



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,

The Christmas Story



This week, our oldest and youngest children played their part in telling the Christmas story. Reception class amazed us with how much they have blossomed in this first term! They were so confident when speaking, singing and acting – a real credit to their families and the reception class team.

Then this afternoon we came together as community; children, staff, friends and family for our carol service. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, and in such fine voice.

I would like to thank ALL the staff who have put in a great amount of time and effort in preparing each child for their performance over the last two weeks.

And of course, a BIG thank you to our children who really brought the spirit of Christmas to each one of us.

Dates for December

Mon 19th

Christmas Lunch and Jumper day

Tue 20th

Last day of term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023

Thu 5th Jan 2023

First day back

Parent Survey

Thank you to all the families that responded to our Parent/Carer survey. We will be publishing the results when we return in January and will be addressing points raised and outlining improvements to make our school an even better place!





Head Teacher Awards

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

St Francis Class ~ for an amazing first nativity. You were all superstars!

Lily (St Therese Class) ~ for her super ideas and effort in R.E. and always having a lovely, cheery smile!

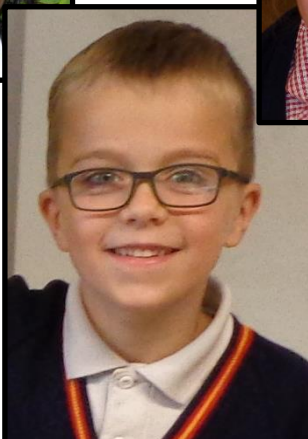
Maddison ~ (St Elizabeth Class) ~ for always being a good friend to everyone and for having sensible/hard working approach to her school work.

Darcey ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for her enthusiasm and knowledge in our stone age topic and our science topic. A future palaeontologist or archaeologist!

Max ~ (St Joseph) ~ for working with enthusiasm and focus in all lessons. His story writing has been particularly impressive. Well done, Max!

Oliver ~ (St Anthony) ~ for working with focus, enthusiasm and a great attitude to succeed in all areas of the curriculum. A fantastic first term in Year 5. Keep up the good work Oliver!

Kundai ~ (St Peter) ~ for fabulous Anderson shelter structure in D&T. She used her knowledge of triangulation to build a robust shelter and showed resilience throughout the task. Well done!



Extra Curricular Clubs Spring 2023

You will receive an email enquiring which clubs you would like your children to participate in. You can also [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the form. If a club is oversubscribed, we will allocate places on the number of clubs a child has requested/attends.

With the exception of Southend United, we are running the clubs at no cost to the parents/carers, however we will need to charge £10 for science and cross stitch club to cover the resources that the children will be using over the 10 weeks.

The deadline for applying will be Wednesday 4th JANUARY 2023 and the clubs will begin week beginning 9th January

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast club 8.00am - 8.40am		SSPSA Club KS1 Gym Max 16	SSPSA Club KS2 Fitness Max 16	SSPSA Club KS1 Ball handling skills Max 16	KS2 Dance Mrs Bracknell
Lunchtime club 12.00 - 12.30	Well-being club (20) Mrs Wallen Chatterbox Reading Club (20) Mrs Howell Year 5/6 half term 1 Year 3/4 half term 2	Art club Mrs Gillett Invitation only Years 2-6 Choir (30) Mrs McLoughlin Years 3 - 6	Well-being club (20) Mrs Marquis 11+ Familiarisation club Yr 5 Mr Sims KS1 Reading Club (15) Mrs Philips Years 1 & 2		
After school club 3.20pm - 4.15pm	SSPSA Football club Year 5 & 6 Netball Club Mrs Delgado Year 4, 5 & 6	Science Club (Crest Awards) Mrs Bracknell 20 max Year 1 & 2 Construction club Year 3 & 4		Southend United Football Years 1-6 SSPSA KS2 Basketball club Cross stitch club Mrs Irons & Mrs Rutter Year 5 & 6	

Christmas Disco

This week the children enjoyed the annual Christmas disco, organised by the friends of St George's. The children had a fantastic time and were definitely 'all a glow' during the event! A HUGE thank you to Stacey and the committee members who organised the event and to our wonderful volunteer helpers on the day.



Christmas Gift Sale

The friends of St George's brought even more Christmas excitement to school on Thursday with the annual Christmas gift sale. I will not reveal any details, but will say that each gift was chosen with great care and lots of love! Thank you to the volunteers that helped throughout the morning.

Christmas Lunch, jumpers and outfits!



On **MONDAY 19th December** we are having our School Christmas Lunch when all the children bring in their own special packed lunch. It can be party food, a couple of sweet treats or a turkey and cranberry sandwich! As in line with our school policy, do ask that no items contain nuts and ask for no fizzy drinks. There will be NO relish lunches that day. The children can also come dressed in a Christmas jumper or other Christmassy outfit. If your child is coming to school in a Christmassy outfit, they do not have to wear uniform.

