



# 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,

## Dates for December

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	School Disco Reception, Year 1 & 2 <u>4.00pm – 5.15pm</u> Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 <u>5.45pm – 7.00pm</u>
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity Performance 9.15am (please see next page for details) Mrs Fitchew's Famous Sweet Stall - 50p for sweets - cash on the day or PayPal for those who forget on the day. Non-uniform Day for Blue house
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	Visit from Father Christmas - £2.50 for Santa. Please book in advance with PTA before or after school in front office. KS2 Carol Service 2pm @ St George's Church
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper/outfit day - Children can come in their own Christmassy outfits or jumpers (with their choice of bottom half). They can also bring in a special Christmas lunch with all their favourite party type food.
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Gift Sale - Children can buy up to 2 gifts at £1.50 each. Either PayPal with a clear note of name and class or cash on the day.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term and End of Term Mass 2pm

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2022**

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022      First day back





### I'm Gonna Shine!...and didn't they just!

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Years 1 and 2 raised the roof with their amazing nativity performance, 'I'm Gonna Shine!' It was wonderful to welcome parents back into school for our annual nativity play and to see how proud you all looked! The children were magnificent; they sang, danced, acted, spoke like true professionals and gave a stellar performance. We are very blessed to have such talented children at St George's, thank you all!

Also, a HUGE thank you to all the staff who were involved - Mrs McLoughlin, Mrs Gillett and everyone who is part of the class team. Not only did the staff support them in learning their parts, they gave them such confidence to perform in front of THREE audiences over the three days. Well done to all of you. Congratulations to Ada who designed the wonderful programme cover.

Link for nativity performance - <https://stgeorges-cps-southend.primarysite.media/>



### Christmas Performances next week

Reception class nativity, A Wiggly Nativity, will take place next Monday morning at 9.15am. Entrance will be via the Community Suite



Our Christmas Carol Service for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will take place at the church on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. Children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will not need a school bag that day. If possible, could they bring their lunch in a disposal bag, or use a back up lunchbox, as we will not be bringing any items to church with us.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend Reception class nativity and the KS2 carol concert, but we will limit attendees to two people per family. All attendees will need to have proof of a negative lateral flow test in the 48 hours before the event. This has to be either a text or email from the NHS site after inputting the result on the government website.

### [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result)

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 - 90 days you can show evidence of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 90 days (a previous positive test result email or text from the NHS will do). If you have tested positive in the 10 days before the event, you should stay at home and isolate.

We ask that all attendees wear a face covering/mask, as face masks are now mandatory inside venues, unless you are exempt.



### Head Teacher Awards

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

**Adam** ~ (St Francis) ~ for his enthusiasm for our nativity play. He certainly brings out the Christmas joy in all of us!

**St Therese Class & St Elizabeth Class** for their amazing Nativity play. You all shone like stars!  
Well done!

**Harry H.** ~ (St Bernadette) ~ Harry has shown what an incredible imagination he has this week through his writing describing a Stone Age setting. He is an amazing author in the making!

**Jack** ~ (St Joseph) ~ for being an excellent role model. He is always very well-behaved and takes pride in all the work he produces. Well done, Jack!

**Reuben** ~ (St Anthony) ~ for fantastic story writing this week. His Christmas-themed work has been full of outstanding vocabulary and sentence structure. He has used his targets and success criteria this term to make great progress and develop his writing to a very high standard. Well done Reuben!

**St Peter Class** for their fantastic contributions to WW2 day. The children took part in all the activities with lots of enthusiasm and gave fantastic answers when discussing key themes such as the Blitz, rationing and evacuation. Well done!



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ers of this week's Sports Awards have been chosen for their fantastic performance in the Key Stage 2 Dodgeball workshop that the children participated in earlier today. Congratulations to:

*Evie & Jake (St Bernadette)*  
*David & Joshua (St Joseph)*  
*Thomas & Natalia (St Anthony)*  
*Harry C. & Hannah (St Peter)*

### Bronze reading Awards

Congratulations to the children who have been awarded bronze certificates for 50 reads:  
*Lily, Jason, Melissa, Rosie P., Isla M & Keziah (St Francis), Michelle, Olivia, Julia & Ruby (St Therese), Albie & Ronnie W. (St Elizabeth), Ruva & George (St Bernadette), Oliver & Jack (St Joseph),*  
*Kundai (St Anthony) Elicia, Charlie, Summer and Jasmine (St Peter)*

### Birthdays

Congratulations to *Chloe (St Elizabeth), Robyn (St Bernadette) and Mrs Howell* who celebrated their birthdays this week.

