



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,

Lovely to see you!

We hope you enjoyed coming into school on Monday to see your child's work during Spring Open Afternoon. I was so proud to hear all the positive comments made by parents about the children's work this term. Thank you to all the staff who have supported the children's learning throughout the term. The class teachers were also very pleased to have met with nearly all parents & carers to give an update on the progress made since last term. I am already looking forward to seeing the achievements of the children at the end of next term; I have been amazed by all of them since returning in January – you are my SUPERSTARS!

March Dates

Monday 27th March

Book Fair week

Stations of the Cross, Part 1 presented by year 4 ~ 9am ~
parents and carers welcome

Non uniform day for winning house team – **RED HOUSE!**

Tuesday 28th March

Stations of the Cross, Part 2 presented by year 3 ~ 9am ~
parents and carers welcome

Wednesday 29th March

Parents & Carers Voice – meeting at 2.30pm

Thursday 30th March

Stations of the Cross, Part 3 presented by year 3 ~ 9am ~
parents and carers welcome

Friday 31st March

Last day of term

Stations of the Cross, Part 4 presented by year 4 9am ~
parents and carers welcome



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Head Teacher Awards

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

Joseph ~ (St Francis) ~ for being a kind and helpful friend, who always has a smile on his face!

Audrey (St Francis) ~ for settling in to her new class so well!

Milita ~ (St Therese) ~ Milita impressed us with a super piece of writing about animals this week. She listened carefully to the instructions, read the information and created a fabulous fact sheet. Well done!

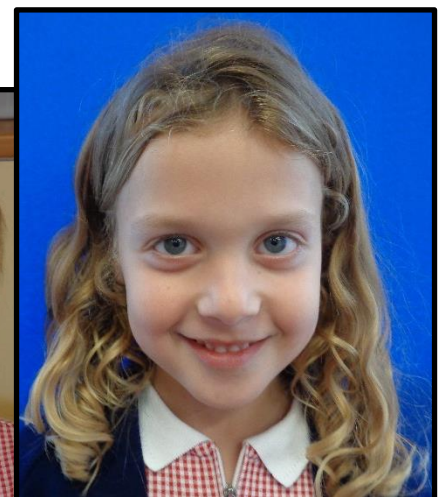
Abigail ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for always being organised, focused, a good listener and for working hard in all areas of the curriculum.

Aaron ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for consistently working with focus and curiosity within science and topic. Always asking questions and questioning why. Well done, Aaron!

Evie ~ (St Joseph) ~ for consistently demonstrating outstanding learning behaviour. She works hard in all lessons and is respectful and kind. Well done, Evie!

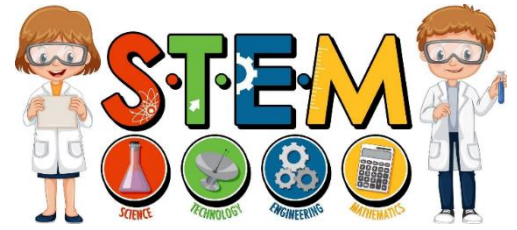
Archie ~ (St Anthony) ~ for being an incredible role model and friend. He is hard-working and enthusiastic in all areas of the curriculum and thrives when rising to a challenge. Keep up the great work!

Alex ~ (St Peter) ~ for his inspiring attitude to learning. He always goes that extra mile in his work, to be the best he can in all areas of the curriculum – well done!



Science Fortnight 2023

The children and staff of St. George's have been celebrating British Science week for the past two weeks! This year's theme is 'CONNECTIVITY', so the children have been discovering, investigating, inventing ideas around the theme of conservation. The children have looked at a number of key ideas associated with climate change.



Each class had their own challenge and the science ambassadors were on hand to report what happened!

Year R were looking at plastic in the oceans. They made sea creatures using a plastic bag and recycled rubbish. They also did a litter pick!

Year 1 looked at recycling. They also did a litter pick and they made some really cool planters out of recycled plastic bottles!

Year 2 made bug houses and hotels. They used recycled materials and collected leaves. Once they made them, they then collected bugs from outside such as ants, snails and beetles to live in them.

