

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,

Key Stage 2 SATS

This week, we received the results of the end of key stage 2 tests that the children sat in May. The results will be included in the end of year report. It is important to remember that SATs is only just a measure of a moment of time; it is the love of learning and giving your best in all you do that is the truest indicator of success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank so many people. Firstly, the children. Our year 6 children are truly remarkable. Although their primary education was disrupted, they have worked hard not to let this affect their education. We are all so proud of them; what they have achieved, all they have overcome and the truly awesome people they have become. Thank you also to you, parents and carers. You supported your children through remote learning, kept them going and supported them during this final year at St George's.

I would also like to thank the staff. Mrs Bracknell has done an amazing job, not only focusing on the academic, but also the well-being of each child. Mrs Bracknell and the whole year 6 team, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Sayer, Mrs Heal and Mrs Wall have prepared our children, ready for their next stage of education. The children's love of learning has been nurtured and supported by all the staff that had the pleasure of teaching them: Miss Reed, Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Gillett, Mrs Walls, Mrs Howell and all the support staff who encouraged, supported and looked after them.

We look forward to spending the final two weeks with you all, enjoying every moment and celebrating all your successes, right up to the last moment.

End of year Reports

End of year reports will come home next week (paper copy). The phonics check, multiplication check and end of key stage results will be included. There will also be a parent/carer feedback slip that we ask is completed and returned to school before the end of the year.

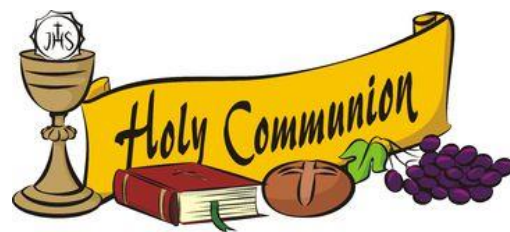


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First Holy Communion

I ask you to keep in your thoughts and prayers our children who are making their First Holy Communion on Tuesday at St Andrew's Church, Shoeburyness. This is such a special event for them all. I'm looking forward to being there with their families and friends. We pray for:



Samuel S., Lyla, Harry S., Imogen & Elijah

Lord Jesus, who gave us the gift of the Holy Eucharist, we ask you to look after our children as they come to your table for the first time.

Protect and strengthen them.

Amen.

The Greatest Showman

Next week, year 5 & 6 will be performing their end of year production to the school on Tuesday and then to the parents and carers on Wednesday.

Each child has been allocated 2 tickets per performance, for family/friends to come and watch. I will meet you at the community suite entrance to the hall to direct you to your allocated row. At the morning performance, 9.15am, we welcome pre-school children to marvel at the performance of their older brothers and sisters. The evening performance at 6pm is for adults/secondary age children only.

If anyone is unable to attend the evening show due to childcare or only having 2 tickets, please do not worry as we will be recording the performance on Tuesday and will be making it available to parent in year 5 and 6 to watch. At the end of both performances there will be a collection for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, a charity that the school supports due to the fantastic work they do with our children, and children across the diocese.

The children and staff are very excited and I know it will be a fantastic show.

Governor News

At the end of June, there were some changes to our local Governing committee.

Andrew Packer and Samantha Collins both finished their tenure after three terms as a governor. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank them for all they have done during their twelve years as foundation governors. They have supported the school, helped shape strategy to keep the school moving forwards and worked with parents for the good of our community. Fortunately, they have both agreed to be co-opted for a further period so that we don't lose their valuable expertise. They will though, be stepping down as Chair and Vice -chair of Governors. Our new Chair will be Nina Nathan and vice chair, Laura Lewis. I have already met with them both and they are very excited about their new roles and working with staff, children and parents.

Due to the changes, we are now looking for two new foundation governors.

Could you be a Governor at St George's Catholic Primary school?

- Do you want to make a difference to your local community?
- Do you have governance or board level experience or finance skills, experience of primary school teaching, SEND knowledge, facilities management or safeguarding?

- Can you build relationships with a range of people, work as part of a team, question and make connections between different types of information?

St George's Primary School currently has vacancies for voluntary Foundation Governors to join our school's governing body. You do not need to be a parent at the school or an expert in the field of education. What you do need is to be enthusiastic and committed with a genuine interest in the school and the welfare of the students.

