

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Let it be known to all who enter here, that Christ is the reason for this school,
the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes,
the model for its children, the inspiration for its staff.*

*We aim to be a Christian community and witnesses to Christ,
where all can experience and grow in Christian love
through God's word and the gifts of His sacraments,
and through prayer and personal example.*



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Dear Parents,

A huge welcome back!

We are all really excited to be back at school and are ready for the new term and year ahead. I cannot believe how much they have all grown during the summer! The children have made a great start, looking forward to the new challenges and experiences of this school year. We welcomed our first 10 reception children yesterday morning.

Charles, Lee, Thomas, Chloe, Cillian, Julia, Harley, Samuel,
Jasmine and Ocean.

We hope that the children and their families enjoy seven happy years at St George's. If you see any new faces on the playground, please welcome them into our school community. A big welcome to Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Howell who joined our teaching staff this year. Also to Mrs Parascandolo who is now part of our office and finance team. We hope that you will be very happy at St. George's.

Parent Information Meetings

There will be parent meetings for years R – 6 over the forthcoming weeks. They will take place in the class at 3.30pm and last no longer than 30 minutes. We will arrange supervision for your children while you attend the meeting. We strongly encourage all parents to be there as key information for the year is shared. The dates are:

- Tuesday 8th Sept ~ St Peter ~ (Year 6)*
- Wednesday 9th Sept ~ St Joseph (Year 4)
- Thursday 10th Sept ~ St Elizabeth (Year 2)
- Friday 11th Sept ~ St Bernadette (Year 3)
- Tuesday 15th Sept ~ St Therese (Year 1)
- Wednesday 16th Sept ~ St Anthony (Year 5)
- Tuesday 22nd Sept ~ St Francis (Year R)

*Information regarding the Year 6 Residential trip will be covered during this meeting

Uniform

Thank you for sending your children back to school so smartly dressed on the first day of term. Could you please check that all the children's items are named as we already have a few items which have been found unmarked.

Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that all infant classes receive fruit or vegetables to encourage healthy eating. Juniors can also bring in a healthy snack for break time.

Reading Reward

Your child will shortly be receiving their reading book(s) and school reading record diary, which you will be familiar with completing; commenting on how your child is progressing in their reading at home. It is beneficial to try to put aside some time each day to hear your child read, whether this be a reading scheme, library or home book. It has a significant impact on your child's ability to access the whole curriculum and, of course, to independently read books for pleasure

To positively encourage reading at home we will be introducing a reading reward system. Over the course of the year, there will be the opportunity for your child to earn certificates and stickers of achievement, once they complete a certain number of reads with a relevant comment by a parent or adult that your child has been reading to. As the children move into Years 5 and 6 and become more independent readers, this comment may be written by your own child around what they particularly enjoy, or a word or phrase that they needed to check to meaning of.

Each class teacher will keep a track of parent/child comments, in addition to the support we give for reading at school, and will ensure that once 50 (Bronze), 100 (Silver), 150 (Gold) and 200 (Diamond) are completed, a reward will be given in our weekly celebration assembly. It would be fantastic for Mrs Smith to have as many stickers and certificates to give out as possible! Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Philips

Free School Lunches for Infants

It is vital that all parents are aware that we need to receive your order by Wednesday for the following week. If not, we will presume that you wish to provide lunch for your child. We cannot process orders after Wednesday as the completed orders have been sent to our supplier. Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any queries about the lunches, please contact the office.

You access the order form on the school website www.sgcps.co.uk

Milk

Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk. If your child is over 5, whether infant or junior, they are entitled to subsidised milk. We encourage you to go online and register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com It is very straightforward and the milk is delivered daily to the school, to be distributed at break times. The cost is £1.10 per week (22p per day).

Nuts

We have children at St. George's who have severe anaphylactic allergies triggered by peanuts and other nuts. The key to preventing an anaphylactic reaction is to avoid exposure to the trigger. Please do not send foods containing nuts or peanuts to school. This includes Nutella spread and peanut butter.

Children being collected from school

If you are not able to pick your child up from school, please write a short note to your child's class teacher outlining the collection arrangements at the end of the school day. It would also be useful, where possible, if you could introduce the adults that are to pick up your child in your absence.

Mass

Our start of term Mass will be on Friday 11th September, 9.30am at St George's Church. The children can arrive as usual and we will walk them to the church as soon after 9am as possible. Due to their short time in school, Reception class will not attend, however Fr Brett will be coming into the school to meet them personally! If you are DBS checked and able to accompany a class, please contact the office. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Birthdays

Congratulations to Cillian (St Francis) who celebrated his birthday this week.

After School Clubs ~ Autumn Term

A list of the clubs for this term will be printed in next week's newsletter. All clubs will begin w/c 21st September.

First Holy Communion

If your child is a baptised Catholic and was 7 or over on 31st August, we hope to see them on the First Holy Communion and Reconciliation course which will be commencing on Monday 2nd November 2015.



