



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 parents, carers and community,



I think we can definitely say that Autumn has arrived! Don't forget to label coats, scarves, gloves and hats!

Drop off and Pick up

Thank you to all parents and carers for playing your part at drop off and pick up. We are really pleased how effectively it is working. We have received feedback that it's nearly, but not quite there, at the Year 5 & 6 gate.

Can we ask that Year 5 parents *ONLY* wait by the gate before 8.40am and that Year 6 parents wait further down the path, or in the park, and do not line up by the gate until 8.45am, the year 6 drop off time. At the end of the day, Year 6 parents will need to wait until 3.10pm before lining up along the path, and then once the Year 5 parents have left, come onto the playground. It's really important we minimise contacts as much as possible and that we all keep ourselves and others safe.

Just to remind parents that if they need to pass a message to the class teacher, this needs to be done via email to keep everyone safe. Please send any messages to office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk

Thank you in advance for your support



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INSET Days

Yesterday you should have received a message regarding this year's INSET days. Last year, we had planned an INSET day in October but this was cancelled and has not been in the school diary at all during this term. My apologies if there has been any confusion for parents and carers. We had also originally planned our next INSET day for November, however in light of only returning to full re-opening since September, we have decided to cancel this date as well, and move it to next year, either Spring or Summer term.

I am sure you will agree that it is extremely difficult to plan ahead at this time, but we are still aiming to keep 18th & 21st June and 21st July 2021 as INSET days. This still leaves one more INSET day which we will inform you of once we have agreed it.

Mobile Testing Centre

We have been informed by the council that there is a mobile testing unit located in the car park area of Shoebury Park, Elm Rd. It appears to be in operation on Tuesdays and Fridays, 10am - 4pm, which will mean the car park will be closed to the public during this time.

Well done Natalia!

We are really proud of Natalia from St Peter's Class who has recently been awarded a Blue Peter badge. I asked her how she came to receive it:

"I got my Blue Peter music badge for playing the guitar. I started to learn the guitar in Year 4 and since then I love it more and more. My dad used to play the guitar when he was a child and he inspired me to learn. Since I've been playing more my Dad has started to play his guitar with me so we play together. I had to wait 10 weeks for my badge to arrive."

I am sure it was worth the wait! Well done Natalia.

Head Teacher Awards

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

Teddy (St Francis) ~ for a great start to school life. He has shown great kindness, helpfulness and enthusiasm in his learning.

Shia ~ (St Therese) ~ for such an enthusiastic approach to his learning and being such a keen bean with his super effort in writing. Great work, Shia!

Heidi ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for her amazing detailed and factual piece of writing about The Great Fire of London.

Harry ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for his excellent enthusiasm in maths and his times table improvement. What a times table rockstar!

Samuel S. (St Joseph) ~ for being an absolutely outstanding role model. He always demonstrates excellent behaviour and is a conscientious learner. Keep it up, Samuel!

Isabelle ~ (St Anthony) ~ for always striving to be the best she can be. Isabelle works hard in all that she does and also demonstrates the qualities of a kind friend to us all in St Anthony Class

Leandro ~ (St Peter) ~ - for showing great enthusiasm in our R.E lessons this week. He made fantastic contributions to class discussions and gave great ideas for a modern version of the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Sports Awards

Well done to our two performers this week!

Oscar (St Elizabeth) for his fantastic moves and creativity in our dance lesson when playing the part of The Mouse in the story of The Gruffalo.

Vince (St Elizabeth) ~ for his brilliant actions and movements, when playing the part of The Gruffalo in our dance lesson.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Freya W. (St Bernadette) and Chloe (St Anthony)

Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	21.8	21.8	Halfway to London!
Year 1	70.4	191.9	Great Yarmouth
Year 2	52.8	207.4	Norwich
Year 3	39.9	167.1	Great Yarmouth
Year 4	74.5	210.9	Kings Lynn
Year 5	78.2	224.6	Kings Lynn
Year 6	69.5	215	Kings Lynn

Year R Admissions ~ September 2021

Applications can be submitted online to the Local Authority from 14th September 2020 until the 15th January 2021. Please note that a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed, which is available from the school (please contact the office and it will be sent via email). If your child has been baptised, or the equivalent in a Christian church, please send a copy in with your application. The Supplementary Information Form is to be returned to the school by 22nd January 2021

Open mornings for Reception 2021

Due to the current situation with regards to visitors in schools, this year we will be doing something a little different! I will be making a short information video for parents about the school and the process of application. There will also be a virtual tour that the children will organise and deliver. Both will be available on the website from 2nd November 2020. I will also be available for a coffee morning (online 9.30am – 10.30am), or afternoon tea (online 4pm – 5pm) where I am available to meet and chat with individual families who are interested in a place for their child. Appointments can be booked via the office from 2nd November and the dates will be

Wednesday 4th November (9.30am – 10.30am & 4pm – 5pm)

Tuesday 10th November (9.30am – 10.30am & 4pm – 5pm)

Thursday 19th November (9.30am – 10.30am & 4pm – 5pm)

Breakfast Club and After school club

Don't forget, you can book anytime up to the day before.

Breakfast club runs from 7.30am – start of school day ~ £3.50 (breakfast is provided)

After school club runs until 4.45pm ~ half session £7.00

until 6.00pm ~ full session £10.00

(The children will need to bring a 'packed tea' with them which we can refrigerate)

Prayers



Please keep all our community in your prayers.

Have a lovely weekend

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Diary Events

Date:	Event:
From Wednesday 7 th October	Parent Consultations via Google Meet for Reception
w/b Monday 19 th October	Parent Consultations via Google Meet for Year 4
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 26th – FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER 2020	
Friday 6 th November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 available on website
Tuesday 10 th November	Individual school photos
w/b 7 th December	Reception Class Nativity Play & KS1 Nativity play available for parents on the website
w/b 14 th December	KS2 Christmas concert available for parents and carers on the website
Monday 14 th December	Non uniform Day for winning house team
Thursday 17 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18 th December	Last day of Autumn Term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2020 – FRIDAY 1ST JANUARY 2021	