



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,

Act of Remembrance

They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, And in the morning

We will remember them

"When you go home, tell them of us and say,

For their tomorrow, we gave our today"



We think of all families whose lives have been affected by the loss of loved ones due to war. We especially pray for all the service men and women who gave their today for our tomorrow. We also think about those who are involved in wars around the world. As a community, we pray for peaceful resolutions to the conflicts.

November dates for your diary

Tuesday 11th November	Year 6 Remembrance Assembly 10.45am ~ parents welcome
Wednesday 12th November	Assisi Catholic Trust Year 5/6 Football and Netball @STM ~ no spectators as during school day
Thursday 13th November	Reception 2026 Open Morning
Tuesday 18th November	Reception 2026 Open Morning
Wednesday 19th November	Assisi Catholic trust Girls Football @OLOL ~ no spectators as during school day
Thursday 20th November	Yr 5/6 Boys Football League match @ Shoebury Park – parents welcome
Friday 21st November	KS1 Football at Len Forge – parents welcome
Wednesday 26th November	Reception 2026 Open Morning
Saturday 29th November	St George's Christmas Fayre 12-2pm





Head Teacher Awards

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

Millie-Rose~(StFrancis)~forherpositiveapproachtoschoollifeandherwillingness to try her best at all she does.

Archie-Ray~(StTherese)~Archiehashadafabulousweek.Heisalwaysenthusiastic and has been working incredibly hard in phonics and writing. Great job, Archie.

Frederick~(StElizabeth)~foralwaysbeingsuchakind,hard-working,andwell-behaved boy. Frederickisalwayspoliteandhasarespectfulattitude,settingagreatexamplefor others.

Keep it up Frederick!

Rory~(StBernadette)~foralwaysapproachinglessonswithapositiveattitudeand always giving 100%. Keep it up!

Milita~(StJoseph)~foralwaystryingherbestandworkingwithgreatindependence.

Alex~(StAnthony)~forworkingwithgreatenthusiasminhiswork,showingabrilliant effort in joinedwritingandalwaysbeingwillingtogiveanswersinourclasdiscussion.Well done,

Alex!

Zayaan~(StPeter)~forhisbrilliantworkkonfractionsthisweek.Hehasshownbrilliant confidenceandskillwhenansweringarangeofquestionsonthistopic-welldone!

Purple Mash Festive Card Competition!

Get creative! Design your own festive Christmas card in Purple Mash using 2Paint a Picture.

Show what this special time of year means to you.

The competition runs between 3rd–21st November.

Winning designs get a set of printed cards, a £20 voucher, and a goody bag! There are prizes for different age groups.

Start designing now and upload your finished card to the Festive Card Display Board on Purple Mash.

Let's see if our school can have a winner this year!

Hot Dinners

We have been amazed at the children's response to school lunches this week! They have come in, every day, excited at their choice and there has been very little waste! The children have said how much they are enjoying the meals which is great news. We served an AMAZING 800 meals this week. Thank you to all the staff who helped during this first week and thank you to the children for their enthusiasm and appetite!

Going forward, children who have ordered a school lunch will not need to bring an extra packed lunch or any additional food. The meals are well-balanced, generously portioned, and designed to ensure that each child receives the right amount to eat.

Autumn Report

You should have received your child's one-page autumn report, which provides an overview of the themes covered this term along with your child's individual targets and attendance figure. This report differs from the end-of-year report, which offers a summary of your child's overall achievements and progress throughout the year.

St George's Has Talent!

Due to the logistics of launching hot lunches this week for over 180 children, we decided to reschedule St George's Has Talent! The new date will be Friday, 12th December. I know it will be something wonderful for us all to look forward to, just before Christmas!

Artist of the Month

This month's Artist of the Month goes to TWO artists from St Francis' Class! Congratulations to **Elsie and Joshua** for their fantastic firework pictures. They both showed great artistic talent by using chalk pastels to create the different firework shapes and patterns in different colours. They then added glitter to make them truly sparkle! Well done to both of you!

