

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,

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back for the second half of the autumn term. Just a reminder that we have now changed into WINTER uniform. As the weather is getting colder and wetter, it is important that the children have a warm coat with a hood for all weather forecasts. Thank you in advance for your support.

Two new members of St George's family!

Congratulations to Aaron from St Bernadette's class who has become a big brother this week. Baby Zachary arrived on Monday and was a lovely surprise for Aaron at the end of the school day!



Keziah from St Elizabeth's class was also celebrating the birth of her newest baby sister, Chloe, who arrived on Tuesday.

Both mummies and babies are doing well and we send HUGE congratulations to both families. We cannot wait to meet the newest members of our community.



Dates for November

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| Tue 8 th Nov | Individual and family school photos |
| Wed 9 th Nov | Reception 2023 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am |
| Fri 11 th Nov | Remembrance Day Assembly led by Year 6 ~ 10.40am in school ~ all welcome |
| Mon 14 th Nov | Anti-Bullying Week – Wear odd socks to school to raise awareness |
| Tue 15 th Nov | Reception 2023 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am |
| Wed 16 th Nov | Year 6 class Mass in school 9am – parents & carers welcome |
| Fri 18 th Nov | Southend Football Tournament (for football team) |
| Thu 24 th Nov | Year 3 Class Assembly 9am ~ Parents, carers and family welcome |
| Sat 26 th Nov | SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE 12-3PM |
| Wed 30 th Nov | St Andrew's Day Year 5 Class Mass in school 9am – parents & carers welcome |

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on TUESDAY to take individual and family photos. Any children who do not attend St George's are very welcome from 8.30am onwards for a family photograph. Please come to the front entrance. All siblings in school will have a family picture taken. YEAR 4 children will need to come to school in their usual uniform and bring their P.E. kits to change into. If your child attends gymnastics club on that day, you will need to send their uniform in with them. Thank you in advance for your support.

All Saints Day

We welcomed Father Brett in to school on Tuesday to celebrate All Saints Day with our first school Mass this year. Thank you to Mrs Wallen and the Liturgy team for organising this special occasion.

Remembrance Day

On Friday 11th, Year 6 will be leading the school in our Remembrance Day assembly. Families of Year 6 are very welcome to attend. The assembly will begin at 10.45am.

Bronze reading Awards

Today we presented our FIRST Bronze reading certificates of the year, marking 50 reads since we returned in September. Congratulations to:

Lily (St Therese), Lex (St Elizabeth), Aaron & Nathan (St Bernadette), Blossom, Padmé, Kamila, Maisie & Heidi (St Joseph), Matthias & Archie (St Anthony) and Leah & Florence I. (St Peter)

Food and drink in school

As you are aware, St George's is a nut free school. This is commonplace in all schools as many children have allergies to nuts which can cause a severe reaction. One food item that we also ask parents/carers not to use on sandwiches is chocolate spread, as it is impossible to be sure that it is not Nutella, or something similar.

To promote a healthy lifestyle, we ask the children to bring in a full water bottle of plain water so they can keep hydrated during the day. This should be plain water, not squash/juice or flavoured water. At lunchtime, the children can have squash or juice as an alternative. Thank you in advance for your support.

Birthdays



Congratulations to everyone who celebrated their birthday this week.

Keziah & Isabella (St Therese), Ezinne & Lex (St Elizabeth),
Jacob (St Peter) and Mrs Marquis

Friends of St Georges News and dates for your diary

Christmas Fayre ~ 26th November 12pm – 3pm

We are looking forward to our first full Christmas fayre for a while on Saturday 26th November 12pm – 3pm. There will be many stalls and a very special person may even visit us – if he has time to spare away from his workshop!

Christmas Gift Sale ~ Thursday 15th December

Each child will be able to buy 2 gifts @ £1.50 per gift. Children can bring in cash on the day or use the PTA's paypal account to make a payment.

Christmas Discos ~ Wednesday 14th December

More details to follow nearer the event.

