



# 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,

## WHAT A WEEK!

*It may well have been a four day week, this week, but it feels as if we squeezed a fortnight of activities in!*

*We kicked off on Tuesday with the MINI MARATHON, an event organised by Mrs McLoughlin for all the classes. It was a fantastic event held over three days. The **116** children who participated were AMAZING! They ran, jogged, walked, chatted, danced their way round the 2.6 miles and all said how much they enjoyed it. In fact, quite a few asked to do extra laps, if not run the whole distance again! Well done to all of you. In addition to it being a great community event, the children also raised a great deal of money for the Friends of St George's, our school PTA. The target was set at £500, but as it stands, the children have raised **£1991**. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations. If you want to check the total, or make a donation, you can [CLICK HERE](#).*



## Quad Kids

On Wednesday, 16 of our children participated in the KS2 Quad Kids event, a multi-disciplined event where the children sprint, run long distance, throw and jump to earn individual and team points. Mrs Wallen had the pleasure of accompanying the year 3/4 team in the morning, and I had the pleasure of being with the year 5/6 team. As you can imagine, each child gave it their all to gain points. The year 3/4 team came mid table and the year 5/6 team gained 7<sup>th</sup> place (out of 22 schools) – a super achievement. There was also some fantastic individual performances, including David



from St Peter's class, who won the individual silver medal. Well done to the whole team:

Albie, Aaron, Folami,  
Toby, Chloe, Elsie,  
Charlotte & Abigail  
Jack, David, Oscar,  
Henry, Beatrice, Ruva,  
Lyla and Lily.



## Creative Dance Competition

For the first time, our school participated in the Southend Dance event, held at Allyn Court. It was a brilliant afternoon where the dance team performed their original dance, 'Dance for freedom', accompanied by the track 'Houdini' by Dua Lipa. I know Mrs Bracknell was incredibly proud of each team member, as they came together and were movement perfect! The girls will be performing their routine to the school during this term, hopefully a public performance on Celebration Day! Huge thanks to Mrs Bracknell and the dance team for all their hard work and effort:

Amelie, Blossom, Padme,  
Elsiada, Heidi, Imogen, Kamila,  
Lily, Ruvarashe  
Freya W, Freya F, Julia, Mia



### Ascension Day Mass

Yesterday, Fr Brett joined us in school to celebrate Mass for the Feast of the Ascension. It was wonderful to come together in prayer and worship on this special feast. Thank you to Mrs Wallen for organising Mass and the liturgy team for the readings and prayers.

### Staying Safe in the Sun

At St George's, we believe that children's safety in the sun is of paramount importance and this includes wearing a sun hat/cap and suncream. We ask that the children wear a red St George's cap, [CLICK HERE](#) to order, or a plain red cap. Some children elect to wear a suitable plain wide brim straw style hat or a legionnaire's hat to give additional shade.

Staff cannot apply suncream, so we strongly recommend that parents apply an all-day suncream with a high factor so that the children are safe in school. Due to allergies, we ask that the children do not bring individual bottles of suncream in. Please can you make sure your child has a water bottle at school with them every day.

### Insect Repellent

As the children will be spending more of their PE in the field adjacent to the school, we advise that if your child is prone to gnat bites, or you just want to give extra protection, that you apply insect repellent before they come to school. Children can also wear the insect repellent bands. We thank you in advance for your support.

### Birthdays

Congratulations to **Darcie** (St Therese), **Willow** (St Elizabeth), **Megan** (St Joseph) and **David** (St Peter) who celebrated birthdays this week.



### Reading Awards

Well done to **Joshua** (St Peter) who was awarded his **BRONZE** award.  
**Ava** (St Therese), **George** (St Bernadette), **Ruva** (St Anthony) and **Freya F.** (St Peter) received their **GOLD** award.

The **DIAMOND** certificates are still coming thick and fast for 200 reads! Well done to:  
**Reuben** (St Francis), **Joshua** (St Therese), **Ebony-Hope** (St Elizabeth), **Sophie** (St Bernadette),  
**Damian** (St Joseph)

### Punctuality Update

Year Group	Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Punctuality	100%	99%	97%	96%	97%	94%	100%



### Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to all the children who have been recognised for their achievements this week.

