



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,

It is lovely to be back as a school community looking forward to the summer term. Here's to a great next few weeks: learning together, celebrating successes and trying every day to be the best we can.

Diary Dates

At the end of the newsletter, I have published dairy dates for the rest of the academic year. Please check your diaries as there have been some additions/changes.

April 2023

Wed 27th Football Tournament @ Our Lady of Lourdes

May 2023

Monday 1st Bank Holiday Monday ~ School closed

Monday 8th Bank Holiday for King Charles III coronation ~ School closed

Tuesday 9th Year 6 SATs begin for the week.

Monday 15th PTA meeting @ 2.30pm # everyone is invited

Thursday 18th Year 1 Class Assembly @ 9am ~ Families welcome

Wednesday 24th KS1 Cross Country 9.30am - 12pm @ St Teresa's, Rochford

Year 5 Class Assembly @ 9am ~ Families welcome

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

Class Assemblies

There are 4 class assemblies this term ~ Year 1, 4, 5 & 6. Please check the diary dates at the end of the newsletter for the day. Families are warmly welcome to attend.



Celebration Day 2023 – Thursday 22nd June 2023

We are already looking forward to this year's Celebration Day. The day is an opportunity for parents, carers and family to spend the day celebrating children's talents in all areas of the curriculum. Our planned timetable is as follows:

Time	Event	Notes
8.45am–9am	Children arrive at school as usual	Parents can then make their way to Shoebury Park for Sports Morning. A member of staff will be on hand to direct you to each house team's supporter area.
9.30am	Sports Morning	Children are encouraged to wear a coloured t-shirt which indicates their house team. If this is not possible, they can wear their P.E. kit.
11.00am	Open Morning ~ celebration of children's work	Parents can collect their children from class/classes with their tray to look at the year's work. All children should be with their parents at this time.
11.30am	Children return to class with their trays	Parents can find a place where they can prepare for lunchtime. This can be in the school grounds or in Shoebury Park. The school gates will be open so that families can use the toilets etc. if they set up in the park.
Just after 11.30am	Shared Picnic Lunch	Parents collect their children from the usual end of day places to spend lunchtime with them. All children should be with their parents at this time.
12.30pm	Children return to class to prepare for afternoon performance	Lunchtime finished. KS1 parents to come into the hall for infant musical performance. Key stage 2 parents can remain outside until their child's performance.
12.45pm	Reception, year 1 & 2 musical performance	When the concert has finished, parents can leave with their children or wait for older siblings performance.
1.05pm	Year 3 & 4 musical performance	When the concert has finished, parents can leave with their children or wait for older siblings performance.
1.30pm	Year 5 & 6 musical performance	When the concert has finished, parents can leave with their children or wait for older siblings performance.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the office or speak to me on the playground.

Coronation Day Celebration – Friday 5th May 2023

To celebrate King Charles III coronation, we will be having a dressing up day in school. The children can wear either a 'royal' costume – kings, queens, prince, princesses, or red, white or blue.

We will be setting a couple of royal competitions...

- 1) All the children are invited to make a special crown for the day. You can use any materials – cereal boxes, fabric, paper etc. We will then have a crown parade at 2pm in the playground to admire their hard work. Parents are warmly invited to join us! There will be a prize for each year group for the most creative crown!
- 2) Artist of the Month – This month's artist competition is open to all the children AND parents/carers again. The theme is King Charles III. It may be a portrait, collage, model, the list could be endless. We ask that all entries come into school by Wednesday 3rd May so we can select a winner from each class and our adult winners. We will announce the winner after the crown parade on Friday 5th May.

We can't wait to see all the entries and will be posting them on the website so everyone can marvel at what a creative bunch we are at St George's!

Summer's almost here!

Just a reminder that the children should now be wearing SUMMER UNIFORM. This should be:

- the school polo shirt with either grey shorts or trousers
- red and white checked summer dress, or playsuit

Could I remind all parents and carers to check that their child brings a sunhat to school with them (school caps can be brought from our uniform supplier).

At St George's, we believe that children's safety in the sun is of paramount importance and this includes wearing a sun hat/cap. If a child has misplaced their school cap/hat, we expect any replacements to be plain with no bold, fashion logos. Red is the preferred colour as it enables us to easily identify the children walking to church, sports events etc. Please remember to label all caps/hats.

We also ask that the children have a filled water bottle to keep them hydrated throughout the day. Thank you in advance for your support.