Year 3 made shelters to stop flooding and to keep people safe from the floods. They built the foundations using playdoh, wooden sticks, tin foil and used the 'A' shape in their design. We even gave them advice about how to make the structure strong!

Year 4 made floating gardens for Bangladesh because their floods would kill their plants. They used straw, plastic bottles, bubble wrap and foil. They tested them to see if they would float and made sure they were not too tall, in case they tipped over.

Year 5 made wind turbines to power a cup, so that it could be lifted. They used lollipop sticks, straws and card. This was a real challenge for Year 5. They used a hair dryer to test them.

Year 6 made water filters for places that do not have clean water. They used recycling clothing, sand, stones and plastic bottles to make their designs. They put all these materials in layers, inside a plastic bottle.

In addition to this, the class teachers choose a small number of children who have been science superstars for the past two weeks.

Well done to:

Joshua, Kcian & Harry (St Francis)

Victoria (St Therese)

Toby, Ezinne & Olivia (St Elizabeth)

Nathan, Eliana, Chloe, Pati, Elise & Aaron (St Bernadette)

Harry H., Evie, Henry, Kamila, Olivia & Jake (St Joseph)

Freya F., Mia & Afsa (St Anthony)

Natalia, Declan, Mia & Satya (St Peter)

Mrs Bracknell also set a Science family competition to design an eco-friendly home of the future and was overwhelmed by the number of entries! A HUGE THANK YOU and WELL DONE

to all the participants. The judging was so difficult due to the array of unique and exciting designs. However, Mrs Bracknell and the science ambassadors managed to select their winner. CONGRATULATIONS to Willow, from St Therese class, and her family who won the competition. They were successful because they used lots of eco-friendly materials and ideas, to create their 'earth ship'. Their design was innovative and unique – congratulations!

And finally...a huge thank you to all the family and friends who came to our FIRST ever science fair this afternoon. The children were so happy to host you all in their classrooms and show you the exciting things they had made during science week.

Reconciliation

This week was an exciting week for our children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. Guided and supported by their catechists, Mrs Halvey, Mrs Fitchew and Mrs O'Shea, many of the children received the sacrament of Reconciliation (the remaining children will make it during the next couple of weeks). This sacrament is an important step before they make their First Holy Communion.

Congratulations to:

Matthias, Vince, Shia, Mia-Rae, Erin, Nathan, Aaron, Darcey, Pati, Sinela, Amaya & Billy

Reading Awards

Congratulations to the children who have earned their silver reading certificates:

Willow (St Therese), (St Joseph)

and Oliver & Oscar (St Anthony)

We also awarded GOLD reading certificates for 150 reads. Well done to:

Isla (St Francis), Keziah (St Therese), River-Jane (St Elizabeth), Ada (St Bernadette),

Elsiada & Imogen (St Joseph) and Samuel (St Anthony)

Book Fair

Next week we will be hosting a book fair after school. It will be held in the Community Suite from around 3.20pm onwards. We encourage you all to pop by and have a look at the wide selection. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who will be there daily.

Pre-Loved uniform

As we will be changing from winter to summer uniform after Easter (and hoping for the good weather!) we will be welcoming any donations you may have of uniform that is no longer needed. We are also hoping to have donations of winter coats or jogging bottoms/leggings that the children may have grown out of. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Easter Card Competition

Fr Brett and Mr McEvoy had a very difficult decision to make last week when they were asked to judge our Easter card competition from Mrs Gillett's art club. The standard was so high that they were unable to choose just one winner but decided to select three winners for their beautiful Easter card designs. Congratulations to the following children:

Adedapo ~ St Therese Class, **George** ~ St Joseph Class and **Jacob** ~ St Peter Class

Well done to everyone else that took part.

Exciting news from the Children's Liturgy Team

St George's Church are soon going to be launching a new scheme with the hope of encouraging some new regular attendees to the 10.45am Sunday Mass. Children will be able to collect signatures from a Liturgy Leader each week and on their sixth visit they will receive a lucky dip gift. We hope to see as many of our wonderful young people as possible. This is for children of school year 3 and below (and NOT making their First Holy Communion).

