



# 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,

Today marks the end of another year at St George's. Every day we have celebrated the achievements of our amazing children and the weekly newsletter enables us to reflect on the great things that they accomplish, both academically and personally. As ever, we have enjoyed sporting success, musical excellence, a fantastic Ofsted report and the children continuing to be outstanding representatives of the school. I am always very proud when I hear compliments about their attitude and behaviour. The staff work tirelessly in order that the children in our care realise their full potential, in addition to enjoying their time here.

It is a privilege to be Head Teacher of this amazing school. It is a pleasure to serve the school community, whatever the day may bring, in good times and challenging times. I have so many people to thank, the fantastic staff, the governors and Father Brett. I also thank you, the parents, carers and families, for your support throughout this year.

**My final thanks go to the children, the heart of our school; we are blessed to know, teach and spend our days with you. I look forward to the next academic year with all the triumphs and surprises it will bring. I wish all of you a very happy and restful summer holiday.**

Thank you for all the wonderful cards, messages and presents that you have presented to the staff. Every class team, the office team and site team, Mrs Wallen and I appreciate your heartfelt words, kind wishes and thoughtful gifts.

Enjoy your summer holidays, whatever you are up to and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th September.

**Take care, God Bless and much love, Annabelle Delgado**



## Farewell...

Today we say goodbye to our remarkable Year 6.

Thomas, Eva, Samuel, Satya, Natalia, Alicia, Leah, Joshua, Conor, Lucy, Grace, Aubrey, Corey,  
Florence, Theodore, Joseph, Kundai, Declan, Klaudia, Ellie, Florence, Jacob,  
Jacob, Ava-Joy, Samuel, Polly, Daniel, Mia, Alex and Reuben

We wish them every success in their new adventures in September and look forward to hearing about their future achievements. We celebrated Mass together on Monday night which gave children, parents and staff the opportunity to reminisce on their successful years spent at the school. It was a very special evening and I thank everyone who played a part in the organisation. We also had our first leavers assembly since 2019!

We also say goodbye to the following families of children in Year 6 who have had long connections with our school. It is the end of an era and we thank you all for the support you have given to St. George's over many years. We say goodbye to:

the Anstis family, the Boka family, the Buckman family, the Charter family, the Dalipi family  
the Galvin family, the Graves family, the Hill family, the Irons family, the Mabandla family, the  
Richardson-Foster family, the Robb family, the Stanford family, the Whittaker family, the  
Wiazek family and the Wilson family.

## A huge THANK YOU

On behalf of the school, I would like to say thank you to Samuel's grandma, Mrs Burrell. As a thank you to the school, she donated a very generous sum of money, which will be used to buy another set of scheme books to support children's reading across the school.

## Our final certificates!

During this morning's celebration assembly, I was very proud to present Keziah from St Therese class with the last Head Teacher's award of 2023. She is remarkable pupil whose hard work and behaviour could have been celebrated each week from the first day in year 1. Mrs McLoughlin and the year 1 class team are so proud of her and all that she has accomplished this year. Well done, Keziah!

We also awarded the children who had 100% attendance for this year. Knowing the affect that the pandemic had on all children's attendance, we refrained from giving certificates for a couple of years. However, now that schools can once again strive for children to be in school everyday, it seems fitting to mention the children that have achieved it.

Nyla (St Francis), Finley & George (St Therese), Damian & Folami (St Bernadette), Lily, Harry H. &  
Ruva (St Joseph), Kundai & Florence R-F (St Peter)

Well done to all of you!

## A few reminders for September 2023

The first newsletter of the school year will be a bumper edition with lots of information and reminders for the year ahead! However, just a couple of things that it may help to know before we return in September.

## Attendance

We encourage and believe that good attendance is critical for all children if they are to achieve and progress well and learn good habits for life. We ask that any holidays or breaks are booked during the school holidays, as taking a child out of school during term time for holidays will impact the child's achievement, progress and/or social development/ friendships. Next year's term dates are below.