These important sacraments enable us to receive Christ at Mass, celebrating his love. Forms are available in the porches of both churches. You will need to bring the completed form to the Registration Meeting taking place at 7pm on Monday 5th October, 7pm, at St. George's Church.

Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time.
Have a lovely weekend with your family.
God Bless,

Mrs Smith

Inter-Community Games

Your Community Needs You!





12:00 – 3:00pm, Saturday 5th September

Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre, SS2 4FA

Have a go at any of the following sports:

Basketball, bowls, golf, rounders and tennis

No need to book. Equipment provided.

Free of charge

For more details contact getactive@southend.gov.uk





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www.activeessex.org






Diary Dates

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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Tuesday 8 th September	Year 6 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Wednesday 9 th September	Year 4 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Thursday 10 th September	Reception Group 2 start today
	Year 2 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Friday 11 th September	Start of Term Mass 9.30am @ St George's Church Yr 1-6
	Year 3 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Tuesday 15 th September	Year 1 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Wednesday 16 th September	Year 5 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Thursday 17 th September	Reception Group 3 start today
Monday 21 st September	After school clubs begin
	Year R parents Coffee Morning 9am in the school
Tuesday 22 nd September	Year R Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Tuesday 29 th September	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
Monday 5 th October	First Holy Communion Parents Session 7pm @ St George's Church
Tuesday 6 th October	Year 3 Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
	PTA AGM 3.30pm
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 1 & 3 Waitrose Trip
Thursday 8 th October	Year 2 & 4 Waitrose Trip

Friday 9 th October	Year 5 Waitrose Trip
Sunday 11 th October	Family Mass at St George's 10.45am
Monday 12 th October	Year 6 Waitrose Trip
Tuesday 13 th October	Year 1 Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
Wednesday 14 th October	Training for school volunteers in the Community Suite 9am, 3.25pm & 7pm
Thursday 15 th October	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 20 th October	Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
HALF TERM ~ MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2015	
Monday 2 nd November	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
	First Holy Communion programme begins 4-5pm in St George's Church Hall
Wednesday 4 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2016 9.30am
Tuesday 10 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2016 9.30am
	Year 2 Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
Wednesday 11 th November	REMEMBRANCE DAY ~ Year 6 Class Assembly 10.30am Everyone is welcome
Sunday 15 th November	Calling Mass for ALL children making their First Holy Communion this year 10.45am @ St George's Church
Tuesday 17 th November	Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
Wednesday 18 th November	Open Evening 5pm - 7pm
Thursday 19 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2016 9.30am
	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 25 th November	Open Evening 5 - 7.30pm
W/C 23 rd November	Parent Consultations
Monday 14 th December	Year 1 & 2 Performance (2pm)
Tuesday 15 th December	Year R Nativity (9.30am)
	Year 1 & 2 Performance (7pm) No siblings below secondary age
Wednesday 16 th December	Year R Nativity (9.30am)
	Carol Concert 7pm at St George's Church
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 th December	Last Day Autumn Term ~ Mass at 2pm in the school
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 21st DECEMBER 2015 - FRIDAY 1st JANUARY 2016	
Monday 4 th January	First day of Spring Term
Thursday 21 st January	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Sunday 31 st January	Family Mass at St George's 10.45am
Thursday 4 th February	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 11 th February	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am

HALF TERM ~ MONDAY 15th- FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2016

Monday 22 nd February	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Sunday 28 th February	Family Mass at St George's 10.45am
Thursday 3 rd March	Year R Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 9 th March	Open Evening 5 - 7.00pm
Thursday 10 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
W/C 14 th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 23 rd March	Easter Service led by Yr 3 & 4 2pm & 7pm at the school
Thursday 24 th March	Last Day of Spring Term

EASTER HOLIDAY ~ FRIDAY 25th March - FRIDAY 8th APRIL 2016

Monday 11 th April	First day of Summer Term
Thursday 21 st April	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
Saturday 7 th May	First Holy Communion Mass 2016 TBC
Saturday 14 th May	First Holy Communion Mass 2016 TBC
Tuesday 17 th May	Year 2 Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
Thursday 19 th May	Year R Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 24 th May	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm in school

HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 30th MAY ~ FRIDAY 3rd JUNE 2016

Sun 5 th - WED 8 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Sunday 12 th June	Going Forth Mass for ALL First Holy Communion children 10.45am at St George's Church
Tuesday 14 th June	Year 1 Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
Thursday 16 th June	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 17 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 20 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 21 st June	Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
Friday 24 th June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY FOR ALL FAMILIES
Tuesday 28 th June	Yr 3 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
Thursday 30 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 5 th July	Year R Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
Thursday 14 th July	Years 5 & 6 Summer Performance 2pm & 7pm (no younger siblings at the evening performance)
Monday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 7pm
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of term End of Year Mass 2pm