BBC Children in Need

The school's theme for this year's Children In Need on Friday 14th November is....

Strictly 25 Step Dance Challenge!



The children will be learning 5 steps a day in class and we will then put it all together on Friday as we attempt a whole school dance challenge! The children can wear fancy dress, pyjamas, sports kit, dance outfits, school uniform, Pudsey t-shirts/onesie etc. We only ask that they are dressed suitably for the weather and they can dance in the outfit! Year 3 and Reception classes will not need to wear their PE kits that day. If you would like to donate please use the QR code here. There will also be QR codes on the gates on Friday 14th November so you can donate.



Bronze reading Awards

Today we presented our FIRST Bronze reading certificates of the year, marking 50 reads since we returned in September. Congratulations to:

Olivia, Isabella-Ava, Florence, Fiadh, Albie, Elizabeth and Demir (St Francis)

Aarujaan, Antoni, Sienna, Aden, Reyna, Molly, Matilda, Thomas, Beau, Isla, Donny, Ivy,
Florence, Hollie & Harry (St Therese)

Hallie-May, Olivia, Violet, Conor, Edie, Reuben and Lacey-May (St Elizabeth)

Nyla, Isabelle, Joshua, Alissa, Elsie & Rory (St Bernadette)

Victoria, Ebony-Hope, Emilia, Milita, Lily, Eva & Jason (St Joseph)

Sophie, Sophia, Diane, George, Ryan, Aviya, Abigail, Teddy, Toby & River-Jane (St Anthony)
and Nana, Shia, Aaron, Ronnie W., & Sinela (St Peter)

Sports Award

This week, we are recognising two children from St Anthony's class for their sports skills. Dillon and Fiachra have been chosen for their brilliant partner work in our first netball lesson. They followed every instruction, improved their game play and smiled throughout – they were stand out examples for the other children. Well done to both of you.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday this week.

Ayden (St Elizabeth), Isabella (St Joseph), Lex (St Anthony) and Mrs Marquis



Year R Admissions ~ September 2026

If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, they are due to start school in September 2026

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from **14th September until the 15th January 2026** [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 **22nd January 2026**

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2026. 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 dates are as follows:

Thursday 13th November

Times Table Rock Stars

Tuesday 18th November

Wednesday 26th November

Congratulations to our TOP TEN rockstars this week.

1st Nana - Year 6	2nd Baffuor - Year 2	3rd Abigail - Year 5	4th Freddie - Year 6	5th
6th	7th	8th	9th	Sinela - Year 6
Mia - Year 2	Olivia - Year 2	Rosie P - Year 4	Ronnie - Year 3	6
				10th
				Kcian - Year 3

Punctuality Percentages

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	98%	98%	99%	100%	97%	99%

The Hungry Cupboard

Thank you to the children and families of St Bernadette's class who have been filling up the Hungry Cupboard this week. The Cupboard will continue to visit classes in the run up to Christmas. There is a list of items required by the SVP at the end of the newsletter.

Prayers



Monday was the feast of All Souls. We remember everyone in our community who have lost loved ones, especially during this last year.

Eternalrestgrantuntothem,O Lord, and let perpetuallightshine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Mrs Delgado

DiaryDates

Further activities/dates will be added as soonasthey have been finalised and will be in **BOLD**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 10.45am
Wednesday 12th November	Assisi Catholic Trust Football and Netball tournament @ STM
Thursday 13th November	Reception 2026 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Tuesday 18th November	Reception 2026 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Wednesday 19th November	Assisi Catholic Trust Girls Football tournament @ OLOL
Thursday 20th November	Football match v Sacred Heart @ Shoebury Park
Friday 21st November	Southend Schools Football tournament (key stage 1) @ Len Forge
Wb 24th November 2025	Last week of staff led clubs
Wednesday 26th November	Reception 2026 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Friday 5th December	Netball Santa Rally @ Alleyn Court
Wednesday 10th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Thursday 11th December	Reception Nativity Play 9.15am
Friday 12th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 2pm
Monday 15th December	St George's Has Talent!
Tuesday 16TH December	Non uniform day for winning house team Christmas Gift Sale
Wednesday 17th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm at St George's Church
	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am Christmas Dinner at school
	Christmas Games Day led by Year 6
	Christmas Jumper Day
	Last day of Autumn term
Thursday 18th December	
Friday 19th December	
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER – FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2026	
Monday 5th January	First Day of Spring Term 2026
Wednesday 7th January	Sportshall Athletics Event Year 5/6
Thursday 8th January	Sportshall Athletics Event Year 3/4

