

# 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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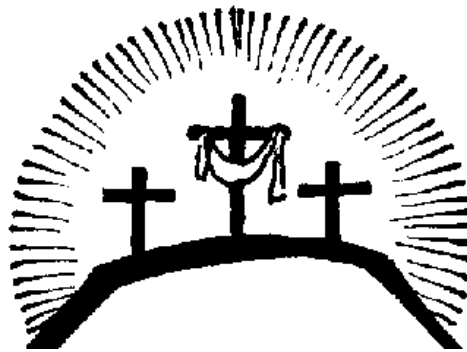
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To our wonderful community,



*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

John 15: 13

Today is the last day of the Spring term and we begin our Easter break for the next two weeks. This is the highlight of the Church's year and we encourage everyone to attend Mass, or a service, over these three days to celebrate this display of Christ's love for us, his friends.

### Mass Times

**Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 8pm at St George's**

**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March ~ Children's Stations of the Cross 10.30am at St George's  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion ~ 3pm at St George's**

**Holy Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April ~ Blessing of food baskets 10am at St George's  
Easter Vigil ~ 8.00pm at St George's**

**Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 8.45am at St Gregory's  
Family Mass 10.45am at St George's**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very holy and happy Easter

Much love, Annabelle Delgado



## Attendance Counts

In a recent attendance review by the local authority attendance officer, it was identified that 'term time holiday' absences at St George's are significantly higher than other local schools and nationally.

Last year over half of our families took at least one term time holiday, with some families taking two, or even three. In total, 378 school days were lost to holiday absence.



In line with advice given by our attendance officer, the governors have agreed to work with the local authority, in order for them to issue any penalty notices to parents/carers for holidays taken during term time. This will come into effect from Wednesday 4th September 2024.

More details will follow next term but parents can gain further information by reading the Working together to Improve School Attendance guidance for parents which can be found [HERE](#)

2024-2025 term dates are published below so families can book well in advance to avoid term time and get the best price. We have purposely allocated three of the INSET days to either just before, or just after a main holiday, as well as the usual 'long weekend' Friday and Monday.

<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY ~ FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY - MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school for Autumn term (first half)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	ACADEMY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Autumn term (first half)
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2024</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school for Autumn term (second half)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn term (second half)
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2024 – FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school for Spring term (first half)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Spring term (first half)
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school for Spring term (second half)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Spring term (second half)
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL</b>	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children return to school for Summer term (first half)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of Summer term (first half)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

## HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school for Summer term (second half)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of Summer term (second half)

SUMMER HOLIDAY FROM THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY

### The final spring sports report!

Tuesday was a very busy day with our girls' football team and netball team in action! The girls football team travelled over to Our Lady of Lourdes to play against all the other primary schools in the Assisi Catholic Trust. It was their first tournament, but you never would have known it! They played with great spirit and demonstrated super skills. The results were mixed, wins, losses and draws, however it did not dampen their enthusiasm and they gave it their all, every minute of every game! Well done: Honey, Afsa, Chelsea, Olivia, Leja, Otilie, Mia and Heidi.



Our year 6 netball team played their final league matches for this year on Tuesday afternoon. As ever their netball play, skills and teamwork were outstanding. We have been very fortunate to have such a talented group of girls representing year 6 and our school, this year. A HUGE thank you to Olivia, Afsa, Chelsea, Leja, Isabelle, Mia, Freya F., Freya W., Julia and Honey.



### Science fair!

Last week was our science fair and parents came in to see our amazing experiments like the blood experiment, where we used cheerios, rice, food colouring and porridge to model blood. We also showed digestion by using a pair of tights which acted as the small intestine! We had a great time doing these with Mrs Bracknell and then showing them to the parents. We loved asking the parents questions about their knowledge of science too!

By Isabelle, Freya W and Emily – year 6 Science Ambassadors



## Victorian School Day

On, Monday, St Anthony's Class went back in time to the Victorian School at Braintree District Museum. We went into the classroom where we were taught many lessons by Ma'am, a very strict teacher. We had to sing the National Anthem, practice our handwriting on slates and even had a PE lesson - no football or netball for us. After school, we looked at some artefacts and had to guess what they were. Some were really hard to work out such as the bacon dripper and the sugar cane cutters, we all liked the mouse trap too!

After lunch, we did the Museum Trail and learned so much about Victorian life in Braintree, such as the fashions and the textile companies. We saw a plaited crown for Queen Victoria and an original Penny Farthing. It was a brilliant trip, we loved dressing up and discovering new things about Victorian life.



**Amelie and Harry S**

There is only one HT award this week and that is for **St Anthony's Class** for outstanding engagement and behaviour during our Victorians Trip to the Braintree District Museum. You are a credit to our school; we are very proud of you all.

## Artist of the Month

April's Artist of the Month is Robyn from St Anthony's class. Robyn chose to use chalk pastels to blend a beautiful array of colours; creating the story of Easter. From the dark day of sadness on Good Friday to the rolling away of the stone at the tomb to the sunrise of Easter Sunday and the journey to hope, love and peace.

## Birthdays

Congratulations to **Philippa, Mia & Freddie** (St Francis), **George** (St Elizabeth) and **Sam** (St Peter) and **Ryan & Abigail** (St Therese) who are celebrating birthdays this week.

And Happy Birthday to everyone who will be celebrating a birthday over the Easter holidays.

**John-Luke & Olivia** (St Francis), **Nathan** (St Joseph),  
**Matthias & Ted** (St Peter) and **Mrs Gillett, Miss Morrow and Mrs Parascandolo**



## SVP Collection

Thank you for all the donations of Easter eggs over the last two weeks. A member of the SVP group came and collected them on Wednesday and were overwhelmed by your generosity.

## Year 6 Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who brought a ticket for the year 6 Easter raffle. The children raised just over £274.

The children of Year 6 will be hosting a cream tea on Monday 22nd April. You will be served a selection of cakes including scones, as well as tea and coffee. The tickets are £3.00 per person and the money raised from the event will help towards purchasing leavers hoodies for the Year 6 children.

If you would like to attend the event, you will have the opportunity to invite your child/children who are at St. George's, to join you. Once you have all enjoyed your cream tea, you will be able to take your child/children home.

There will be an option of two servings: 1.30pm - 2.00pm or 2.15pm - 2.45pm

If you would like to purchase tickets to the event, please complete the google form and pay for your tickets through wise pay. Please complete the form and make a payment by Monday 15th April.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaQLKulkpntIzIIY11q4ws9ATtktdq9c6WnRgwKF8QKIqmUA/viewform>



## Prayers



We keep all our community in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,

# Mrs Delgado

## Diary Dates

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY ~ GOOD FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024</b> Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March ~ Good Friday Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March ~ Easter Sunday	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term 2024
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Feast of St Bernadette
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Afternoon Tea for parents, carers, family and friends! 1pm – 3pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Day
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Feast of St Margaret Clitherow and the 40 martyrs
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception height and weight check
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day ~ Mass for the children
w/b 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost Sunday
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country @ St Teresa's, Rochford
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 3 trip
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024</b>	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Feast of Corpus Christi
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 trip
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class – Learn to ride session
w/b 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons (morning session)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception 2024 Induction Afternoon
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua
	Year 3 Roman Day in school

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Feast of St Thomas More and St John Fisher
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresa's 10am – noon
	Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school @ 2.30pm
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of St Peter and Paul
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance 9.15am & 6pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre
w/b 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 6pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2024</b>	