

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,



Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. The children looked wonderful and have all said how amazing the day was. It was a real pleasure to be there, sharing your special day.

*I wish you a very happy half term holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back on MONDAY
5TH JUNE 2023 for the final half term of this year.*

Much love, Annabelle Delgado





Head Teacher's Award

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

Joseph (St Francis) ~ for enthusiasm and participation in activities related to our 'Minibeast' theme this week. Super job!

Elijah (St Therese) ~ for a fantastic week, particularly in maths. Elijah has been explaining his reasoning to others clearly, showing a super understanding. Great work, Elijah!

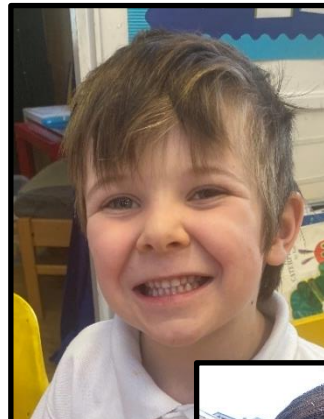
River-Jane (St Elizabeth) ~ for making great progress with her handwriting and writing a fabulous story about a pirate adventure.

Anina (St Bernadette) ~ for exceptional Times Table engagement, continuously giving her very best with the most wonderful smile. Well done, Anina!

Rosie (St Joseph) ~ for working with enthusiasm and regularly offering answers forward in class. Her contributions are always thoughtful and valuable. Well done, Rosie!

St Anthony Class ~ for their fantastic assembly this week. It was thoughtful, prayerful and was a perfect start to the day. We are so proud of you all!

Polly (St Peter) ~ for her brilliant piece of debate writing, which explored the idea of pupils bringing mobile phones into school. It was a balanced argument and an interesting read - well done!



Confirmation 2023



This Sunday, on Pentecost Sunday, several of our past pupils received the sacrament of Confirmation at St George's Church. We all trust and prayer that you will all experience a very special day and we will be thinking of you all.

Richard, Regan, Emily, Eliana, Amelie, Eden, Phoebe, Monty, Freddie & James

Spirit of God, grant these young people: The gift of wisdom to see the world through your eyes, the gift of counsel to make difficult decisions,
The gifts of knowledge and understanding to know you and to love you, the gift of fortitude to have the courage to live in the faith
The gift of piety to be able to express love and commitment to you. Amen.

HALF TERM ~ MONDAY 29TH MAY – FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

Mon 5th June

Back to school

Tue 6th June

St Thomas More information session for year 5 parents
2.30pm in Community Suite

Class Assembly

A huge thank you to everyone in year 5 for this week's class assembly. It was centred around the feast of Pentecost – the birthday of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. The children spoke and sang beautiful and the artwork was magnificent. Thank you to year 5 class team staff.

The artwork was so spectacular that one piece has been chosen for Artist of the Month. A HUGE well done to Oliver from St Anthony's Class. He was selected for his stunning chalk drawing based on the theme of The Pentecost.

Sports Reports!

What a busy fortnight it has been! Last week we sent three strong teams to compete in the Quad kids event. Year 5 & 6 kicked us off last Wednesday, competing to a very high standard. Although they didn't come away with any medals, each team member gave it their all. Well done to: **Alex, Joseph, Aubrey, David, Florence I., Kundai, Mia and Olivia**

Next up were the year 4 team the following day. Like the year 5 & 6 team, they gave 100%. They were in contention the whole way through the Event and came away with a team **BRONZE!** To come third out of seventeen schools is a real achievement. We also celebrated an individual medal. Beatrice was awarded a second **BRONZE** medal as she came third out of the 60 competitors who took part. Well done, Beatrice and the team.

George, Harry S. Harry H., Henry, Beatrice, Ruva, Lyla and Robyn

Finally our year 1 & 2 team took to the track on Friday for the final Quad event. Like the other teams, they ran, jumped and threw as fast and as far as they could. No medals this time but the performances were excellent and we couldn't have been prouder of:

Teddy, Lex, Alex, Finley, Sophia, Abigail, Ebony-Hope and Keziah.

With such fantastic all-round performance, we cannot wait for all the athletics events over the forthcoming weeks.

