

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, Remembrance assembly

I must start this newsletter by expressing my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful Year 6 children, who led the school in our Remembrance assembly on Tuesday. It was a deeply moving and poignant occasion, reminding us all of how war affects individuals, families, and communities. The songs, poems, dance, and artwork beautifully brought everything together. Thank you to Mrs Bracknell and the Year 6 team for preparing the children so well.



Beatitudes

Today, each class shared which Beatitude their class would be focusing on during this year ahead. The Beatitudes are Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount, that show us how to live as His followers. They teach us to love God and others, be humble, merciful, and pure of heart, and trust that God will bless us now and in heaven. We chose one word to encapsulate each beatitude and each class teacher chose it for their class.

Reception ~ Kind Year 1 ~ Honesty Year 2 ~ Caring Year 3 ~ Peacemaker

Year 4 ~ Fair Year 5 ~ Courage Year 6 ~ Forgiving

Our whole school Beatitude is Thankfulness





Head Teacher Awards

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

Demir ~ (St Francis) ~ for a huge improvement in his listening skills and a fantastic effort in phonics.

Beau ~ (St Therese) ~ Beau has had a super focused week. He has challenged himself in our subtraction lessons and is trying exceptionally hard to improve his writing. Keep it up, Beau!

Jacob ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for making fantastic progress with his handwriting and for writing excellent instructions on how to make his clay poppy as part of our Remembrance Day work.

He always shows kindness and sets a wonderful example with his behaviour.

Jesse ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for fantastic writing this week. He has worked hard to write with imagination and creativity and produced two very interesting stories. Well done Jesse!

Rosie ~ (St Joseph) ~ for always working well with others as well as showing great independence.

Aviya ~ (St Anthony) ~ for engaging with R.E, always giving insightful answers, presenting her work beautifully, and showing she is a true follower of Christ. Well done, Aviya.

St Peter's Class ~ for leading the school in a moving and thoughtful Remembrance Assembly.

The Year 6 team are very proud of you - well done!

November dates for your diary

Tuesday 18th November

Wednesday 19th November

Thursday 20th November

Wednesday 26th November

Thursday 27th November

Saturday 29th November

Reception 2026 Open Morning

Assisi Catholic trust Girls Football @OLOL ~ no spectators as during school day

Yr 5/6 Boys Football League match @ Shoebury Park – parents welcome

Reception 2026 Open Morning

PTA Christmas Disco for KS1 & KS2

St George's Christmas Fayre 12-2pm

Sports Round Up



Last Friday, our year 5 & 6 boys football team participated in a Southend Tournament at Len Forge. They played against 12 other teams throughout the day and were fantastic! Out of the 14 schools, we came 4th, a super achievement. Well done to: Zayaan, Folami, Ronnie, Spencer, Albie, Freddie, Zachariah & Teddy

Then on Wednesday this week, our football and netball team travelled to St Thomas More to play against all the Catholic schools in our trust. Yet again, our children were fantastic – in their play and in their behaviour. Unfortunately, the football team didn't come top three, but our superstar netball team came away with a bronze!



'We had a great time. It was a good competition against all the other catholic primary schools. We were very proud of our medals and would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Irons and Mrs Delgado. Well done to our netball team: Elise, Chloe, Sinela, Darcey, Erin, Abigail, Sophie, River-Jane & Sophia'.

Darcey & Sinela

Hot Dinners

Please find the link for ordering school lunches for week commencing 24th November. The link is also on the school website. Deadline for orders is the 19th November 12 noon .

<https://forms.office.com/e/q49cHcnG7g>

BBC Children in Need



Thank you to everyone who supported our Children In Need Day. The children had a fabulous time completing the Strictly 25 Step Dance challenge and they were definitely dressed for the occasion. You can still donate using the QR code or by following this link



<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/donate/>

Bronze reading Awards

We had another huge amount of Bronze reading certificates to hand out at this afternoon's assembly. Congratulations to:

Penny, Edie & Luca (St Francis), Matilda, Mateo & Brody (St Therese)

Reu'Ven, Violet, Theo, Baffuor, Philippa, Sophie, Noah & John-Luke (St Elizabeth)

Adefolarin, Florence, Audrey, Joseph & Darcey (St Bernadette)

Elijah & Finley (St Joseph), Ruby (St Anthony) and Mia-Rae, Erin & Darcey (St Peter)

Purple Mash Festive Card Competition!

