



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,

Monday 16 th December	Christmas Games Day
	Non uniform day for Yellow house team
Tuesday 17 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm at St George's Church
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Outfit day
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn term

A King is Born!

This week, Year 1 & 2 performed 'A King is Born' and Reception class sang and acted in 'Our First Nativity'; both wonderful retellings of the Christmas story. The children were fantastic; they sang beautifully, remembered their words and actions and were brimming with confidence! Well done to all of the children and THANK YOU to:

Our magnificent Reception class team: Mrs Cracknell, Mrs Philips, Mrs Halvey and Mrs Wayman and our awesome Year 1 & 2 class teams: Mrs Stannard, Mrs Geiser, Mrs Sapsford, Miss Coyne and Mrs Edwards, who prepared and supported the children so well.



Our **Christmas Carol Service** for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will take place at the church on Tuesday 17th December at 2pm.

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. Younger siblings can be collected from school after. 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. Children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will not need a school bag that day. If possible, could they bring their lunch in a disposal bag, or use a back up lunchbox, as we will not be bringing any items to church with us. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Christmas games day!

Year 6 will be hosting a Christmas games day for all the children at St. George's, on **MONDAY 16th December**. Each class will have a 'games slot' at some point during the day and will also be served juice and biscuits! The cost of the event is £2.50 per child and will help raise money for the purchasing of the Year 6 leavers' hoodies in the summer term. St. Peter's class are very excited to share the games they have selected and games they have made themselves! Parents can pay on Wisepay. Thank you for your support, Mr Sims

Christmas Lunch & Jumpers!

On **WEDNESDAY 18th December** we are having our **School Christmas Lunch** when all the children bring in with 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, we 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.

Christmas Gift Sale

Also on Wednesday, the PTA have organised their Christmas gift sale. Just a reminder that you can pay for the gifts with cash on the day, or using Paypal. If you are paying with Paypal, could you use your child's name and GIFT SALE as the reference. Each child can buy up to 2 gifts. Gifts are £2 each.

Last day of Term

We will be finishing the school term with Mass on Friday 20th December. It starts at 2pm so we anticipate that it will finish approximately by 2.45pm. The children will be ready to be collected from this time. Mr O'Shea will open the gates at 2.40pm.

Year 3 Trip

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 3 went to visit St Mary's church, in Shoebury, to look at rocks for our science topic and to talk about advent. Some of the best things we saw were the grave stones which we saw signs of weathering on. We think they were made of basalt and marble because they were strong and durable. There were crosses and plaques on the wall which were grey and white and looked like marble. A plaque made to remember people who died in the war looked like it was made of limestone. It was a really interesting trip.

By Elsie and Melissa Year 3



Welcome

Last week I sent a letter to our Reception class parents sharing the news that we have appointed two EYFS teachers to join our team starting in January 2025. Mrs. Anslow will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays, while Mrs. Phipps will teach from Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Phipps was in school this morning and Mrs Anslow will be in on Tuesday. I know that you will all give them a warm welcome when you see them. We hope they will have a long and happy future at our school.

Head Teachers Award

Congratulations to our winners this week. Their photo will be in next week's newsletter,
St Francis Class ~ for their amazing performance of 'Our First Nativity'.

St Therese and St Elizabeth class ~ for their fantastic performance of 'A King is Born'
Louie ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for working independently and with great concentration when writing the Christmas Story. He is always keen to try hard and do his best. Well done Louie and keep it up!

Tabitha ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for a fantastic first term in year 3. She gives 100% to everything she does, is a great role model for the class and a very supportive friend. Well done Tabitha!

Sophie ~ (St Joseph) ~ for her blossoming confidence this term. She makes valuable contributions in class discussions and is very helpful in class - keep up the great work!

Elise ~ (St Anthony) ~ for working with determination in maths, trying her very best to improve her knowledge and understanding. Keep it up!

Blossom ~ (St Peter) ~ for being a fantastic role model. She behaves beautifully and is an example to others, displaying perfect manners and always being hard-working and kind. Well done, Blossom!

Bronze reading Awards

Congratulations to our BRONZE readers this week:

Aden, Jessica, Matilda & Sienna (St Francis), **Ava, Jack & Rosa** (St Elizabeth), **Rosie** (St Bernadette), **George** (St Joseph), **Charlotte** (St Anthony),

Birthdays



Happy birthday to everyone celebrating this week: **Liza** (St Francis), **Amirah & Isla** (St Elizabeth), **Raymond** (St Bernadette) and **Mrs Thorne**.

Punctuality Percentages

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95%	97%	97%	95%	97%	99%	96%

Prayers



We keep all our community in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless, *Mrs Delgado*

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2024

HELP US KEEP THE DOOR OF HOPE OPEN

THIS CHRISTMAS WE WILL BE SUPPORTING MANY FAMILIES WITH HAMPERS TO HELP THEM. 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 instant coffee
- Bottle of ketchup
- Cereal
- Mince pies
- Christmas crackers
- Tins of Custard
- Jar/packet instant hot chocolate
- Jar Pasta sauce
- Gravy granules
- £10 voucher - Tesco, Sainsbury's or Lidl

LAST DONATIONS 19TH DECEMBER

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Diary Dates

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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER – FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 2025	
Monday 6 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2025
Thursday 9 th January	Sportshall Athletics Event Year 5/6
Friday 10 th January	Sportshall Athletics Event Year 3/4
Monday 20 th January	ACT Dance competition Yr 6
Wednesday 22 nd January	Year 6 Residential meeting in school @2.45pm
Thursday 23 rd January	Girls football match v Friars
Tuesday 4 th February	Girls football match v Hamstel
Tuesday 11 th February	Netball League matches after school @ Shoeburyness High School
Thursday 13 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 17TH – FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2025	
Wednesday 26 th February	Netball tournament @ Alleyn Court
Monday 3 rd March	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Parent & Carer Consultation week
Tuesday 4 th March	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday
Tuesday 18 th March	Netball League matches after school @ Shoeburyness High School
Wednesday 19 th March	Feast of St Joseph
Monday 24 th March	Key Stage 2 Assisi Cross Country
Tuesday 25 th –Fri 28 th March	Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 5 trip
Friday 4 th April	Last day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 7TH APRIL – FRIDAY 18TH APRIL 2025	
Wednesday 16 th April – Feast of St Bernadette	
Friday 18 th April ~ Good Friday	
Sunday 20 th April ~ Easter Sunday	
Tuesday 22 nd April	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Wednesday 23 rd April	First Day of Summer Term 2025
Monday 28 th April	St George's Day

Monday 5 th May	Bank holiday
w/b 12 th May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Thursday 22 nd May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country @ St Teresa's, Rochford
Friday 23 rd May	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 26TH MAY – FRIDAY 30TH MAY 2025	
Monday 2 nd June	First Day of Summer Term 2025
Friday 6 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly @9.05am
w/b 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 10 th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (afternoon session)
Friday 13 th June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua
Tuesday 17 th June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Friday 20 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 23 rd June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 27 th June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 3 rd July	KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 5 Taster Day @ St Thomas More & St Bernard's
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
Monday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 2pm
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY THURSDAY 24TH JULY 2025	