KS1 Cross Country

This week, our children participated in the KS1 Deanery Cross Country event at St Teresa's in Rochford and were magnificent! All team members ran with energy, enthusiasm and eagerness to do their best. As a team, we came fourth overall. We celebrated top three placings for four of the children: Dolly, Raven & Nyla (St Francis) and Finley (St Therese). Dolly & Finley came a FABULOUS 1ST, Raven came a TREMENDOUS 2ND and Nyla stormed to a FANTASTIC 3rd The Reception Girls team girls team came first place and Reception Boys and Year 1 Boys came third. Well done Team St George's, we are proud of you all!

**Dolly, Alissa, Isabelle, Raven, Nyla & Florence
Folarin, Joseph, Harry, Milo & Coby (St Francis)
Keziah, Elsie, Tabitha, Victoria, Isla & Ebony,
Finley, Adam, Adedapo, George & Harry (St Therese)
Sophia, Abigail, Addilyn, Aviya, Megan & Lauren
George, Fiachra, Lex, Teddy, Alex & Toby (St Elizabeth)**

Sports Awards

We have quite a few recipients of the sports award this week!

Beatrice (St Joseph) ~ for her fantastic individual bronze at the Quad kids event.

Harry H., Harry S, Henry, George, Beatrice, Ruva, Lyla and Robyn (St Joseph) ~ for winning team bronze at the Quad kids

Dolly (St Francis) and Finley (St Therese) for coming first in their race at the KS1 cross-country event

Raven, Nyla, Dolly, Alissa, Isabelle and Florence (St Francis) ~ for winning team gold at the KS1 cross country event

Reading Awards

Congratulations to all our super readers this week!

Lyla (St Joseph) was awarded her silver reading certificate.

Isla (St Therese), Michelle (St Elizabeth) received their GOLD certificate

And River-Jane (St Elizabeth), Ada & Albie (St Bernadette), Imogen (St Joseph), Archie, Matthias & George (St Anthony) & Ellie (St Peter) received their DIAMOND certificates for 200 reads

Congratulations to our SUPER READERS who have reached 250 reads

Elsie (St Francis), Milita (St Therese), Lex (St Elizabeth), Aaron (St Bernadette),

Kamila, Harry S. & Heidi (St Joseph), Daniel & Florence R-F (St Peter)

Birthdays



Congratulations to **Tabitha** (St Therese), **Amelie** (St Joseph) and **Corey** (St Anthony) and **Mrs Sapsford** who all celebrated their birthdays this week.

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

Punctuality Update

Year Group	Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Punctuality	91%	92%	88%	95%	90%	100%	92%

Request from Mrs Philips & Mrs Cracknell

We are looking for any donations of good quality toys for use in the EYFS next year. In particular we would be grateful for any of the following:

- diggers
- planes, dinosaurs
- small world animals.
- toy space rockets/spaceships/astronauts etc
- emergency services toys - fireman, police etc
- dressing up clothes
- doll's pushchair/high chair/doll's cot
- small world people - e.g. princesses, knights, characters
- construction toys e.g. duplo, stickle bricks
- playmobil

If you are sorting out any unwanted toys and are able to donate to the school, please leave them with reception or hand to a member of staff at the gate. Thank you

Keyboards

Mrs McLoughlin is looking to organise keyboard sessions next year. The school has a few that the children can use but not enough for half a class. If any families have a keyboard that they no longer use and would like to donate, please bring to reception and they will be gratefully received!

Whole School Photo

The closing date for ordering a whole school photo is TUESDAY 6TH JUNE 2023. Currently we only have 24 orders and would need a minimum of 28 to go ahead with the photo. Each photo will cost £20 (this will be refunded if we do not get enough orders). If you are interested in buying a photo, we ask for you to click [HERE](#). Again, you will then to pay via the Friends of St George's Paypal site. pta@st-georges.southend.sch.uk We ask that you reference your payment with the word PHOTO followed by your initials.

Prayers



We continue to pray for all of our community.

God bless,

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
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
Monday 12 th June	Class Photos
Tuesday 13 th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 2 Class trip
Thursday 15 th June	Junior Music Festival
Monday 19 th June	Year 6 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school Afternoon Tea organised by Year 6 ~ everyone is welcome £5 per head
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 Supersports ~ Track Events 4pm @ Garons
Wednesday 28 th June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am Year 2 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school Supersports ~ Field Events 4pm @ Garons
Thursday 29 th June	Year 1 Bake off judging day – cakes in to school Whole School photo
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
Wednesday 5 th July	Reception and Year 1 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
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 4 Class Assembly @ 9am
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 5 class trip
Friday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school @ 2.30pm
Monday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 6pm @ St George's Church ~ all families welcome
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 24TH JULY 2023	