Punctuality Update

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

Quiz Night

Message from the friends of St George's...

The PTA team are excited to be hosting a quiz night. Saturday 22nd April in the school hall, 7:30pm start. Adults only (we deserve a night out!) Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Dress up optional and in celebration of St George's day. Tables of up to 8 people, £5 pp.

We will also have a raffle on the night, if you have any unwanted gifts to donate for the raffle please let us know. To book a table please email pta@st-georges.southend.sch.uk

Also thank you to everyone who attended this week's PTA meeting. The minutes will be sent out to all parents, when completed.

This year's 'Bake Off' was discussed and dates have been decided on. You can find them in the calendar at the end of the newsletter. Once again, we will be inviting the children from each class to bake a cake

and bring it in for judging on a specific day. There will be a winner from each class. The winners will then bring their 'final' cake in on Friday 7th July. The winner will be announced at the summer fayre that afternoon and everyone will be able to buy a slice of the award winning cakes!

SCHOOL QUIZ
hosted by Friends of St George's

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL

St George's School Hall
7:30 - 9:30pm

£5
a ticket

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

£1
per ticket

Raffle on the night

Dress Up (Optional)

Parent & Carers Voice

Meeting date ~ WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 2023 @ 2.30pm If you are attending, please let us know by clicking [HERE](#)

Birthdays

Congratulations to **Johnny** (St Francis), **George** (St Therese), **Ryan & Abigail** (St Elizabeth), **Polly** (St Peter) who are celebrating this week.

Summer Term Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Before school 8.00-8.40am		Reception & KS1 Dance club	Key stage 2 Tennis skills	Reception & KS1 Rhythmic gymnastics
Lunchtime 12-12.30pm	Well-being club Chatterbox reading club	Sculpture Club ~ Y1 Choir ~ Y3 - 6	Well-being club 11+ club ~ Yr 5 KS1 Reading club	
After school 3.20-4.15pm	Year 5 & 6 Athletics		Year 3 & 4 Athletics Southend United Football Y1-6*	

*We tried to change the day so the sessions wouldn't clash but unfortunately neither club could change their day.

You will be able to book the clubs from Monday 27th March 2023 via a link which will be sent out.

SVP

Just a reminder about Vinnie's Pick n' Mix.. On Fridays they run a 'Pick and Mix' where people can buy up to 15 items for £3.50. Please pass the information to anyone who may need it.

This week is the last week of our Lent collection for the SVP centre. We hope to have a good selection for them to collect next Thursday.

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.

**£4.50 first time you come then
£3.50, when you come next!**

Yearly membership costs just £1, which entitles you to purchase up to 15 items for £3.50 shop!

**Every Friday -
10:30am- 1pm**

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



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Easter Camp at St George's

Don't forget the Easter sports camp that will be running at St George's during the holiday. Details can be found on the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Prayers

Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time.

God Bless,



Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
w/b 27 th March	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross ~ 9am ~ Parents and Carers 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
Saturday 22 nd April	Great St George's Quiz Night at the school 7pm for a 7.30pm start
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
Monday 19 th June	Year 6 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 5 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school
Wednesday 21 st June	Year 4 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school
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	Year 3 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school
Wednesday 28 th June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
	Year 2 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school
Thursday 29 th June	Year 1 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school
Friday 30 th June	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
	Reception Bake off judging day – cakes in to school
w/b 3 rd July	Year 6 Residential Trip
Thursday 6 th July	KS1 Assisi Sports
Friday 7 th July	Final bake off – each class winner to bring in their final cake
	St George's Summer Fayre 3pm – 5pm
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	

SUPER STAR SPORT

EASTER SPORTS CAMP

FOOTBALL ARCHERY DANCE
NERF GYMNASTICS & LOTS MORE

PRIZES TO BE WON

St George's Catholic Primary School
Eagle Way, Southend, Essex SS3 9RN

Week 1: 3rd April - 6th April
Week 2: 11th April - 14th April

9AM - 3PM
£18 per day or £68 per week

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