Friday 16th January	Southend Schools Football tournament (year 3/4 boys) @ Len Forge
Tuesday 20th January	ACT Dance Festival @ Palace Theatre
Thursday 5th February	Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday 9th February	Netball League matches after school @ Shoeburyness High School
	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm-5pm
	Parent-Carer Consultation week
Thursday 12th February	ACT Music Festival @ STM
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 16TH – FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2026	
Wednesday 25th February	Netball tournament @ Cecil Jones
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 3 Roman Dress Up Day
Wednesday 4th March	'Hot Cross Run' @ St Thomas More
Wednesday 11th March	Key Stage 1 Tag Rugby tournament @ Southend Rugby Club
Monday 16th March	Year 3/4 Tag Rugby tournament @ Southend Rugby Club
	Netball League matches after school @ Cecil Jones
Tuesday 17th – 20th March	Year 6 Residential trip
Thursday 19th March	Feast of St Joseph
Monday 23rd March	Non uniform day for winning house team
Wednesday 25th March	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am
Friday 27th March	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross @ St George's Church 2pm
	Last day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 30TH MARCH – FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2026	
Friday 3rd April ~ Good Friday Sunday 5th April ~ Easter Sunday	
Monday 13th April	First Day of Summer Term 2026
Tuesday 14th April	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 16th April	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 23rd April	Feast of St Bernadette
Monday 4th May	St George's Day
w/b 11th May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 19th May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Wednesday 20th May	Crowning of Mary school celebration – details to follow
Thursday 21st May	Science Fayre 2pm
Friday 22nd May	KSI Cross Country – Pentecost Dash! @ St Teresa's, Rochford
	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 25TH MAY – FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026	
Monday 1st June	Back to school
w/b 8th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening

Tuesday	9th	June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (afternoon session) Feast of St
Saturday	13th	June	Anthony of Padua Induction afternoon for Reception 2026
Tuesday	16th	June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS INSET DAY ~
Friday	19th	June	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St
Monday	22nd	June	Thomas More 9.30am St George's Celebration Day from 9am –
Wednesday	24th	June	all families welcome Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 1.45pm
Friday	26th	June	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
Tuesday	30th	June	KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon
Wednesday	1st	July	Year 6 Transition Day TBC
Thursday	2nd	July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.05am Non uniform day for winning
Friday	3rd	July	house team Year 6 Leavers Mass 2pm @ St George's Church
Friday	10th	July	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am Last day of term
Monday	13th	July	
Tuesday	14th	July	
Wednesday	15th	July	
Friday	17th	July	
SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 20TH JULY 2026			



St Vincent's
a place of help, hope and opportunity

Food Donations needed

UHT Milk	Tea, Sugar &
Pasta sauces	Coffee
Tinned Meat	Jams & Spreads
Mayo	Tins of veggie
Butter	food (macaroni
Nappies	cheese/ veggie
Wet wipes	ravioli etc)
Crisps/ biscuits	Tinned Tomato
Tuna Crackers	Cereal
Pot Noodles	Pasta
Instant Noodles	Toiletries

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ST VINCENT'S CENTRE, SOUTHEND

Christmas Hamper Appeal 2025

Join Us To Lift Families Up This Christmas

This Christmas we will be supporting many families with hampers. These are the items we need to create a hamper for a family in need.

