



# 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,



We would like to wish all of you a very peaceful and holy Christmas and a  
happy New Year.

and look forward to seeing you all back safe on

**MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2025**



Many thanks

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say a huge thank you for the many cards, gifts and Christmas wishes that we have received. It was very kind of you to think of us all at this busy time.



**Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup> December)**

We begin celebrating Christmas with a special Mass on Christmas Eve for children and young people. St George's church, 5.30pm

The later Mass is at:

St George's Church, 9.30pm

**Christmas Day (25<sup>th</sup> December)**

St Gregory's Church, 8.45am & St George's Church, 10.45am

**St Stephen's Day (26<sup>th</sup> December)**

St George's Church, 10.00am



## Goodbye and Good Luck

On Wednesday morning, we held a special assembly to express our heartfelt thanks and bid farewell to **Mrs. Cracknell and Mrs. Philips**. Year 6 took the spotlight as 'staff members,' sharing their fond memories of these two wonderful ladies and all they have done for the children of St. George's. On behalf of everyone at the school, including those with lasting connections, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for your dedication to the education of our students and for being such incredible colleagues. May God bless and keep you both. With all our love, Team St. George's.

Today we also said 'Au Revoir' to **Sophie and Charlotte** who are leaving for new adventures in France. Sophie and Charlotte were fantastic representatives of our school during their time with us. We wish them, Mum and Dad, every success in the future.

## KS2 Carol Concert

It was wonderful to see so many families attend this week's carol service. The children sang beautifully and a BIG thank you to our readers from the different classes.

## Birthdays



Congratulations to **Carson & Roisin (St Francis)** **Victoria (St Bernadette)** **Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Wall** who celebrated birthdays this week.

And an early 'Happy Birthday' to those who are still to celebrate their birthday in the holidays, **Brody (St Francis)**, **Louie & Nyla (St Elizabeth)**, **Eva, Melissa & Isla (St Bernadette)**, **Dillon (St Joseph)**, **Ronnie & Pati (St Anthony)**, **Olivia (St Peter)**, **Mrs Arnold & Mrs Stannard**



## Thank you

A big thank you to the Friends of St George's who have been working hard, right up to the last minute! The children enjoyed the Christmas gift sale with lots of lovely presents on sale. It went very smoothly due to many hands making light work – thank you all!

## Year 6 Games Day

Year 6 would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the children who supported their games day today. It was a great success and all the children loved their time in the hall.

## SVP Collection

Thank you to all who contributed to the Advent collection for the SVP. They collected 10 boxes of food and Christmas treats on Thursday which will all go to helping people over Christmas.



## Bronze reading Awards

Congratulations to our BRONZE readers this week:

**Lucas, Aarujaan, Brody & Ivy (St Francis)**, **Stanley & Jacob (St Therese)**  
**Sophie & Adam (St Bernadette)**

## Prayers



Christmas can be a very difficult time for some people and there are members of our community who will not, for different reasons, be able to celebrate over the coming fortnight. We remember all of these people in our prayers.

God Bless, *Mrs Delgado*

## Diary Dates

Further activities/dates will be added as soon as they have been finalised.

### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER – FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2025**

|                                    |  |
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| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January     | First Day of Spring Term 2025                                  |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January   | Sportshall Athletics Event Year 5/6                            |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January    | Sportshall Athletics Event Year 3/4                            |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January    | ACT Dance competition Yr 6                                     |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January | Year 6 Residential meeting in school @2.45pm                   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January  | Girls football match v Friars                                  |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February   | Girls football match v Hamstel                                 |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February  | Netball League matches after school @ Shoeburyness High School |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February | Year 5 Class Assembly  |

### **HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

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| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February                  | Netball tournament @ Alleyn Court   |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March                         | Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm<br>Parent & Carer Consultation week |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Shrove Tuesday  |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March                      | Ash Wednesday   |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March                       | Netball League matches after school @ Shoeburyness High School            |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March                     | Feast of St Joseph  |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Key Stage 2 Assisi Cross Country  |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> –Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March | Year 6 Residential Trip   |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April                      | Year 5 trip   |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April                         | Last day of Spring Term   |

### **EASTER HOLIDAY ~**

**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Feast of St Bernadette

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April ~ Good Friday

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April ~ Easter Sunday

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| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April   | INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April | First Day of Summer Term 2025       |

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| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April   | St George's Day   |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May  | Bank holiday  |
| w/b 12 <sup>th</sup> May  | Year 6 SATS WEEK  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May   | Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country @ St Teresa's, Rochford    |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May   | INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS                         |
| <b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025</b> |   |
| Monday 2nd June   | First Day of Summer Term 2025                               |
| Friday 6th June   | Year 4 Class Assembly @9.05am                               |
| w/b 9th June  | Year 1 Phonics Screening                                    |
| Tuesday 10th June   | KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (afternoon session)             |
| Friday 13th June  | Feast of St Anthony of Padua                                |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June   | KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am          |
| Friday 20th June  | INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS                         |
| Monday 23rd June  | INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS                         |
| Friday 27th June  | St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome |
| Wednesday 2nd July  | Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.05am                              |
| Thursday 3rd July   | KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon        |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July  | Year 5 Taster Day @ St Thomas More & St Bernard's           |
| Wednesday 16th July   | Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm             |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July  | Year 6 Leavers Mass 2pm                                     |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July   | Last day of term  |
| <b>SUMMER HOLIDAY THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025</b>                                |   |