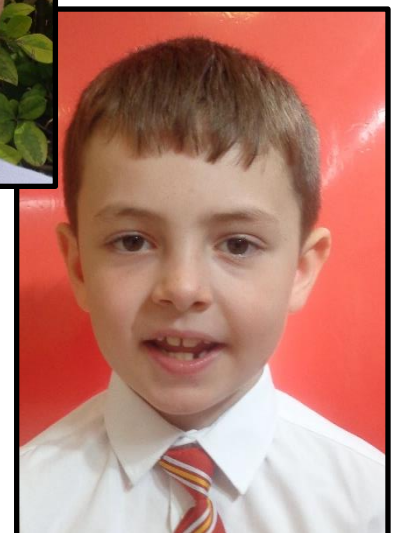
St Elizabeth's class ~ for their amazing class assembly this week. You were all superstars!

Ronnie C. ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for being a superb learner across all subjects. He always tries his very best, especially in handwriting.

Sarah-Jane ~ (St Joseph) ~ for making great progress in maths and working with increased enthusiasm and independence. Well done, Sarah-Jane!

St Anthony's Class ~ for their engagement, enthusiasm, enquiring minds and excellent behaviour on their school trip.

Daniel ~ (St Peter) ~ for his infectious enthusiasm for maths this week. Daniel has wowed me this week with his fantastic answers and his 'can do' attitude – Great job!



Year R Admissions ~ September 2023

If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, they are due to start school in September 2023

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from 14th September until the 15th January 2023 [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Please note that a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed which can be found on our website or you can request a copy to be sent via email. If your child has been baptised, or equivalent, in a Christian church, please send a copy of their certificate in with your application. The Supplementary Information Form is to be returned to the school by 22nd January 2023

Open mornings for Reception 2023

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2023. Each session will take place from 9.30~10.30am and will include a talk from the Headteacher, a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask questions. Please contact the office to book a place.

The dates are as follows:

Thursday 3rd November

Wednesday 9th November

Tuesday 15th November

Are your children safe? A parent & carers session on E – Safety 17th January 2022

Online activity has changed all of our lives, particularly our children's. For parents and carers this opens up a whole new world of things to be aware of. For many of us, this can all be a bit too much. You might be struggling to keep up with the things your child is doing online, you might wonder whether what they are doing is safe, and you might also be thinking *how can I be as good a parent online as I am offline?*

As a school, safeguarding is of paramount importance, and this includes safety online. We deliver e-safety lessons to the children during ICT and regularly talk to them about their online activity. On Tuesday 17th January, the children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will have a session with an e-safety expert to further educate them on keeping safe.

In addition to this, we have organised a session for parents; one will be at 3.30pm and one at 7pm. We expect that every family is represented.

You may think that your child is too young, or that you have adequate filters in place etc., but we cannot stress enough the potential dangers for all of our children and how vital it is that you are aware of them. Each session lasts around 1 ½ hours, due to the amount needed to be covered. As all the staff will be attending the session, we are unable to supervise any children after school, which is why we have advertised the sessions as early as possible.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to inform us which session you will attend. We have been informed that other local primary schools have run these sessions for parents and turnout has been very high.

Let's aim for 100% at St George's!

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:

Sat 26th November ~ Friends of St George's Christmas Fayre (time to be confirmed)

Wed 14th December ~ School Christmas Disco (times to be confirmed)

w/b 27th March 2023 ~ Book Fair in school 3.15pm in the community suite

Thu 18th May 2023 ~ Year 1 Class Assembly @ 9am

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Friday 21 st October	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 24th – FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER 2022	
Monday 31 st October	Children return to school
Wednesday 2 nd November	Reception – Dress up firework day
Thursday 3 rd November	Reception 2023 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Tuesday 8 th November	Individual and family school photos
Wednesday 9 th November	Reception 2023 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Day Assembly led by Year 6
Tuesday 15 th November	Reception 2023 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Monday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Wear odd socks to school to raise awareness
Friday 18 th November	Southend Football Tournament (for football team)
Thursday 24 th November	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 26 th November	Friends of St George's Christmas Fayre (time to be confirmed)
Wednesday 7 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Thursday 8 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am

Wednesday 14 th December	Reception Nativity Play 9.15am
	School Christmas Disco (times to be confirmed)
Friday 16 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm at St George's Church
Monday 19 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Outfit day
Tuesday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023	
Thursday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2023
Tuesday 17 th January	E-Safety session for parents 3.30pm or 7.00pm
Wednesday 18 th January	Chinese New Year theme day for Reception class – class to wear red
w/b 6 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 13TH – FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2023	
Thursday 16 th March	Reception Class Assembly 9am
	Reception height and weight check
Monday 20 th March	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Parent Consultations week
Mon 20 th & Tue 21 st March	Year 6 Bikeability
w/b 27 th March	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross 9am Parents 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
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	