

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 parents, carers and community,



This half term has been wonderful in so many ways. Firstly, we were able to welcome back ALL our children to St George's. It really has been wonderful to see smiling faces, hear chatter and laughter and celebrate many successes. It has also been lovely to see parents, carers and families again – we've definitely missed you all! Thank you for adhering to the social distancing guidelines that are in place to keep us all safe. Looking at the news across the U.K., I think these will remain in place for a while, but I know that we will all do whatever it takes to keep the children and our whole community safe. It has taken a while to readjust, and it may still feel a little strange for many of us, especially that we cannot physically come together, as a community, to celebrate work for the term, weekly achievements or class assemblies. However, I know we will try and keep finding different ways to keep our community strong.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at St George's for all your hard work. During these last seven, very intense, weeks, you have:

amazed, bolstered, cared for, dug-deep, educated, fortified, giggled, helped, included, joked, knocked it out the park, laughed, measured (temperatures), nurtured, observed, protected, questioned, reassured, smiled, talked things through, understood, vitalised, wowed, eXcelled and 'Yayyed' .



Definitely time for some Zzzzsss, for all of us!

Have a great half term,
Much love, Annabelle Delgado



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Half Term Week

Even though the school will be closed next week, we ask that if any parents, carers or children have a positive test for COVID during this time, you let the school know. The reason for this is we may need to let other families know so they can isolate. Please be assured we would never inform parents which family or person received a positive result. The office email will be monitored daily throughout the week. Please mark the email **FAO MRS DELGADO** and send to office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk

Uniform

From Monday 2nd November, all the children will be expected to wear winter uniform. I have included the uniform list below. Thank you in advance for your support.

Winter Uniform ~ 1st week back after Autumn half term until Easter holiday

Boys	Girls
Grey trousers/shorts (as appropriate)	Plain grey pinafore/skirt or grey tailored trousers
White shirt ~ excluding Reception who will continue to wear their polo shirt	White shirt ~ excluding Reception who will continue to wear their polo shirt
Grey socks	White socks or navy/grey tights ~ not NAVY socks
Black shoes only Black Kicker hi top shoes are acceptable. If in doubt contact the school for advice.	Black shoes only ~ no heels or open toe shoes Black Kicker hi top shoes are acceptable. If in doubt contact the school for advice.
School pullover	School pullover or cardigan
Yr 1 – 6 School tie (elasticated in Yr 1 & 2)	Yr 1 – 6 School tie (elasticated in Year 1 & 2)
School reversible fleece jacket or a plain waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)	School reversible fleece jacket or a plain waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)

St Joseph's Class Assembly

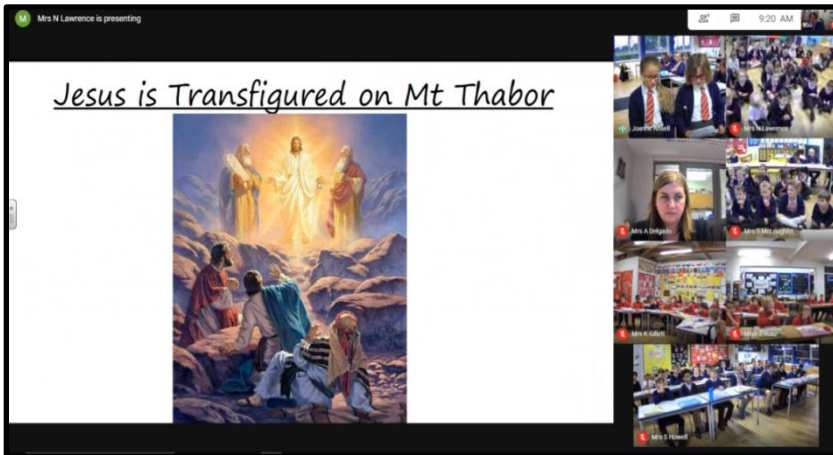
This week St Joseph's class performed the first class assembly of the year. Sadly, we were unable to have parents in school, however, it was filmed and loaded up on to the school website for everyone to see. The other classes will have the opportunity to also watch over the next couple of days. I had the pleasure of watching it and it was very emotional to see how much the children have grown in confidence, even since September. Their theme was how unique and special we all are, and Year 5 certainly live up to that! I spoke to them afterwards and commented on how they are a very close class, always looking out for one another. I know they are all going to continue to amaze me and make me very proud over this next year and beyond. A big THANK YOU also to Mrs Howell and Mrs Heal. The children couldn't wish for more special class team working with them and for them.

You are all my superstars.

Click [here](#) to watch.



Thank You!



On Wednesday the classes came together, via Google Meet, for collective worship. October is the month of the Rosary, so **Sophia and Natalia**, our liturgy team, organised and presented a rosary prayer session for the school. Not only did they lead the prayers, they also produced activities for every class to complete, to support their understanding of the Rosary. Well done girls, you really did a fantastic job, and thank you to Mrs Lawrence for supporting them.