Are your children safe? A parent & carers session on E – Safety 17th January 2023

Online activity has changed all of our lives, particularly our children's. For parents and carers this opens up a whole new world of things to be aware of. For many of us, this can all be a bit too much. You might be struggling to keep up with the things your child is doing online, you might wonder whether what they are doing is safe, and you might also be thinking *how can I be as good a parent online as I am offline?*

As a school, safeguarding is of paramount importance, and this includes safety online. We deliver e-safety lessons to the children during ICT and regularly talk to them about their online activity. On Tuesday 17th January, the children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will have a session with e-safety experts to further educate them on keeping safe.

In addition to this, we have organised a session for parents: one will be at 3.30pm and one at 7pm. We expect that every family is represented.

You may think that your child is too young, or that you have adequate filters in place etc., but we cannot stress enough the potential dangers for all of our children and how vital it is that you are aware of them. Each session lasts around 1 ½ hours, due to the amount needed to be covered. As all the staff will be attending the session, we are unable to supervise any children after school, which is why we have advertised the sessions as early as possible.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to inform us which session you will attend. We have been informed that other local primary schools have run these sessions for parents and turnout has been very high.

Let's aim for 100% at St George's!

Swimming information

Next term, years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be having swimming lessons at Garons on a Friday morning. The lessons begin on Friday 20th January 2023. The coach will be transporting the children throughout the morning, with all children returning by lunchtime.

As it has been a while since we have taken the children swimming, and with this being some children's first time, there are some details below to share important information.

- The children will be using the diving pool for their lessons. The pool raises the floor so the children are able to put their feet on the bottom, should they need to.
- Your child's class teacher and LSA will be poolside whilst the classes are swimming.
- If you are concerned that your child may be a little nervous, please do not worry, they will be well looked after and reassured throughout. If you feel that it is something that you would like to share with your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to contact them.
- The children will need a one piece swimming costume or swimming trunks/briefs/swimshorts. Baggy shorts or bikinis are not permitted for swimming lessons.
- The children will also need a swimming hat, boys and girls, and they can wear swimming goggles.
- Children can bring hairbrushes, if needed, but there is no need for any toiletries/washing products.
- The boys will get changed in one large private cubicle and the girls in another private cubicle. They will not be using individual cubicles as these can be accessed by the general public.
- The children may need to practise drying themselves, dressing/undressing independently, putting on their swimming hat (we definitely recommend a dusting of talc inside to help!) over the holidays before we start swimming.

If you have any further questions, please contact the office.

Birthdays

Congratulations to **Isla and Callie-Mae** (St Francis), **Raymond** (St Therese), **Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Wall** who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Bronze reading Awards

Congratulations to the children who have been awarded bronze certificates for 50 reads:

Coby & Ava (St Francis), **Isla** (St Therese), **Fiachra** (St Elizabeth),
Freddie (St Bernadette), **Henry** (St Joseph) and **Albey** (St Anthony)



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

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

Dates to add to the diary are:

Date:	Event:
Monday 19 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Outfit day
Tuesday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023	
Thursday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2023
Tuesday 17 th January	E-Safety session for parents 3.30pm or 7.00pm
Wednesday 18 th January	Chinese New Year theme day for Reception class – class to wear red
w/b 6 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 13TH – FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2023	
Thursday 16 th March	Reception Class Assembly 9am
	Reception height and weight check
Monday 20 th March	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Parent Consultations week
Mon 20 th & Tue 21 st March	Year 6 Bikeability
w/b 27 th March	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross 9am Parents welcome
	Book Fair in school 3.15pm
Wednesday 29 th March	Key Stage 2 Assisi Cross Country
Friday 31 st March	Last day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 3RD APRIL – FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023	
Monday 17 th April	First Day of Summer Term 2023
	Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 19 th April	Reception Fairy-tale theme day – children to dress up
Wednesday 26 th April	Netball and Football tournament at Our Lady of Ransom
Monday 1 st May	Bank holiday
w/b 8 th May	KS2 SATs week
w/b 15 th May	KS1 Assessment week
Thu 18 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly @ 9am
Wednesday 24 th May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country
	Year 5 Class Assembly @ 9am
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 29TH MAY – FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2023	

Monday 5 th June	Children return to school
w/b 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 13 th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons
Wednesday 21 st June	Reception 2023 Induction Afternoon
Thursday 22 nd June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
Friday 23 rd June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 26 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 27 th June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Friday 30 th June	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
w/b 3 rd July	Year 6 Residential Trip
Thursday 6 th July	KS1 Assisi Sports
Friday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school @ 2.30pm
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 24TH JULY 2023	