The Governing body's role:

- Helping to set and review the school's vision and strategic direction and agreeing targets for improvement.
- Holding the Headteacher and School Leaders to account for the academic performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure that its money is well spent.

In addition. Foundation Governors are expected to bring to the governing body an informed regard for the Church nature of the foundation of the school, to ensure that its Christian ethos is preserved and developed and the religious worship reflects the traditions of the Catholic faith.

What does the role offer?

- A sense of achievement in helping to make a difference to children's progress and achievement
- Access to a programme of free education/ governance training
- A chance to develop your own personal and leadership/ management skills.

The term of office is four years from the date of appointment. Appropriate training and support will be given. If you are interested in finding out more about the Foundation Governor role please contact Nina Nathan, Chair of Governors, in the first instance at office@st-georges.sch.uk with the subject 'FAO Nina Nathan'. The closing date for applications is 31 August 2022.

KS1 Borough Sports

Last Friday, some of the children from Year 1 and 2 took part in the KS1 Borough Sports. Everyone had great fun competing in the different events. Our girls skipping team came 1st out of ten schools! The girls also did really well in their shuttle run relay and the whole girls team sprint, coming 3rd in both events. The boys were very unlucky as they won their egg and spoon heat but were 'scrambled' when they took part in the final, due to strong winds blowing the egg off the spoon! All in all, the children showed great determination and sportsmanship throughout the morning. Well done to:

Maddison, Aviya, Sophie, Julia, Sophia, Toby, Lex, Ryan, Teddy (St Therese)

Darcey, Pati, Elise, Nancy, Freddie, Ronnie W, Albie, Billy, Jude, Folami (St Elizabeth)

KS1 Catholic Sports

This week the children participated in the KS1 Catholic sports. The children were amazing, both in their performance and support for their peers in all the events. A big thank you to the whole team:

Abigail, Sophie, Aviya, Sophia, Teddy, Lex, Fiachra & Toby (St Therese)

Darcey, Pati, Nancy, Charlotte, Folami, Freddie, Albie & Ronnie (St Elizabeth)

We celebrated some top three finishes. Well done to:

Year 1 50m Sprint ~ Sophia, Year 1 Ball throw ~ Sophie ~ Silver

Year 2 Girls Standing Long Jump ~ Pati ~ Bronze

Year 1 Girls Relay ~ Abigail, Sophie, Aviya & Sophia ~ Gold

Year 2 Girls Relay ~ Darcey, Pati, Nancy & Charlotte ~ Gold

Thank you to everyone for preparing and supporting our children so well, and our supporters who came to cheer the children, you were fantastic.

Year 3 & 4 Summer Event @ Basildon Sporting Village

On Wednesday 6th July, children from Year 3 and Year 4 went on a school trip to Basildon Sporting Village. I had never been before and it was a fun day. We went with Mrs Marquis, Mrs Irons and Mrs Rutter. We had a great day and we did lots of different activities, such as: rugby, archery, ball throwing, skipping, boxing, sprint racing, playing Ghanaian drums and South African dancing. My favourite event of the day was archery because I had never done it before and it was really fun. I am hoping to go again in the school holiday. I would really recommend it for an active day out with friends and family.

Sam (St Joseph)

On Tuesday morning, some children from Years 3 and 4 went to Basildon Sporting Village on a coach. There were lots of different schools there from across the borough. We had the opportunity to participate in lots of sporting activities, including boxing, African drumming and dancing, sprinting, boccia and rugby. My favourite sport was tag rugby because you could get people out and run with the ball. We were able to do a lap around the track with two athletes who will be representing England in athletics. It was a fun day and I learned about many different sports and activities.

Sidney (St Joseph)

Sports Awards

Once again, it would be impossible to select an individual sports performer this week – all of the children were outstanding in their KS1 events. However, there was one individual who stood out in the summer year 3 & 4 summer event for her participation in all events and for her talent when drumming. She also wowed the staff with her tag rugby dodging – she never got caught! Well done to **Katie** from St Bernadette's class.