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	First Day of Autumn Term 2023
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2023 – FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023</b>	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Back to school after half term holiday
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term 2023
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022 – 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2024</b>	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of Spring Term 2024
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2024</b>	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school after half term holiday
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring Term 2024
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY ~ FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer Term 2024
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Back to school after half term holiday
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of summer term 2023
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY FROM MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2024</b>	

## Uniform

Just a note to remind parents that the children can return to school in their summer uniform (polo shirts and red checked dresses) or their winter uniform, including ties for children in years 1-6. Reception class will wear either their school polo shirts (no ties required for Reception) or their summer dresses. On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school. If your child wishes to have their ear(s) pierced, we ask that this be carried out at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that the healing process is complete by the time school starts again in September and the ear stud can be removed. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Parent & Carer Meetings September 2023

The class teachers are looking forward to meeting you in September to give you an overview of the exciting year ahead for your child. We have already organised the dates and hope that you will all be able to attend. Apart from the new Reception class, the meetings are at **2.45pm**, just before school pick up.

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 ~ Mr Sims
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 – Mrs Marquis
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 – Mrs Howell & Mrs Arnold
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 – Mrs McLoughlin
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 – Mrs Bracknell
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 – Mrs Gillett
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September @ 9am	Reception Class – Mrs Cracknell and Mrs Philips

## P.E Days WB 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Monday P.E. Day	Year 6
Tuesday P.E. Day	Year 2
Wednesday P.E. Day	Year 3
Thursday P.E. Day	Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5
Friday P.E. Day	Reception

We will continue to ask children to come into school dressed in their P.E. kit on their P.E. day which will be once a week from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. If they are attending an after school sports club, they will need to bring their P.E. kits to school to change into at the end of the school day. We will be sending the clubs timetable out when we return in September.

## Breakfast Club and After School Club

Both clubs begin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. They can be booked via WisePay. We also accept childcare vouchers and if you require further information, please contact Mrs O'Shea in the Office. All sessions now need to be booked 48 hours in advance.

The cost for each session is:

- Breakfast club (Mon – Fri) ~ 7.30am onwards  
£4.50 per session (booked in advance), £5.50 per session (unbooked)
- After school club (Mon – Thu)  
Half session – 3.15pm – 4.45pm, £5 booked / £6 unbooked  
Full session 3.15pm – 6.00pm £10 booked / £11 unbooked

## Birthdays

Congratulations to who celebrated their birthday this week

Joseph & Jack (St Francis), Emilia (St Therese), Eliana (St Bernadette) and Mrs Irons

And those celebrating during the summer holiday

Elsie, Elijah & Charlotte (St Therese), Sonny, Scarlett, Jazmin & Ruby (St Elizabeth)

Ada (St Bernadette), Katarina, Elsiada, Kamila, Oscar & Vince (St Joseph)

Jack, Freya F., Otilie, Joshua, Emily & Honey (St Anthony)

Joshua, Klaudia, Ellie, Satya Natalia, Ava-Joy & Alicia (St Peter) and Mrs Wayman



## Punctuality Update

Congratulations to Year 5 who had the best punctuality percentage for this year. This is the second year running so a HUGE well done!

Year Group	Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Punctuality	97.7%	97.7%	97.4%	98.2%	98.1%	98.6%	97.3%

## Herds in the City!

I am sure that many of you are aware there is a herd stomping into Southend this summer! There are 46 large elephant sculptures and 72 baby elephants nestling among the iconic landmarks of Southend, Leigh and Shoeburyness.

Shoebury High School set a challenge for the children to design their own elephant for the herds in the city, and one of our previous pupils, Samuel, had his design chosen. You can find his elephant at Priory Park Museum. Well done, Samuel!



## Prayers



We continue to pray for all of our community over the six weeks summer holiday.

God bless,

*Mrs Delgado*

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