



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 a 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 and see you on Monday 30th October.

God bless,

Annabelle Delgado



Farewell!

Today we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Meechan who is retiring after 14 years at St George's. We will all miss her greatly due to her commitment and dedication to our school and everyone in it, staff and children. On behalf of everyone at St George's, I thank her for all she has done for us and wish her a wonderful and blessed retirement.



Winter Uniform

Just a reminder that the children need to dress in their winter uniform when we return on Monday 30th October. We ask that you name/label everything!

- White shirt, **excluding Reception** who will continue to wear the **school embroidered polo shirt***
- Tailored grey trousers/shorts (as appropriate), plain grey pinafore/skirt
- Grey or white socks (including on P.E. days)
- Grey or navy tights ~ no black tights
- Black Shoes
- School **jumper** or **cardigan ***
- Yr 1 – 6 **School tie** (elasticated in Yr 1 & 2)*
- Plain waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)
- Red, white, navy or black hair band/scrunchie/bow
- **School embroidered knitted hat*** or other warm hat which is plain in design and suitable/practical for school

PE Kit reminder

As the weather is changing and getting colder, can you please ensure your child wears the red school sweatshirt/ plain red sweatshirt and plain all black or all navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings -no stripes/patterns/other colours. Socks must be plain grey or white, no stripes, logos etc.

Assisi Catholic Trust Netball and Football Tournament

Match reports by Jack and Olivia from St Peter's Class

Yesterday the Year 5 and 6 boys football team took part in the Deanery football Tournament, at St. Thomas More High School. Our team were incredible and we had the best team spirit. Everyone played really well and we won 4 out of the 6 games. We came 3rd overall out of 7 schools. Well done to all the boys that took part. **GO ST. GEORGE'S !!!** **Jack**

Our netball team went to St Thomas More and played in our first tournament. We played 5 matches . They were all hard games but we worked as a team. We won the first 2 games, lost the third, but we didn't let that stop us, it just made us work harder. Our team was strong and we knew we could do it. We ended up winning our last 2 games and we came 2nd overall. We couldn't have done it without our amazing coaches and our outstanding team! **Olivia**

A big thank you to both teams for being such great representatives.

**Oscar, George P., George H., Jack, David, Sydney Archie, Harry S. & Ted
Chelsea, Afsa, Olivia, Mia, Julia, Freya W, Freya F., Beatrice, Ruva & Lily**

Artist of the Month

October's Artist of the Month is **Dalton** from St Bernadette's class.

As part of Year 3's Religious Education work they have been looking at promises they make in baptism and thinking about Jesus' baptism. The children have produced stunning artwork to incorporate the symbols of the holy spirit. They used chalk pastels and tissue paper to represent the holy dove and holy water in a challis. Well done **Dalton**, for creating his beautiful masterpiece for this month's Artist of the Month!



Head Teacher Awards

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

Conor (St Francis) ~ for being kind, helpful and a good friend to others.

Folarin ~ (St Therese) ~ for trying hard in everything and a super effort when using his words.

Lily ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for always showing kindness to others and always willing to try her best in everything she does!

Alex ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for outstanding focus and engagement within English lessons, and an excellent attitude to school life. Well done Alex!

Sinela ~ (St Joseph) for working with focus, independence and perseverance. She makes numerous valuable contributions in lessons. Well done, Sinela!

Beatrice ~ (St Anthony) ~ for always working really hard and giving 100% in all areas of the curriculum. A fantastic first half term in Year 5. Keep up the great work, you are a star, Beatrice.

Padmé ~ (St Anthony) ~ for working well collaboratively. A supportive, encouraging partner and kind friend. Padme, you are a fantastic role model.

Mia ~ (St Peter) ~ for her growth in confidence this term. She is showing an excellent 'can do' attitude when completing maths tasks and is able to explain her methods well during maths lessons – keep up this great work!



Birthdays

Congratulations to **Alissa & Harry** (St Therese), **Finley** (St Elizabeth), **Sophia & Alex** (St Bernadette) and **Alfie** (St Joseph) who celebrated their birthdays this week.



Happy birthday to everyone celebrating over the half term holiday:

Izzy (St Therese), **Rosie** (St Elizabeth), **Mia Rae** (St Joseph), **Henry** (St Anthony),
Albey (St Peter) and **Mr Sims & Mrs O'Shea**

Year R Admissions ~ September 2024

If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, they are due to start school in September 2024

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from now until 15th January 2024
[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 2024

Open mornings for Reception 2024

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2024. 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 7th November

Thursday 16th November

Wednesday 22nd November

Donations needed

I received an email from one of our parents who is supporting the local charity, Welcome to the UK.

We continue to support around 150 asylum seekers housed in a local hotel. There are around 80 children in the hotel. Asylum seekers living in hotels receive a weekly stipend of £9pp. This doesn't leave room for purchasing clothing. As the weather is getting cold, we would like to ask for your help in collecting second hand coats that we could pass on to the children living at the Skylark hotel.

With the recent temperature drop, I am sure many parents have started rummaging through boxes to dig out the winter clothes, only to realise that last year's coat no longer fits their child. If parents were able to drop-off any unwanted coats at school on the first week back from half term, we will then on Friday, November 3rd, and take them to the hotel.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Punctuality Update

Well done to Reception class – 100% punctuality AGAIN this week!

Year Group	Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Punctuality	100%	95%	98%	94%	96%	96%	95%

Prayers

We ask that you keep Mrs Pickford and all her family in your thoughts and prayers. Sadly, her brother Brian passed away this week. May they all feel God's comfort during this difficult time.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

*Our thoughts
and prayers
are with you.*



Diary Dates

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 23rd – FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER 2023	
Monday 30 th October	Children return to school in WINTER UNIFORM
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
	Firework dress up day for Reception class
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
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 22ND JULY 2024	

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



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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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