St George's Great British Bake Off

This week Reception, Year 1 and 2 participated in the Great British Bake Off. I think it was the highest number of cakes ever! Our anonymous judges tasted the cakes over two days and we are very pleased to announce the three winners who will be progressing to the Final stage on 18th July 2022 are:

Milita, Lauren and Aaron

Milita made a wonderful chocolate strawberry cake, Lauren's Victoria sponge was delightful and Aaron just wowed us with his lemon drizzle cake.

They join our other finalists in the Bake Off final which will be judged on **Monday 18th July**. Could the cakes come into school that morning so our trusty team of judges can get started straight away! Good luck to all our finalists:

Charles, Jacob R., Sidney, Maisie, Aaron, Lauren and Milita.

Reading Awards

Thank you for all of the support with your child's home reading this year. It has been wonderful being able to present so many certificates for different milestones. We are fast approaching the end of term, and, as such, Wednesday 13th July will be the last day that we

are counting reads in order to receive the next certificate. We have also been amazed by the number of children who have surpassed our '250' reads award and have even reached '300'!

In addition, we will be starting to collect in reading books from Monday 11th July. Please ensure that your child has their reading books in school. You can continue to read home/other books for the purpose of recording in the reading diary, as these will be counted up to 13th July.

Congratulations to **Harley** (St Peter) who was awarded his BRONZE certificate and **Addilyn** (St Therese) who was awarded her SILVER certificate this afternoon.

Henry (St Bernadette) and **Oliver** (St Joseph) & **Satya** (St Anthony) were awarded their GOLD reading certificate

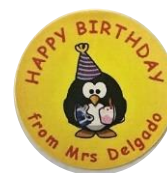
Keziah (St Francis), **Ronnie C.** (St Elizabeth) and **Alex** (St Anthony) were awarded their DIAMOND certificate

Well done to our SUPER READERS for reaching 250 reads: **Sophie & Ezinne** (St Therese) and **Jake** (St Bernadette)

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone celebrating this week.

Ebony-Hope (St Francis), **Meredith** (St Elizabeth), **Sarah-Jane** (St Bernadette), **Sidney & Hannah** (St Joseph),



Punctuality Update

Congratulations to Year 2 who scored an impressive 100% for punctuality this week.

Year Group	Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Punctuality	96%	96%	100%	97%	97%	98%	95%

Dates for your diary

Wed 13 th July	Year 5 & 6 Production 9.15am ~ Parents, carers and pre-school children welcome 6pm ~ Adults and secondary age children only
Friday 15 th July	Friends of St George's Summer Fayre - 3.15pm - 5pm
Monday 18 th July	Grand Final of St George's Bake Off Leavers Mass at St George's Church 6pm
Wednesday 20 th July	Non uniform day for the winning house team for the summer term
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of term



Head Teacher's Awards

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

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

Aviya (St Therese) ~ for a super effort in all areas this week, but particularly in our R.E. topic, where Aviya has displayed fantastic thinking and explanations in class. Great work, Aviya

Nathan & Erin (St Elizabeth) ~ for working with a partner collaboratively when using an atlas to locate countries, cities, continents and oceans. They were able to locate the different places by looking in the index to find the page numbers and grid references.

Olivia (St Bernadette) ~ Olivia has shown remarkable resilience this week when she has risen to tricky challenges. She has worked incredibly hard and shown how hard work, determination to do your best and courage is important. Well done for being a superstar Olivia!

Joshua (St Joseph) ~ for working with enthusiasm and independence. He frequently amazes us with his general knowledge and ability to retain information. Well done, Joshua!

Mia (St Anthony) ~ for fantastic effort every day and a love of learning throughout the whole year, which has allowed her to make excellent progress in Year 5. Well done Mia, keep it up!

Charles (St Peter) ~ for showing exceptional resilience this term and for being a very kind member of Year 6.

Samuel (St Peter) ~ for being an outstanding role model in behaviour and learning in year 6. Samuel is always a pleasure to teach and I always look forward to hearing his contributions during class discussions.

Joseph (St Peter) ~ for his fabulous growth in confidence during this final term. Joseph has worked incredibly hard and has made fantastic progress. Well done!



Prayers

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

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado