



# 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,

## R.E. news

### Spirited Art

This term, Mrs Gillett organised a whole school competition titled 'Spiritual Art'. The theme was God's good earth. The children were invited to explore ideas and beliefs about the natural world, animals and the environment, human responsibility for the earth and ways of praying about climate justice. There were so many fantastic pieces of art work, we had to widen our usual panel of judges! Father Brett, Mrs Lawrence and the Liturgy team helped Mrs Gillett and I decide. A HUGE congratulations to our winners:

**John-Luke (St Francis Class), St Therese Class** for the collaborative piece of art,

**Eva (St Elizabeth), Teddy (St Bernadette), Chloe (St Joseph),**

**Evie (St Anthony) and Kieran (St Peter)**





### Head Teacher Awards

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

**Jacob** ~ (St Francis) ~ for great maths this week when working on 1 more, 1 less and learning about shapes.

**Joseph** ~ (St Therese) ~ for just being a superstar! Great listening, hard work and always trying his best. Fab-u-lous!

**Keziah** ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for showing great concentration whilst completing her work and good determination to do her very best in all areas. Well done Keziah and keep it up!

**Abigail** ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for working incredibly hard in all areas of the curriculum both inside and outside of school. Your desire to work hard is a joy to behold. Keep it up!

**Mia Rae** ~ (St Joseph) for being such a superstar this week! Mia Rae works hard at everything and is a wonderful friend to everyone.

**Maisie** ~ (St Anthony) ~ for showing light bulb moments in both Maths fractions work and English reading comprehension this week. Keep working hard Maisie, you are a shining star!

**Joshua** ~ (St Peter) ~ for showing independence this week when completing set tasks in lessons. He has also shown a keen interest in our science topic about the heart and blood! Well done Joshua!



## BBC Children in Need

A BIG thank you to everyone who supported this year's Children in Need appeal. The children were certainly colourful! In fact, I could have done with a pair of sunglasses!

We raised a fantastic £268.29 Thank you.



### Dates for November/December

Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Reception 2024 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 3 class assembly 9am
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Non uniform day for Christmas Fayre donations – bottle or sweets

## Birthdays

Congratulations to Violet (St Francis), Rory (St Therese), Blossom, Padme & Katie (St Anthony) and Mrs Cracknell who are celebrating their birthdays this week.



## Christmas is coming....!

I have no doubt that the parents of our younger children have already heard a few bars of the upcoming nativity plays! Letters will be coming home soon requesting costumes etc. With regards the allocation of tickets:

**Reception class – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am** – each child can have up to 4 family or friends to watch them. There is no seat allocation, however, we will be there with a warm friendly greeting and to direct you in!

**Years 1 & 2 – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am** – each child can have 2 people at **EACH** performance (4 in total). The seats are allocated and you will receive your 'row letter' via text in plenty of time. Don't worry though, we will be there with a map to direct you to your row if needed!

Entry for both events will be via the front office.

## **Key Stage 2 Carol Concert – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December @2pm**

Everyone is welcome to our key stage 2 (years 3, 4, 5 & 6) carol concert at St George's Church. There is no seat allocation, nor set numbers per family. We will walk the children down to the church soon after lunchtime and at the end of the concert, the children can leave with their families – an early start to the weekend! Younger siblings can be collected from school. If you are unable to attend, let the office know and we will walk your child back to school to be collected at normal time. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## Christmas Disco & Gift Sale.



**ST GEORGE'S**  
*Christmas Disco*

*Join us for a glow in the dark party!*

HOSTED BY **LIL RED**

WRISTBANDS: £5.00 -  
PURCHASE FROM 13TH NOVEMBER  
ENTRY INCLUDES SWEETS, CRISPS  
AND GLOWSTICKS

DATE: *Wednesday 13th December*

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2  
YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6  
*4pm - 5.15pm*  
*5.15pm - 7pm*



Don't forget to buy your tickets for the FABULOUS Christmas disco on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. You can buy them via the PTA's Paypal account, or with cash after school on TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, at the front office.

The Christmas gift sale will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, in the morning. The children can buy 2 gifts each for their 2 special people. The gifts are £2 each and can be paid via Paypal (up to FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER) or cash on the day.

PTA paypal address

[pta@st-georges.southend.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-georges.southend.sch.uk)

## Non-uniform day to support the Fayre

On Friday 1st December, there will be a non-uniform day to support the Christmas Fayre. If your child would like to come in non-uniform, we ask that they either bring:

A bag of sweets if they are in Reception, year 1 or year 2

Or

A full bottle of something (it can be alcoholic or non-alcoholic) if they are in years 3, 4, 5 or 6.

Thank you in advance.



**Free Entry**

**SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER**  
**12-3PM**

**ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL**  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Santa's Grotto**      **Sweet Shop**

**Games**      **Bottle Tombola**      **Raffle**

**And much more....**



## Year R Admissions ~ September 2024

If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, they are due to start school in September 2024. Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from now until 15th January 2024 [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Please note that a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed which can be found on our website or you can request a copy to be sent via email. If your child has been baptised, or equivalent, in a Christian church, please send a copy of their certificate in with your application. The Supplementary Information Form is to be returned to the school by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

### **Open mornings for Reception 2024**

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2024. Each session will take place from 9.30~10.30am and will include a talk from the Headteacher, a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask questions. Please contact the office to book a place. The final date is **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

### Sporting Success!



Last Friday, our school football team took part in the Southend tournament at the Len Forge Centre. Match report by **George** from **St Peter's** class.