Class Masses

This term, years 5 and 6 will be celebrating a class Mass with Fr Brett in school. Year 6's Mass will be on Wednesday 16th November and Year 5's Mass will be on Wednesday 30th November. Both Masses will begin at 9.00am. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend some quiet time with God during the usual busy week. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Artist of the Month

This month's artist is Julia from St Elizabeth's Class. Julia created an amazing firework picture and was able to use a variety of different techniques, such as splattering paint, dabbing, mark making and blowing paint with a straw, as well as using chalks and glitter to make a truly explosive piece of art! Well done, Julia!



Head Teacher Awards

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

Coby ~ (St Francis) ~ for great focus and enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum. Well done!

Macy-Rose ~ (St Therese) ~ for super listening and fabulous phonics!

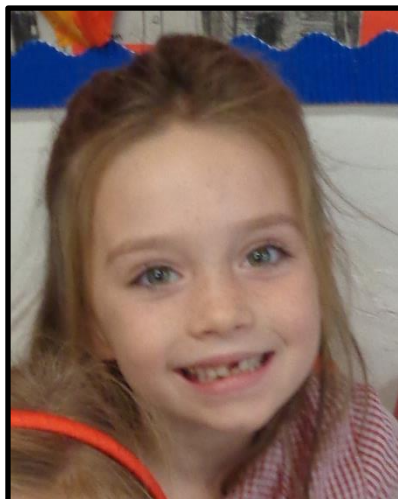
Addilyn ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for showing a great understanding of Guy Fawkes and the story of The Gunpowder Plot.

Ada ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for consistently engaging across all subjects, working with focus and enthusiasm. Well done, for always being the best you can be.

Jake ~ (St Joseph) ~ for working with confidence and enthusiasm in all subjects. A great start to this half term. Well done, Jake!

George ~ (St Anthony) ~ for great progress in our Fractions work in Maths this week. He has demonstrated excellent understanding through detailed explanations and reasoning skills. Well done George!

Lucy ~ (St Peter) ~ for showing a growing independence in maths. She has completed lots of fraction work this week, which has been brilliant. She has even worked out how to add mixed numbers! Well done Lucy!



Open mornings for Reception 2023

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2023. 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:

Wednesday 9th November

Tuesday 15th November

Harvest Collection



Thank you for your continued generosity supporting the SVP foodbank appeal.

Suggested donations are: tinned soup; biscuits, cereal bars, pasta, noodles, jam, crisps, soup, sugar, coffee, tinned spaghetti; tinned mixed veg; tinned potatoes, tinned corn; tins of veggie food (macaroni cheese/veg, ravioli etc.) tinned fruit/custard/rice pudding, pasta sauce and UHT Milk. The children can bring the items into school and we have a dedicated area in the hall.

Prayers



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

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

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| Wednesday 30 th November | Year 5 Class Mass 9am |
| Wednesday 7 th December | Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am |
| Thursday 8 th December | Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am |

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| Wednesday 14 th December | Reception Nativity Play 9.15am |
| | School Christmas Disco (times to be confirmed) |
| Thursday 15 th December | Christmas Gift Sale £1.50 per gift (max. of 2 gifts per child) |
| Friday 16 th December | KS2 Carol Concert 2pm at St George's Church |
| Monday 19 th December | Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Outfit day |
| Tuesday 20 th December | Last day of Autumn term |
| CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023 | |
| Thursday 5 th January | First Day of Spring Term 2023 |
| Tuesday 17 th January | E-Safety session for parents 3.30pm or 7.00pm |
| Wednesday 18 th January | Chinese New Year theme day for Reception class – class to wear red |
| w/b 6 th February | Children's Mental Health Week |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 13TH – FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2023 | |
| Thursday 16 th March | Reception Class Assembly 9am |
| | Reception height and weight check |
| Monday 20 th March | Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm |
| | Parent Consultations week |
| Mon 20 th & Tue 21 st March | Year 6 Bikeability |
| w/b 27 th March | Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross 9am Parents 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 |
| 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 |
| Wednesday 21 st June | Reception 2023 Induction Afternoon |
| Thursday 22 nd June | St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome |

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| Friday 23 rd June | INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS |
| Monday 26 th June | INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS |
| Tuesday 27 th June | KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am |
| Friday 30 th June | Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm |
| w/b 3 rd July | Year 6 Residential Trip |
| Thursday 6 th July | KS1 Assisi Sports |
| 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 | |