Reading Awards

Congratulations to Lucy from St Peter's class who was awarded her bronze reading certificate. the children who were awarded their silver reading certificates:

Isabella & Sophie (St Therese), Ryan (St Elizabeth), Evie & Henry (St Joseph) David & Sidney
(St Anthony)

We also awarded GOLD reading certificates for 150 reads. Well done to:

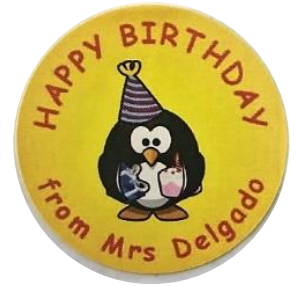
Nyla (St Francis), Elijah & Rosie P. (St Therese), Ellie, George, Aviya & Ruby (St Elizabeth),
Rosie (St Joseph), Albey (St Anthony) and Florence I (St Peter)

and congratulations to our DIAMOND readers who have made it to 200 reads:

Rory & Elsie (St Francis), Jacob, Milita, Lily & Jason (St Therese),
Teddy, Abigail & Ezinne (St Elizabeth), Jude & Nathan (St Bernadette), Vince, Harry H., Jake,
Harry S., Heidi, Blossom, Padme & Kamila (St Joseph), Hannah & George (St Anthony) Daniel,
Florence R-F, Natalia, Samuel S (St Peter)

Birthdays

Congratulations to Milita & Nathanael (St Therese), Sinela (St Bernadette),
Dominic (St Anthony) and Mrs Jenkins who are celebrating their birthdays
this week



Sports Awards

This week's sports awards are for excellence in athletics. St Bernadette class have started the athletics unit for all our summer events. Two children stood out for their excellent sprinting technique which improved their performance. Well done to Chloe and Albie. I'll definitely be keeping my eye out for you both when selecting our athletics team!

Punctuality Update

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

HOLY COMMUNION 2024 – An important message from Father Brett

In the autumn, St George's Parish will begin its First Holy Communion and Reconciliation programme for 2024. Usually, many of the children who enrol for the programme, do not attend Mass beforehand on a regular basis. Ironically, that's what Holy Communion is all about, participating in the life of the church community (i.e. coming to Mass) and centring our lives on God.

Additionally, about 85% of children who receive their First Holy Communion rarely come to Mass after the event, so their First Holy Communion becomes their last Holy Communion. My guess is that for many parents it is a 'ticking the catholic box' exercise which is rather a pointless exercise!

To be eligible for enrolment on this year's programme, your child must be a baptised catholic and will need to be attending Mass weekly from 22nd/23rd April. You will be given an attendance card which will be signed by myself every week. This card will be evidence of attendance for when you want to enrol your child in our Holy Communion programme in the autumn. If your child has other commitments and can't attend, then it is not the right time for them to make their first Holy Communion, and it can be deferred for another time. If you attend anyway as part of your weekly routine, then you'll still need a card. I like signing cards!

If you are able to meet the commitment of coming to church on a regular basis and would be interested in enrolling your child onto the First Holy Communion programme in the autumn, then please contact the parish office for an appointment to see me. Would you please also provide us with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, if they were NOT baptised at St George's. (This is for children who are currently in Year 2 and above)

Great St George's Bake Off



Summer bake off!!

Baking competition for students,
who can make the best sweetbake??

Yr6 19th June

Yr2 28th June

Yr5 20th June

Yr1 29th June

Yr4 21st June

YrR 30th June

Yr3 27th June

FINAL 7th July

£1 to enter

**Bring in your bake on your allocated date, 1
winner per year. Bake again for the final, winner
announced at the Summer Fayre!!**



Head Teacher's Award

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

Isla (St Francis) ~ for great phonics, reading and super writing this week. Well done!

Isabella (St Therese) ~ for an excellent start to the summer term. She has been a 'keen bean' in her phonics and writing activities, working independently to remember everything to be a super writer. Well done!

Sonny (St Elizabeth) ~ for growing in confidence this year, which has enabled him to make more contributions during lessons and also make really good progress in all areas.

Sinela (St Bernadette) ~ for starting the summer term with enthusiasm and focus, specifically, for displaying a great determination in our fractions lessons this week. Well done, Sinela!

Max (St Joseph) ~ for working with focus, perseverance and enthusiasm. His confidence is growing and he is making excellent progress. Well done, Max!

David (St Anthony) ~ for starting the term with a great attitude to learning and making helpful contributions to class discussions.

Declan (St Peter) ~ for always being kind, thoughtful and respectful of others. He is a true role model to others. Well done!



Prayers



We continue to pray for our families and community.

We are especially keeping Mrs Howell and her family in our prayers. Sadly, her beloved Mum, Anne, passed away during the Easter holidays. She was a dearly loved Mum, Grannie and Great-Grannie and will be missed by everyone in her family and those who knew her. We pray for all the family and friends that feel such loss at this time.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.*

God bless, take care and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Wednesday 26 th May	Football tournament @ Our Lady of Lourdes
Monday 1 st May	Bank holiday ~ school closed
Friday 5 th May	Coronation celebrations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children can come to school in a royal outfit or be in red, white or blue• Crown parade 2pm in the playground
Monday 8 th May	Bank holiday ~ school closed
w/b 9 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
Monday 12 th July	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	