



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,

Nourish Tasting Session

Thank you to all the parents who attended the tasting session on Wednesday. It was great to hear the positive feedback and also answer questions that parents had. We did receive a request to share with all parents how the hot food experience 'looks' for the children, so we have shared some photos below.





Head Teacher Awards

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

Elsie ~ (St Francis) ~ for wowing us with her big, confident voice in Nativity rehearsals and for making fantastic progress in her reading.

Donny ~ (St Therese) ~ Donny has demonstrated super understanding in maths this week, especially when explaining to the class. Great job, Donny!

Demi ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ Demi has shown exceptional care towards others, showing what it truly means to live out our Year 2 Caring Beatitude every day. Her thoughtful actions and gentle heart make our school a better place for everyone. Well done Demi, we are very proud of you!

Johnny ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for excellent effort in maths this week. He always gives 100% and has gained more independence. Well done Johnny!

Macy-Rose ~ (St Joseph) ~ for a fantastic week! Her learning behaviour is outstanding, and she is working with increased independence, enthusiasm and focus. Well done, Macy-Rose!

Olivia ~ (St Anthony) ~ for fantastic effort this week, wowing us with her recount in English then wowing us again with her Samba moves for our Brazilian Day. Well done, Olivia!

Spencer ~ (St Peter) ~ for being an exceptional learner in all areas of the curriculum – he is always ready for a maths challenge in every maths lesson! He also presented a wonderful 'show and tell' this week which linked to our topic on WW2. Keep up the brilliant work!

<u>November dates for your diary</u>	
Wednesday 26 th November	Reception 2026 Open Morning
Thursday 27 th November	PTA Christmas Disco for KS1 & KS2 Girls Football Game @ Greenways School
Saturday 29 th November	St George's Christmas Fayre 12-2pm – Cancelled

Hot Dinners

Please find the link for ordering school lunches for week commencing 1st December. The link is also on the school website. Deadline for orders is the 26th November 12 noon .

<https://forms.office.com/e/pn5Y3HeSxD>

Bronze reading Awards

We had another huge amount of Bronze reading certificates to hand out at this afternoon's assembly. Congratulations to all the children who gained their BRONZE reading certificate this week:

Tilly, Elsie & Alex (St Francis), Jacob, Josie & Mia (St Elizabeth)

Rosa, Coby & Mabel (St Bernadette),

Keziah, Elsie, Nathanael & Willow (St Joseph), Alex (St Anthony) Spencer and Albie (St Peter)

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday this week.

Molly (St Therese), Mrs Wallen and Me!



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

Our final information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2026 is **Wednesday 26th November**. Please contact the office if you wish to book a place.

Clubs

Next week (week commencing Monday 24th November) will be the last week for teacher led clubs. The clubs which will continue past next week are:

- KS2 after school netball club - last session on Tuesday 2nd December
- KS1 after school netball club - last session on Wednesday 3rd December
- Southend United Football after school club - last session Thursday 11th December
- Year 4,5 & 6 after school dance club - last session on Thursday 11th December. Will return on Thursday 8th January.
- Year 5/6 after school football club with Mr Saggars - last session on Thursday 18th December

Times Table Rock Stars

Congratulations to our TOP TEN rockstars this week.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Abigail - Year 5	Baffuor - Year 2	Freddie - Year 6	Mia - Year 2	Demi- Year 2
6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Nana - Year 6	Isabella - Year 4	Ruby - Year 5	Reu'ven - Year 2	Reuben - Year 2

Punctuality Percentages

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

The Hungry Cupboard

Thank you to the children and families of St Peter's class who have been filling up the Hungry Cupboard this week. The Cupboard is continuing 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

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King.

Lord Jesus, this weekend we celebrate You as our King.

Thank You for loving us, guiding us, and always being by our side.

Help us to listen to You, to be kind, and to share Your love with everyone we meet.

Make our hearts gentle, brave, and full of joy.

Amen.

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Wb 24 th November 2025	Last week of staff led clubs
Wednesday 26 th November	Reception 2026 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Thursday 27 th November	Girls Football Game at Greensways School
	Christmas Disco
Saturday 29 th November	Christmas Fair – Cancelled
Friday 5 th December	Netball Santa Rally @ Alleyn Court
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Thursday 11 th December	Reception Nativity Play 9.15am
	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 2pm
	Year 5 Stargazing Event
Friday 12 th December	St George's Has Talent!
Monday 15 th December	Non uniform day for winning house team
	Christmas Gift Sale
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm at St George's Church
Wednesday 17 th December	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am
	Christmas Dinner at school
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Games Day led by Year 6
	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19 th December	Last day of Autumn term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER – FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2026	
Monday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2026
Wednesday 7 th January	Sportshall Athletics Event Year 5/6
Thursday 8 th January	Sportshall Athletics Event Year 3/4
Friday 16 th January	Southend Schools Football tournament (year 3/4 boys) @ Len Forge
Tuesday 20 th January	ACT Dance Festival @ Palace Theatre
Friday 23 rd January	Year 3 & 4 Swimming starts
Thursday 5 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday 9 th February	Netball League matches after school @ Shoeburyness High School
	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm-5pm
	Parent-Carer Consultation week
Thursday 12 th February	ACT Music Festival @ STM
Friday 13 th February	Southend Schools Football tournament (key stage 1) @ Len Forge

HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 16TH – FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2026

Wednesday 25 th February	Netball tournament @ Cecil Jones
	Year 3 Roman Dress Up Day
Friday 27 th February	Year 3 & 4 Girls Football @ Len Forge
Tuesday 3 rd March	'Hot Cross Run' @ St Thomas More
Wednesday 4 th March	Key Stage 1 Tag Rugby tournament @ Southend Rugby Club
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 3/4 Tag Rugby tournament @ Southend Rugby Club
Friday 13 th March	KS1 Girls Football @ Len Forge
Monday 16 th March	Netball League matches after school @ Cecil Jones
Tuesday 17 th – 20 th March	Year 6 Residential trip
Thursday 19 th March	Feast of St Joseph
Monday 23 rd March	Non uniform day for wining house team
Wednesday 25 th March	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am
	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross @ St George's Church 2pm
Friday 27 th March	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 13 th April	First Day of Summer Term 2026
	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 14 th April	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 16 th April	Feast of St Bernadette
Thursday 23 rd April	St George's Day
Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday
w/b 11 th May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Tuesday 19 th May	Crowning of Mary school celebration – details to follow
Wednesday 20 th May	Science Fayre 2pm
Thursday 21 st May	KS1 Cross Country – Pentecost Dash! @ St Teresa's, Rochford
Friday 22 nd May	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 25TH MAY – FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026

Monday 1 st June	Back to school
w/b 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 9 th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (afternoon session)
Wednesday 10 th June	School Class Photographs
Saturday 13 th June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua
Tuesday 16 th June	Induction afternoon for Reception 2026

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



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

Food Donations needed

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

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Charity No: 1053992



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
Charity No: 1053992

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert

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