



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,

Happy New Year!

A very happy New Year to you all ~ we look forward to an exciting 2025 at St. George's.

A New Year Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate.

As we begin a new year, help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside our worries about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen

Jubilee year 2025 – 'Pilgrims of Hope'

On Christmas eve, Pope Francis opened the Holy Doors and invited us all to participate in the Jubilee year. This week we launched this special year with an assembly and talked about ways we can open our doors of hope to others. Throughout the year we will be participating in lots of activities which show we are 'Pilgrims of Hope'. To begin with, we would like the children to create a poster for the Jubilee year with the theme of opening the 'Doors of Hope'. It needs to contain the Jubilee logo as shown. This could be cut out and stuck onto the poster or drawn. Please could the posters be on A4 landscape paper as the chosen poster will be enlarged and displayed in the school hall. More information about the jubilee year which may help with poster ideas can be found on the below link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSQOCdqBYcq>

We are looking forward to seeing your creations!





Head Teachers Award

Congratulations to our first winners of 2025!

Roisin ~ (St Francis) ~ for settling in really well at the start of a new term

Mia ~ (St Therese) ~ for a fantastic start to the new year. Mia has offered great ideas, listens well and is a caring friend to others. Great job, Mia!

Dejani ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for her amazing progress with creative writing. She is working really hard and is using her phonics well to spell words independently.

Isla ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for a fantastic first week back and engaging fully in all lessons, well done Isla!

River-Jane ~ (St Joseph) ~ for excellent work in art and English. She has worked extremely hard this week and has also been very helpful around the class. Keep up the great work

Eliana ~ (St Anthony) ~ for excellent engagement and attitude across all subjects. A fantastic start to the Spring term. Well done!

Sam ~ (St Peter) ~ for making brilliant contributions in lessons, particularly in guided reading, where his responses are often outstanding. Well done, Sam!

Health 4 Life

A healthy lifestyle is crucial for all children as it supports proper growth, strengthens the immune system, and promotes mental well-being. Regular physical activity, balanced nutrition, and adequate sleep help prevent chronic illnesses, improve focus, and build positive habits, setting the foundation for a healthy future.

Later this term, the Health 4 Life team will be visiting St George's, to deliver assemblies on healthy lifestyles. We are all very excited! Not only do they deliver assemblies and workshops, the team also support children, young people and their families who may be struggling with healthy lifestyles. They run a 6 week support programme on a 1:1 basis. If you feel this could benefit your family, whether it be around sleep, nutrition or activity, please send an email to the school office, FAO Health 4 Life team, and we will pass your details on (in confidence).

Swimming information

Years 3 & 4 will begin swimming lessons at Garons on a Friday morning on Friday 24th January 2024. The coach will be transporting the children during the morning.

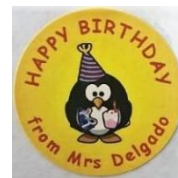
Just a few reminders:

- 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!).

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

Birthdays

Congratulations to Megan (St Joseph), Albie & Damian (St Anthony) and Evie (St Peter) who are celebrating their birthdays.



Reading Awards

Even though it was the Christmas holidays, many of the children continued to read daily to keep their skills sharp and to earn their next certificate.

Well done to the following who received their **BRONZE** award this morning.

Aden, Florence & Mollie (St Francis), **Hunter** (St Therese), **Isla** (St Bernadette), **Jazmin & Sebby** (St Joseph) **Ada, Zayaan, Chloe & Ronnie** (St Anthony)

And well done to the children who received the first **SILVER** reading award for this academic year.

Harry, Reyna, Thomas & Hollie (St Francis), **Violet, Baffuor, Reu'ven, Reuben, Conor, Hallie-May, Edie, John-Luke, Beau, Sophie & Josie** (St Therese), **Isla, Isabelle, Elsie, Darcie & Joshua** (St Elizabeth), **Victoria, Milita & Jason** (St Bernadette), **Sophia, Abigail, River-Jane, Megan, Sophie, Teddy & Aviya** (St Joseph), **Shia, Erin, Aaron, Albie & Sinela** (St Anthony) **Blossom, Padmé, Heidi, Jake, Imogen, Harry S. & Kamila** (St Peter)

School clubs

Our external clubs – **Girls Football** (Thursday lunchtime) and **Year 5 & 6 Boys Football** (after school) begin from **THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2025**. **Southend United** has already started for this term. Staff led clubs – e.g. **netball, choir, cross stitch etc.** – will begin from **MONDAY 20TH JANUARY 2025**.

The clubs for this term are:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8am – 8.35am					Dance club Mrs Bracknell Year 3 & 4
12pm-12.30pm	11+ club Year 5 Mr Sims Tag Rugby Year 3 & 4	Indoor games club Mrs Marquis Year 4-6	Choir Mrs McLoughlin Year 3 – 6	Girls football – 1 st half term Running club – 2 nd half term Year 3 & 4	
12.30pm – 1pm	Tag Rugby Year 1 & 2		Lego club Mrs Lawrence Years 1-3	Running club – 2 nd half term Years 5 & 6 12.30-1pm)	
3.15- 4.15pm	Netball club Mrs Irons Mrs Delgado Years 5 & 6			Southend United Football (external booking only) (Yr 1 – 6)	
				Year 5 & 6 Boys football External provider	
				Cross Stitch until 4pm Mrs Irons Year 5	

Click [HERE](#) for the online booking form.

Artist of the Month

Congratulations to *Darcey* from St Anthony's class who has been chosen as Artist of the Month for January. As part of year 5's new topic, Victorians, the class have looked at a Victorian artist called William Morris. He used nature and repetition within his work, often creating wall paper and stain glass windows. The children sketched different leaves and flowers then created a coloured sketch as a piece of wallpaper. After, they took one element of our sketch and created a printing block from polystyrene tile. The children then used a base colour to create the main outlines printing them onto paper, and repeated this with another colour to add more detail. Well done, *Darcey*!

Cold Weather

We may not have enjoyed any snow since returning to school, but we have certainly had the cold weather! If we could remind you to label coats, gloves, scarves, hats, earmuffs etc. We ask that if your child is wearing a hat, it a plain and suitable for school. Thank you in advance for your support.

Punctuality Percentages

We are continuing to promote attendance and punctuality at St George's as there is a clear link between excellent attendance and excellent progress and outcomes. Every child earns a punctuality point for their class when they are on time. Weekly, any class with 100% punctuality will get an extra reward (golden time, extra playground time etc) so it is definitely a good thing to get in on time!

Prayers



We keep all our community in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

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

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
Friday 24 th January	Swimming for years 3 & 4 begins
Tuesday 28 th January	Basketball competition @ Thorpe Hall
Thursday 30 th January	Boys football match v Thorpedene
Monday 3 rd February	Year 5 trip to SHSG
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
Friday 7 th March	Mad March 'Hair' Day – details to follow!
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	