Birthdays



Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week...

Alex & Sophia (St Francis), **Alfie** (St Therese), **Henry** (St Elizabeth),
Eva (St Joseph)

Harley & Thomas (St Anthony) and **Noah** (St Peter)

and those celebrating in the half term holiday:

Ezinne (St Francis), **Mia-Rae** (St Therese),
Albie & George (St Bernadette),
Aubrey (St Joseph) and **Mr Sims & Mrs O'Shea**



Parish Christmas Card Competition

This year we will be opening up the Parish Christmas Card Competition to the whole school. The design should be on A4 paper or card and have a religious theme. Please return the artwork to your class teacher by Monday 2nd November (first day back after half term) and make sure you have written your name and class clearly on the back. Father Brett will choose the winning design and the picture will be made into Christmas cards for everyone in the Parish.

Breakfast Club and After school club

Don't forget, you can book anytime up to the day before.

Breakfast club runs from 7.30am – start of school day ~ £3.50 (breakfast is provided)

After school club runs until 4.45pm ~ half session £7.00

until 6.00pm ~ full session £10.00

(The children will need to bring a 'packed tea' with them which we can refrigerate)

Head Teacher Awards



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

Maddison ~ (St Francis) ~ for a great start to school life and trying hard in everything she does. Well done, Maddison!

George ~ (St Therese) ~ Thank you George for being part of St George's. We will miss you so much but know you'll continue to be a superstar at your new school.

Elijah ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ – for always working really hard and giving 100% in all areas of the curriculum.

Honey (St Bernadette) for her resilient and enthusiastic attitude. Honey is determined to do her best and rise to all challenges. Well done Honey!

Conor (St Joseph) ~ for demonstrating an excellent attitude towards learning. His behaviour and conscientious approach to work have been really impressive. Keep it up, Conor!

St Anthony Class ~ for their wonderful class assembly, celebrating how special and unique all of us are.

Florence O. ~ (St Peter) ~ – for her fantastic focus and improved effort in Maths this week; keep up the brilliant work Florence.



Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	20.6	98.8	Colchester
Year 1	72.8	403.7	Boston
Year 2	77	433.5	Middlesbrough
Year 3	68.3	374.8	Sheffield
Year 4	76.9	436.7	Middlesbrough
Year 5	77.4	454.2	Middlesbrough
Year 6	77.8	446.3	Skegness

To encourage as many miles as possible, the children were told which ever class runs the most miles in a half term will be rewarded with a 'sporty' dress down day. Congratulations to Year 5, you have run the most miles this half term, so your day will be Friday 6th November.

Sports Awards

Well done to our winner for this week:

Ottilie (St Bernadette) ~ for her improvement in confidence and timing when dancing Bollywood style. Well done Ottilie!

I would also like to congratulate **Stanley** (St Peter) who won a sports award at the weekend for Coach's Player of the Year for rugby. He has played with his team at Southend rugby club since he was 4. Well done Stanley, that shows great dedication, commitment and skills. We are all very proud of you.

Artist of the Month

This month's Artist is from Reception class. They have only been in for 7 weeks or so, and already they are being recognised as superstars! Well done to:

Toby (St Francis) – the children in Year R were learning about St Francis and his love of animals. They were asked to paint their favourite animal and Toby painted an amazing picture of a cow. Well done Toby!



Year R Admissions ~ September 2021

Applications can be submitted online to the Local Authority from **14th September 2020 until the 15th January 2021**. Please note that a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed, which is available from the school (please contact the office and it will be sent via email). If your child has been baptised, or the equivalent in a Christian church, please send a

copy in with your application. The Supplementary Information Form is to be returned to the school by 22nd January 2021

Open mornings for Reception 2021

Due to the current situation with regards to visitors in schools, this year we will be doing something a little different! I will be making a short information video for parents about the school and the process of application. There will also be a virtual tour. Both will be available on the website from 2nd November 2020. I will also be available for a coffee morning (online 9.30am – 10.30am), or afternoon tea (online 4pm – 5pm) where I am available to meet and chat with individual families who are interested in a place for their child. Appointments are now available to book. Please email the office with your chosen date and time.

Wednesday 4th November (9.30am – 10.30am & 4pm – 5pm)

Tuesday 10th November (9.30am – 10.30am & 4pm – 5pm)

Thursday 19th November (9.30am – 10.30am & 4pm – 5pm)

Prayers



Please keep all our community in your prayers, especially Harley (St Anthony) and Thomas (St Joseph) and his family as his grandma sadly passed away this week.

Have a wonderful half term,
see you on Monday 2nd November,
God Bless,

Mrs Delgado