### Christmas Lunch & Jumpers!



On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December we are having our School Christmas Lunch when all the children can come in with their own special packed lunch that day. Please do not give your child a Christmas cracker or products containing nuts. If your child is coming to school in a Christmassy outfit, they do not have to wear uniform trousers or skirts.

This year all donations for concerts, carols and Christmas jumpers will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. You can donate by scanning this QR code



### End of Term Mass

We are looking forward to welcoming Fr Brett into school to celebrate End of Term Mass. Children can leave school after Mass, around 2.30pm, so you can collect your children a little earlier on the last day! We will inform you via the app when Mass has finished.

### Spring Term Clubs

Next term we will be offering some different school clubs for the children to attend. They will run from w/b 10<sup>th</sup> January until w/b 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022. We will publish lunchtime clubs in the new year.

	Before School 8am – 8.45am	After school 3.15pm – 4.15pm
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Monday	KS1 Sports Hall Athletics*	Year 4, 5 & 6 Netball – no charge this term KS1 Science Club**
Tuesday	KS1 & KS2 Cross Country*	Southend Utd Football Yr 1, 2 & 3
Wednesday	KS2 Sports Hall Athletics*	Year 5 & 6 Football – no charge this term
Thursday	KS2 Dodgeball*	Southend Utd Football Yr 4, 5 & 6

\*Clubs will be charged at £25 for the term (10 weeks)

\*\* Science club will be charged at £10 for the term

Southend United Football will need to be booked on their website

Click [HERE](#) to access the club request for all before school clubs, Netball and Wednesday football

### STEM Challenge

As well as organising the after school science club, Mrs Bracknell also arranged for Year 6 and some of the Year 5 children to take part in a STEM challenge, sponsored by the company OLYMPUS. The children had to design and build a number of gliders with varying tail, wing and body structures.



They then had to test each glider and decide on their best design. The children also found out what an engineer is and the types of jobs they do. The children were very enthusiastic throughout the process and it was a pleasure to see some potential future engineers!



### Evacuation! WW2 day in Year 6

The children came to school on Monday, ready to experience life as an evacuee. They all came to school dressed as evacuees and they all had identification labels attached to each of them, ready to be 'evacuated' to Derbyshire. The children experienced cooking WW2 recipes such as Spam hash and eggless sponge - the Spam (surprisingly) was very popular! They also danced the Lindy hop and sung their own rendition of, 'It's a long way to Tipperary'. They also learnt about the meaning of, 'make do and mend', by using recycled fabric to make mini Christmas stockings.



### Christingles



Year R and their Year 6 buddies came together Wednesday afternoon to make a Christingle. The Year 6 children did a wonderful job, supporting the younger children.



We pray for a wonderful final week when we return on Monday. Have a super weekend,

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*

### Diary Dates

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Class Nativity Performance 9.15am Parents welcome
	Non Uniform Day for winning house team TBC
	Visit from Mrs Fitchew with her famous sweet stall

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service 2pm at St. George's Church
	A VERY SPECIAL VISITOR at St George's
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Outfit day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Gift Sale
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term 2022
w/b 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022</b>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day – Dress as a book character
w/b 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
w/b 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair Week
	Parent and Carer Consultation Week
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Afternoon 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Key Stage 2 Assisi Cross Country
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
w/b 28 <sup>th</sup> March (Mon-Thu)	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross 9am Parents welcome
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022</b>	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term 2022
	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Non uniform day for winning house team
	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 4 Bikeability
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank holiday
w/b 9 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Class School Photographs
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2022</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Additional Bank holiday for Queen's Jubilee
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY 2022

Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Assisi Sports
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Assisi Sports
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 Production 9.15am & 6pm Parents and Carers welcome
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Non uniform day for winning house team
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022</b>	