Get creative! Design your own festive Christmas card in Purple Mash using 2Paint a Picture. Show what this special time of year means to you. The competition runs between 3rd–21st November. Winning designs get a set of printed cards, a £20 voucher, and a goody bag! There are prizes for different age groups. Start designing now and upload your finished card to the Festive Card Display Board on Purple Mash. Let's see if our school can have a winner this year!

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday this week.

Violet (St Elizabeth), Rory (St Bernadette) and Dami (St Anthony)



Year R Admissions ~ September 2026

If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, they are due to start school in September 2026

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from 14th September until the 15th January 2026 [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 2026

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2026. 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:

Tuesday 18th November

Wednesday 26th November

Times Table Rock Stars

Congratulations to our TOP TEN rockstars this week.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Baffuor - Year 2	Nana - Year 6	Abigail - Year 5	Rosie P - Year 4	Mia - Year 2
6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Reu'ven - Year 2	Sinela - Year 6	Isla P - Year 4	Audrey - Year 3	Kcian - Year 3

This week we also awarded a special prize to the class with the highest total correct answers which went to *St Elizabeth's class* with 6,899 correct answers, nearly 2,000 more than the next class.

Punctuality Percentages

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99%	97%	97%	100%	99%	96%	99%

The Hungry Cupboard

Thank you to the children and families of St Anthony's class who have been filling up the Hungry Cupboard this week. The Cupboard is continuing to visit classes in the run up to Christmas. There is a list of items required by the SVP at the end of the newsletter.

A Beatitude Prayer

Lord, Thank You for loving me so much.

Help me have a gentle heart and be kind to others.

Bless me when I feel sad and comfort me with Your peace.

Help me be patient and share Your love with everyone.

Teach me to do what is right and to forgive easily.

Help me be pure in my heart and make me a peacemaker.

And when things are hard, help me stay close to You.

Amen

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

Further activities/dates will be added as soon as they have been finalised and will be in **BOLD**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Thursday 13 th November	Reception 2026 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Tuesday 18 th November	Reception 2026 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Wednesday 19 th November	Assisi Catholic Trust Girls Football tournament @ OLOL
Thursday 20 th November	Football match v Sacred Heart @ Shoebury Park
Friday 21st November	POSTPONED Southend Schools Football tournament (key stage 1) @ Len Forge
Wb 24 th November 2025	Last week of staff led clubs
Wednesday 26 th November	Reception 2026 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Friday 5 th December	Netball Santa Rally @ Alleyn Court
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Thursday 11 th December	Reception Nativity Play 9.15am
	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 2pm
Friday 12 th December	St George's Has Talent!
Monday 15 th December	Non uniform day for winning house team
	Christmas Gift Sale
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm at St George's Church
Wednesday 17 th December	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am
	Christmas Dinner at school
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Games Day led by Year 6
	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19 th December	Last day of Autumn term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER – FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2026	
Monday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2026
Wednesday 7 th January	Sportshall Athletics Event Year 5/6
Thursday 8 th January	Sportshall Athletics Event Year 3/4
Friday 16 th January	Southend Schools Football tournament (year 3/4 boys) @ Len Forge
Tuesday 20 th January	ACT Dance Festival @ Palace Theatre
Thursday 5 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday 9 th February	Netball League matches after school @ Shoeburyness High School
	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm-5pm
	Parent-Carer Consultation week