St Georges football team proudly represented the school at a tournament last Friday. It was 6-a-side and 8 minutes each way. Our manager Mr O'Connell told us to be quick with the ball; to be honest if you conceded a goal, it was very hard to get back into it. The standard was really good, and we were excellent making progress throughout the day. **Oscar** was solid in goal making great saves. **David**,

**Ben**, **Jack**, **Sidney**, **Sam** and me, as Captain, worked well. Our training together at school made a positive difference. Looking forward to our next match!

**Well done team, you were fantastic. A big thank you also to Mr O'Connell for being such a wonderful coach.**

This week's Sports Award was awarded to a member of our football team. **Sidney** was voted as player of the tournament by the team and the coach. He played incredibly well and demonstrated great skill, especially his 'first touch'!

### Singing Success!

Yesterday, our choir attended the FIRST ever Assisi Catholic Trust school choir competition. It was a wonderful evening where five different schools from the trust came together to sing. Our choir sang two songs and the judges commented on their energy and performance. It was very close although we were not awarded the trophy this year, we will definitely be aiming for top spot next year. Thank you to Mrs McLoughlin for organising, supporting and inspiring our wonderful choir:

Aviya, Katie, Scarlett, Addilyn, Megan, Ruby, Ezinne, Sophia, Sophie, Jazmin, Abigail, Nathan, Chloe, Elise, Beatrice, Elijah, Max, Harry H., Harry S., Henry, Sarah-Jane, Ruva, Blossom, Padmé, Amelie, Imogen, Katarina, Otilie, Chelsea & Emily

### And the awards keep coming!!

It is not just the children that we are very proud of at St George's; we also have amazing parents who are recognised for amazing things!

This week, **Tina Ugo, Ezinne's mum**, was delighted to have been awarded the MP HEROes Award.

Tina was nominated by our Local MP Sir. James Duddridge who was so very impressed with what she has done with her fashion brand DIDI Creations after he visited her showroom earlier this year.

This is an annual award given to Outstanding Business Women across the country in recognition of their outstanding business successes and achievements. Each MP nominate one Business woman (their HERO) from their constituency and all the HEROes are hosted to a round table celebration at the House of Commons to network & receive their awards alongside their MPs. WELL DONE Tina; you are our superstar!



### Punctuality Update

Year Group	Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Punctuality	95%	97%	99%	98%	98%	97%	99%

### Bronze reading Awards

Well done to all of you who gained your BRONZE AWARD this week for 50 reads:

Theo, Edie & Sophie (St Francis), Rosa, Darcie, Florence & Joseph (St Therese), Scarlett, Jacob, Melissa & Rosie P. (St Elizabeth), George & Katie (St Bernadette), Chloe, Shia, Mia-Rae & Damian (St Joseph), Albert, Rosie & Henry (St Anthony) and Hannah & Julia (St Peter)

## Prayers

We keep all our community in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*

## Diary Dates

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Reception 2024 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 class assembly
	Feast of St Andrew
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Non-uniform day to support the Christmas Fayre. A bag of sweets if they are in Reception, year 1 or year Or A full bottle of something (it can be alcoholic or non-alcoholic) if they are in years 3, 4, 5 or 6.
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	First Sunday of Advent
	Parish Christmas Fayre after 10.45am Mass
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reconciliation service in school
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity Play 9.15am.
	PTA Christmas Disco
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm at St George's Church
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Outfit day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Non uniform day for winning house team
	End of Term Mass for the children
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn term
	Year 6 games day – details to follow
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2024</b> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December~ Christmas Day Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December ~ St Stephen's Day	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term 2023
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday Service for children in school
	Lent begins

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Feast of St Anne Line
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Netball tournament @ Alleyn Court
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	St David's Day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm Parent & Carer Consultation week
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	NHS resilience workshop for year 6
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Feast of St Joseph Lent Reconciliation service in school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Key Stage 2 Assisi Cross Country
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Science Fair in school 2.30pm ~ everyone welcome
Wb Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Stations of the Cross 9am everyday # led by years 3 & 4
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring Term

**EASTER HOLIDAY ~****GOOD FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March ~ Good FridaySunday 31<sup>st</sup> March ~ Easter Sunday

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term 2023
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Feast of St Bernadette
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Afternoon Tea for parents, carers, family and friends! 1pm – 3pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Feast of St Margaret Clitherow and the 40 martyrs
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception height and weight check
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day ~ Mass for the children
w/b 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost Sunday
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country @ St Teresa's, Rochford

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024**

2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Feast of Corpus Christi
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class – Learn to ride session
w/b 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (morning session)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception 2024 Induction Afternoon
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Feast of St Thomas More and St John Fisher
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon
	Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school @ 2.30pm
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of St Peter and Paul
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
w/b 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 6pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term

**SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2024**

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## *Christmas Disco*



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YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

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# St Vincent's Centre, Southend

## VINNIES PICK N MIX

Vinnie's Pick n Mix is a low cost food market which takes place inside our centre, we will replenish stock throughout the market time so its fair for everyone attending.

**£5 first time you come then  
£4, when you come next!**

Yearly membership costs just £1, Which entitles you to purchase up to 15 items for £4 shop!



**Every Friday -  
10:00am- 12pm**

St Vincent's Centre  
Unit 9 Victoria Business Park  
Short Street  
SS2 5BY



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We aim to help alleviate poverty in the Shoeburyness area by providing freshly cooked meals.

We also sell tinned/packet food and preloved children's clothing at very low cost.



Open Every Tuesday  
2 PM - 4 PM

at



Friars Baptist Church, Eagle Way  
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