

# 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,

## Congratulations

I ask you to keep in your thoughts and prayers two children from St George's who celebrated sacraments over the last couple of weeks. Damian from St Anthony class made his First Holy Communion before half term at Sacred Heart church.



Izzy from St Elizabeth class was baptised at St Andrew's Church during half term. She told her class about her wonderful day and shared her photos.

**Congratulations to you both from everyone at St George's.**

## Last Day of Term - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

We will be celebrating Mass for all children and staff on the last day, with the school day concluding at 2:00pm.



### Dates for June

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Sale in school
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons 1pm – 3pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly 9.05am Year 5 Parents meeting with St Thomas More and St Bernards ~ 2.30pm in school Year 2 school trip
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior Music Festival
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion at St George's 10.30am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Induction meeting for Reception 2025 parents and carers
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Assisi Sports at St Thomas More 9.30am – 12pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Visit to St Vincent De Paul Centre
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June &amp; Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June INSET DAYS ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Rocksteady Performance @9.30am in school. Parents welcome
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>CELEBRATION DAY 2025</b>

### Classes for next year

I have no doubt the children are already wondering who their teacher and class team will be next year. I can confirm the teachers below and support staff will be confirmed with the children over this next half term. The children will meet their class team for next year before we break up for the summer.

Reception Class ~ Mrs Anslow & Mrs Phipps, Year 1 ~ Mrs Stannard,  
Year 2 ~ Mrs Geiser, Year 3 ~ Mrs Lawrence,  
Year 4 ~ Mr Sims, Year 5 ~ Mrs Marquis  
Year 6 ~ Mrs Bracknell

Mrs Arnold will continue to cover classes for part time staff and PPA.

### Year 4 Assembly

This morning, year 4 led the school in assembly on the theme of Pentecost. It was a wonderful celebration of their knowledge, understanding, faith and the coming of the Holy Spirit. They used words, songs, actions and dance, to share what they have learned about Pentecost. Thank you for a wonderful assembly year 4, Mrs Bracknell and the year 4 class team.

### Celebration Day 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

We are looking forward to welcoming all our families to school for our annual Celebration Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any questions about the day, please do not hesitate to contact the office, or catch me at the gate/in the playground.



### Head Teacher Awards

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

***Fletcher** ~ (St Francis) ~ for working really hard on his phonics and name writing*

***Philippa** ~ (St Therese) ~ Pippa has had a fabulous week. She is a super listener and has tried extra hard to improve her writing this week. Well done, Pippa. Keep up the super work!*

***Jack** ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for always being such a kind, friendly, and well-behaved boy. Jack is always polite and has a respectful attitude, setting a great example for others*

***Ebony-Hope** ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for fantastic effort in all lessons this week. You consistently try your best and complete each task with a smile, well done Ebony!*

***Alex** ~ (St Joseph) ~ for his fantastic attempt at the Bikeability session this week. He developed his cycling skills and blossomed with confidence by the end of the session - well done!*

***Folami** ~ (St Anthony) ~ for being an excellent member of St George's, always working hard, being polite and helpful. Well done, Folami!*

***Robyn** ~ (St Peter) ~ for showing excellent resilience, both in school and on the cricket field. Well done, Robyn!*

## Reading Awards

As ever, lots of awards this week! We will start with our SUPER readers who have reached 250 reads! Well done to: **Hollie** (St Francis), **Sophie, Beau, Violet, John-Luke & Hallie-May** (St Therese), **Rory, Isabelle & Elsie** (St Elizabeth), **Eva, Jason, Milita & Lily** (St Bernadette), **Aaron & Erin** (St Anthony) and **Kamila & Vince** (St Peter)

There were also DIAMOND certificates for: **Carson** (St Francis), **Taliah, Mia & Philippa** (St Therese), **Audrey & Nyla** (St Elizabeth), **Nathanael** (St Bernadette) and **Darcey** (St Anthony)  
**Sienna, Aarujaan, Isla & Aden** (St Francis) and **Freddie** (St Therese) received their GOLD award.

**Jack** (St Elizabeth) and **Isla** (St Bernadette) were awarded their SILVER award and **Myren** (St Therese) received his BRONZE award.