Thursday 12 th February	ACT Music Festival @ STM
Friday 13 th February	Southend Schools Football tournament (key stage 1) @ Len Forge
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 16TH – FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2026	
Wednesday 25 th February	Netball tournament @ Cecil Jones
	Year 3 Roman Dress Up Day
Tuesday 3 rd March	'Hot Cross Run' @ St Thomas More
Wednesday 4 th March	Key Stage 1 Tag Rugby tournament @ Southend Rugby Club
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 3/4 Tag Rugby tournament @ Southend Rugby Club
Monday 16 th March	Netball League matches after school @ Cecil Jones
Tuesday 17 th – 20 th March	Year 6 Residential trip
Thursday 19 th March	Feast of St Joseph
Monday 23 rd March	Non uniform day for winning house team
Wednesday 25 th March	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am
	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross @ St George's Church 2pm
Friday 27 th March	Last day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 30TH MARCH – FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2026	
Friday 3 rd April ~ Good Friday Sunday 5 th April ~ Easter Sunday	
Monday 13 th April	First Day of Summer Term 2026
	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 14 th April	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 16 th April	Feast of St Bernadette
Thursday 23 rd April	St George's Day
Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday
w/b 11 th May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Tuesday 19 th May	Crowning of Mary school celebration – details to follow
Wednesday 20 th May	Science Fayre 2pm
Thursday 21 st May	KS1 Cross Country – Pentecost Dash! @ St Teresa's, Rochford
Friday 22 nd May	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 25TH MAY – FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026	
Monday 1 st June	Back to school
w/b 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 9 th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (afternoon session)
Saturday 13 th June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua
Tuesday 16 th June	Induction afternoon for Reception 2026
Friday 19 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Monday 22 nd June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Wednesday 24 th June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Friday 26 th June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 1.45pm
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
Thursday 2 nd July	KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon
Friday 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day TBC
Friday 10 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.05am
Monday 13 th July	Non uniform day for winning house team
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 2pm @ St George's Church
Wednesday 15 th July	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 20TH JULY 2026	



St Vincent's
a place of help, hope and opportunity

Food Donations needed

UHT Milk	Tea, Sugar & Coffee
Pasta sauces	Jams & Spreads
Tinned Meat	Tins of veggie food (macaroni cheese/ veggie ravioli etc)
Mayo	Tinned Tomato
Butter	Cereal
Nappies	Pasta
Wet wipes	Instant Noodles
Crisps/ biscuits	Toiletries

St Vincent's Centre, Victoria Business Park, Short Street, SS2 5BY, Phone: 01702592980
Email: nesperm@svp.org.uk
Charity No: 1053992



ST VINCENT'S CENTRE, SOUTHBEND

Christmas Hamper Appeal 2025

Join Us To Lift Families Up This Christmas

This Christmas we will be supporting many families with hampers. These are the items we need to create a hamper for a family in need.

- Pasta
- Chocolate spread or jar of jam
- Packet of cream crackers
- Packet of sweets/biscuits
- UHT milk
- Jar of instant coffee
- Bottle of ketchup
- Cereal
- Mince pies
- Christmas crackers
- Tins of custard
- Jar/packet instant hot chocolate
- Jar of pasta sauce
- Gravy granules
- £10 voucher - Tesco, Sainsburys or Lidl

Last donations 15th December 2025

Unit 9, Victoria Business Park, Short Street, SS2 5BY
Charity No: 1053992

WHAT I'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW ABOUT:

TYPE 1 DIABETES

DIABETES AWARENESS DAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2025

What is Type 1 Diabetes?

It is a serious condition where your blood glucose level is too high. Insulin is made by the pancreas and it allows the glucose in our blood to enter our cells and fuel our bodies.

TYPE 1
DIABETES
IS NOT CAUSED
BY DIET OR
LIFESTYLE.

IT IS AN
AUTOIMMUNE
CONDITION WHERE
THE BODY DESTROYS
ITS INSULIN
PRODUCING
CELLS.

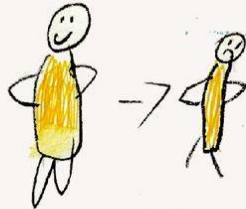
If you have Type 1 Diabetes you cannot make any insulin so need to have insulin injected or via a pump.

Approximately 270,000 people in England have Type 1 Diabetes.



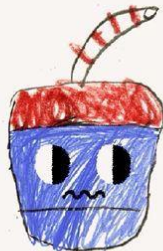
WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

The 4 main symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes - "The 4 Ts":



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unexpected
weight loss



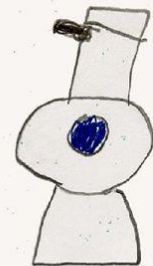
THIRSTY

being **REALLY**
thirsty



TIRED

feeling more tired
than usual.



TOILET

going for a wee a lot,
especially at night.

If you spot any of these signs see a GP as soon as possible and ask for a test.
If left undiagnosed it can make you unwell, very quickly.

Illustrations by:

Avery Fuller Diagnosed age 6