- Pasta
- Chocolate spread or jar of jam
- Packet of cream crackers
- Packet of sweets/biscuits
- UHT milk
- Jar of instant coffee
- Bottle of ketchup
- Cereal
- Mince pies
- Christmas crackers
- Tins of custard
- Jar/packet instant hot chocolate
- Jar of pasta sauce
- Gravy granules
- £10 voucher – Tesco, Sainsburys or Lidl

Last donations 15th December 2025

Unit 9, Victoria Business Park, Short Street, SS2 5BY
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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

GUIDING YOUNG VOICES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bullying impacts the lives of many young people. In the UK, one in five pupils aged 10 to 15 report being bullied. The effects can be long lasting, affecting mental health, school attendance and self-esteem, and can impact long-term development into adult life. Adults play a key role in building young people's confidence to speak out, support one another, and stand up to unkind behaviour. This guide offers ways to help youngsters make a positive difference.

1 CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES

Help young people value diversity by showing that what makes us different is also what makes us strong. Encourage them to learn about different cultures, identities, and abilities through books, films, and conversations. By appreciating uniqueness in themselves and others, children can grow into open-minded individuals who build inclusive and welcoming environments.

2 MODEL RESPECT

Children watch and learn from how adults behave. Use respectful language, show patience in disagreements, and treat others with fairness – especially in front of children. By modelling inclusive behaviour and challenging unkindness, adults set a lasting example that respect should be part of every interaction, whether online, at school, or at home. Be the change you want to make.

3 SPOT THE SIGNS

Adults and young people should learn how to recognise signs that someone may be experiencing bullying. This might include withdrawal from friends, hobbies or interests, changes in mood, reluctance to go to school, or unusual injuries. Helping young people recognise these clues ensures that support can be offered sooner and problems do not go unnoticed.

4 VALIDATE FEELINGS

When a child shares something that worries them, it's important to listen carefully and validate how they feel. Respond with empathy – not judgement – and let them know it's okay to feel upset or confused. Offering reassurance and understanding helps young people feel safe about opening up, and builds the trust needed to talk again in future.

5 TEACH ALLYSHIP

Show children how to stand up for others in safe, respectful ways. Allyship might look like sitting next to someone who's been excluded, reporting hurtful behaviour, or speaking up when they witness bullying. By practising these responses together, you're helping children develop the courage to be kind and to take action when it really counts.

6 PROMOTE REPORTING

Ensure young people know how to report bullying and feel confident that they'll be taken seriously. Talk to them about who they can speak to and what to expect when they do, such as reporting school incidents to teachers, and out-of-school bullying to parents or teachers. Reassure them that reporting is a brave and helpful choice – not tattling – and that it plays a vital role in keeping everyone safe.

7 ENCOURAGE KINDNESS

Everyday acts of kindness can make a big difference in creating safer, happier spaces. Encourage children to look out for one another by being helpful, saying kind words, or including someone who feels left out. These small actions set a strong example that kindness matters, and that it can be a powerful response to bullying.

8 USE YOUR VOICE

Encourage young people to speak up for themselves and others. Whether through storytelling, school campaigns, or peer-led projects, children can learn that their voice has power. Support them to express themselves confidently and safely, helping them understand that sharing experiences can challenge injustice and inspire real change in their communities.

9 BUILD COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

Children thrive when they feel supported. Help them build strong friendships, join clubs or teams, and connect with trusted adults who care. These networks offer comfort, encouragement, and protection – particularly during challenging times. Remind children that they don't have to face difficulties alone and that support is always within reach.

10 SUSTAIN THE CONVERSATION

Bullying awareness shouldn't be limited to one week each year. Create regular opportunities to talk about kindness, respect, and inclusion. Use books, news stories, and personal experiences as conversation starters. Embed anti-bullying initiatives into the school, and make tackling bullying a shared, ongoing commitment.

Meet Our Expert

Robert Allsop is an experienced pastoral and safeguarding practitioner, specialising in tutorials, behaviour interventions, and attendance management. A recipient of the Diana Award for Anti-Bullying, he has helped raise standards and improve Ofsted outcomes in some of the country's most challenging schools and colleges.



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