## Artists of the Month

The artist this month is a little different to normal – this month we have ARTISTS of the month! Year 5 have been studying Ancient Greece art and have produced wonderful pieces of pottery and sketches of pillars. They have created different tones using chalk and experimented with a variety of textures in clay. They used a range of repeating patterns to recreate the style from this Ancient Civilisation. Well done to the four children who have been chosen for this month: **Folami and Zayaan** for their Greek pots and **Kyle and Chloe** for their Greek Pillars.

## We were bowled over...!



This week, our two cricket teams were in action at a tournament at Garons. Both teams played magnificently! The team on Wednesday progressed to the Super Eights, where they played against the top teams in Southend. Although we didn't get to the medal matches, the team played very well.

Our girls team didn't let rain stop play on Thursday! They, too, played exceptionally well and made it through to the semi-finals. The team came away with the bronze medal, which made us all very proud!



Well done to the two teams:

**Max, Harry S., Harry H., Albert, George, Elijah, Jake, Henry, Lily, Robyn, Katarina, Lyla, Ruva, Beatrice, Heidi & Sinela**

## Punctuality Update

Year Group	Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Punctuality	95%	98%	92%	99%	93%	99%	97%

### Message from the PTA:

Father's Day Sale for the children will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June in school. The PTA will be selling gifts for Daddy, or for any special person they would like to buy a gift for. Payment can be £2 cash on the day or by using the friends and family option via the Friends of St George's PayPal - [pta@st-georges.southend.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-georges.southend.sch.uk)

Please give your child's name, class and gift sale as payment reference if using PayPal.

### Birthdays

Congratulations to Isabelle (St Elizabeth), Jason (St Bernadette), Ronnie, Billy & Kyle (St Anthony) and Mrs Glyde & Mrs Bowie who celebrated their birthdays this week.



### Festival of Fieldwork – Message from Mrs Marquis

This June, the Geographical Association is celebrating geography by having a Festival of Fieldwork, and as a school, we will be taking the opportunity to get out and about and look at our surrounding area. Each class will complete fieldwork, such as The colour in the environment, How green my area is? Or How did the street get its name? Understanding the world around us and how we affect it both positively and negatively is essential for the children to develop their geographical knowledge.

We also love a competition, so I am asking the children to get creative and make a map. It can be a model or a poster, drawn to scale or completely fictional. There will be five prizes: EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2, and Overall Winner. The last day for entry is Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, with winners being announced Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

I can't wait to see the entries!

### Prayers



We keep all our community in our prayers and continue to pray for peace in our world.

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*

### Diary Dates

New dates have been added are in **bold**.

w/b 9th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 10th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (afternoon session)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 class Assembly 9.05am
	Year 2 class trip
	St Thomas More and St Bernard's visit for Year 5 Parents @2.30pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior Music Festival
Friday 13th June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Induction meeting Reception 2025 Parents & children (afternoon)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	SVP visit afternoon
Friday 20th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 23rd June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Rocksteady performance for school ~ Parents invited 9.30am
Friday 27th June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 3rd July	KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 transition day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Taster Day @ St Thomas More & St Bernard's
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 class trip
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	St Thomas More Open Evening
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre 3pm-5pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Maths Team Challenge
Wednesday 16th July	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 2pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term – School day finishing at 2pm
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025</b>	



# HOME INFORMATION



## June's Musician of the Month

# ARETHA FRANKLIN



Now Playing

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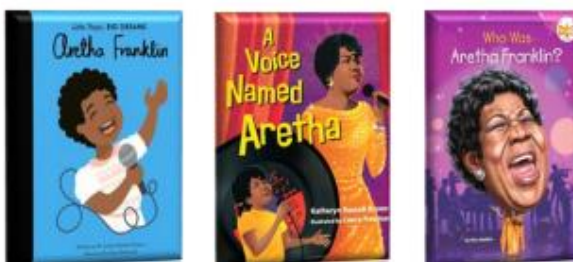
**About:** Aretha Louise Franklin was an American singer, songwriter and pianist. Referred to as the "Queen of Soul", Rolling Stone twice named her as the greatest singer of all time in popular music. As a child, Franklin was noticed for her gospel singing at New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, where her father C. L. Franklin was a minister. She went on to sell over 75 million records worldwide and received 18 Grammy Awards. From her time growing up in the home of a prominent African-American preacher to the end of her life, Franklin was immersed and involved in the struggle for civil rights and women's rights.

**Genres:** R&B/Soul, Gospel and Jazz

**Active from:** 1954-2017

**Origin:** Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A.

Books to read...



If you like Aretha Franklin, try...

- Etta James
- Ann Peebles
- Al Green