



# 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,

Those eagle eyed amongst you may well notice something special about this week's newsletter! It is number 500! There are a handful of parents, still at the school, who would have read newsletter number 1 when I became headteacher back in January 2012!

With this being a 'milestone', I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all.

Being Headteacher at St George's is a blessing. I am surrounded, everyday, by the most wonderful children who amaze me in so many ways. It is a privilege to watch your children grow and blossom during their time here and see them develop into remarkable young people who are ready for their next stage of education.

I am so fortunate to be surrounded by a fantastic staff, wonderful governors and parish priest and fabulous parents and carers.

I wish you all a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, for the FINAL half term of the year!

**Much love, Annabelle Delgado**

## HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Boys Cricket Tournament
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Girls Cricket Tournament, Year 3 Roman Day & Year 2 class trip



## Welcome!

Just before we say a brief goodbye for the half term break, we say a BIG hello to the newest member of our family. Harry from St Elizabeth class became a big brother again! His baby brother was born on Wednesday and Harry proudly shared his news in today's celebration assembly. Congratulations to all the family!



## Class Assembly

On Tuesday, family and friends came into school to watch year 5's class assembly. The theme was 'Pentecost'. The children reminded us of the story of Pentecost, described the fruits of the Holy Spirit and also how they use these 'fruits' in their own life. We were treated to singing, dancing and art work, all which centred around this special feast day. A HUGE thank you to the children in year 5, Mrs Howell and the year 5 class team for such a special assembly.

## Citizenship Awards 2024

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that the recipient of this year's Citizenship Award is Joshua from St Peter's class. He will be attending a special service at Brentwood Cathedral, where he, and other children from Catholic primary and secondary schools, will be recognised for their achievements and accomplishments. Joshua will be recognised for:

Joshua is an outstanding example of a good citizen in all areas of life. He strives to be the very best he can be and is always willing to help whenever he can – a real example of Christ in the world. He is a great ambassador for St George's, promoting the school to all visitors. He supports and actively participates in all school events and is a fantastic fundraiser! Joshua has grown immeasurably during his time in primary school; he has achieved so much and is a responsible, reliable member of the school community. We know that this will continue as he moves onto St Thomas More. We will all miss you, Joshua, and we are so very proud of you.

## Quad Kids KS1

Last Friday, we sent our KS1 athletics team to Garons to compete in the Quad Kids tournament. As with all our teams, they did us proud! They ran short and long distances, jumped and threw – all with the aim of earning points for the team and for their individual total. Mrs Arnold reported that the team were fantastic and gave it their all. We came 8th overall, a great achievement. Well done to the whole team:

Harry & Nyla (St Therese class)

Finley, Adedapo, Jacob, Isla, Keziah and Ebony-Hope (St Elizabeth)

### Year 3 trip

Yesterday, year 3 had a fabulous time on their school trip.

We went on a coach to Colchester Castle. When we arrived we looked around the museum, creating stained glass, trying clothes on, and holding a shield. We went into three groups taking turns to make a roundhouse, a town house, and looking at and touching artifacts. We had our lunch outside in the gardens, looking up at the castle. The prison was a little scary. We went underground with a guide, who spoke about Boudicca and the Iceni tribe and what would happen to the Celts if they didn't do as the Romans said. We really enjoyed it and want to go again.

Written by Megan and Ellie

### Artist of the Month

This month's artist is Isabelle from St Therese class. Her artwork was inspired by Jackson Pollock.

Year 1 have been learning about toys. We designed our own robots, using sketching pencils and charcoal. We added detail with buttons and controls. We have also found out about Jackson Pollock. He was an abstract artist who has worked on a large scale on a canvas on the floor. Just like him, our backgrounds were created by dripping, squirting and pouring. We used sticks, foil and pipettes, rather than paintbrushes

Congratulations Isabelle!

### Reading Awards

Lots of awards this week, including our FIRST super readers which recognises 250 reads! Well done to:

**Sophie** (St Francis), **Isabelle** (St Therese), **Milita, Lily & Jason** (St Elizabeth), **Abigail, Sophia, Toby,**

**Teddy & Lex** (St Bernadette), **Aaron** (St Joseph) and **Archie & Matthias** (St Peter)

There were also DIAMOND certificates for:

**Conor** (St Francis), **Joseph** (St Therese), **Jazmin** (St Bernadette) and **Darcey** (St Joseph)  
**Jack** (St Therese) and **Oscar** (St Peter) were awarded their GOLD award and **Oliver** (St Peter) received his SILVER AWARD.

### Birthdays



Congratulations to **Tabitha** (St Elizabeth) and **Mrs Sapsford** who celebrated their birthdays this week.

Happy birthday to those who are celebrating over the half term holiday  
**Taliah** (St Francis), **Milo** (St Therese), **Shia, Ronnie C. & William** (St Joseph)  
**Amelie & Rosie** (St Anthony) and **Archie** (St Peter)



### Head Teacher Awards

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

*Beau ~ (St Francis) ~ for engaging well in our farm activities this week*

*Mabel ~ (St Therese) ~ for a super effort in every area this week. Mabel has smiled her way through every activity, working with great enthusiasm.*

*Harry ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for his great enthusiasm in lessons, which has allowed him to make more contributions to class lessons and for being very proud of having a new baby brother!*

*St Bernadette Class ~ for a wonderful trip to Colchester Castle, full of exploring, learning, and questioning with excellent behaviour and lots of smiles.*

*Iris-Ivy ~ (St Joseph) ~ for working with focus and perseverance, and for always demonstrating excellent learning behaviour. Well done, Iris!*

*St Anthony Class ~ for their fantastic class assembly this week. You brought us together, as a community, to share the good news of the coming of the Holy Spirit*

*Honey ~ (St Peter) ~ for always being a wonderful and thoughtful friend. She always shows support to those who need it – well done!*



## Punctuality Update

Year Group	Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Punctuality	98%	97%	96%	96%	93%	96%	99%

## Message from the PTA:

Father's Day Sale for the children will be on Wednesday 12th 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.

## Prayers



We keep all our community in our prayers over the holiday.

We especially ask you to keep Mrs Nathan, our chair of governors, in your prayers. Her beloved sister, Karen, recently passed away. We pray that the whole family feels God's presence during this difficult time.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

*May she rest in peace. Amen.*

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*

## Diary Dates

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024</b>	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Feast of Corpus Christi
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 trip
	Year 3 Roman Day in school
w/b 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (morning session)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Sale in school
	Reception 2024 Induction Afternoon
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
	No after school club due to staff training
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
	No after school club due to Celebration day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Feast of St Thomas More and St John Fisher
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon
	Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school @ 2.30pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day for the Summer Fayre – KS1 donations of sweets KS2 donations of bottles
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of St Peter and Paul
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre
w/b 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Assembly @ 9.05am
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 6pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2024</b>	