**Olivia** ~ (St Francis) ~ for great effort and contribution in all areas of learning. You have participated particularly well in carpet session, answering lots of questions. Well done!

**Elsie** ~ (St Therese) ~ for incredible determination in running. Elsie kept on going and even ran extra laps to encourage others. Great running, Elsie!

**Nathanael** ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for always trying his very best with his work and for being a kind and helpful member of the class. Well done and keep it up Nathanael!

**Katie** ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for always working conscientiously, aspiring to achieve through all subjects. For taking on board ways to improve her writing with fantastic results. Well done, Katie!

**Folami** ~ (St Joseph) ~ for being a fantastic role model. His learning behaviour is outstanding - he always works hard and participates fully in lessons. Well done, Folami!

**Elsiada** ~ (St Anthony) ~ for always working hard and setting a good example for others. A wonderful role model in St Anthony's Class.

**Archie** ~ (St Peter) ~ for being an exceptional member of Year 6. He is very conscientious and always willing to take on any challenge!

### May Dates

w/b 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	No Breakfast Club KS1 Quad kids
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost Sunday
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Gemma's Farm visit to the school for Reception & Yr1
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am School Nurse Drop in session 9~10am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Trust Cross Country @ St Teresa's
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 3 trip Year 6 Residential Meeting @ 2.45pm

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024**

### Message from the PTA:

Father's Day Sale for the children will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June in school. Details on cost per gift and payment will be sent out over the next couple of weeks.

### Summer Fayre

We are excitedly planning activities, stalls, food and drink and the return of the Ice Cream Van! However, we will need your help please.

### Teddies and Soft Toys

We are looking for donations to support our teddy stall and are asking if anyone has any teddies or soft toys to donate to our teddy tombola they would be gratefully received.

**Please bring them to the office or let your class rep know if you have anything you could donate.**

### Rainbow Hampers

Also making its return this year is the Rainbow Hampers for our Summer Fayre raffle! There will be more details to follow but in the same format as last year each class will be given a colour and we ask please for donations of items of this colour to make some beautiful hampers we can include in our wonderful raffle on the day!

### Non-Uniform Day

Finally, there will be a non school uniform day to support the Fayre – this will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. If your child would like to come in non-uniform, we ask that they either bring:

- **A bag of sweets if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2**
- **An unopened bottle of something (it can be alcoholic or non-alcoholic) if they are in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6.**

Finally, we are asking for your time...if you have any time you can give to helping run a stall or setting up before or clearing up after the Summer Fayre we would love your help, please let me or your class rep know if you can.

As always, thank you for your support and enjoy your weekend!

**Felicity**



## Food Bank Items of Need

### URGENTLY NEEDED

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|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| UHT Milk         | Jams & Spreads                        |
| Pasta sauces     | Tins of veggie food                   |
| Tins of fruit    | (macaroni cheese/ veggie ravioli etc) |
| Tinned Meat pies | Sugar                                 |
| Mayo             | Tuna                                  |
| Butter           | Coffee                                |
| Nappies          | Biscuits                              |
| Wet wipes        | Cereal Bars                           |
| Crisps/ biscuits | Tinned Tomato                         |
| Tuna             | Toiletries                            |
| Crackers         | Cereal                                |

Thank you for continuing to support our collection for SVP's foodbank.

### Prayers



We especially keep all our community in our prayers.

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*



# Transitions up to end of school year 8

Event for parent carers



Southend SEND Independent Forum (SSIF) invite parent carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to their second seminar this year. 'Transitions your child will encounter up to end of school year 8' is the second in a series of valuable and informative events that will run throughout the year.

## About the event

This seminar is aimed at parent carers of children with SEND up to end of school year 8 who may need information and support regarding the different transitions your child will encounter. Transitions may include:

- Starting nursery or pre-school.
- Starting primary school.
- Starting secondary school.

We also include any key stage transitions, for example: the move from Early Years to Key Stage 1, or from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 and so on.

We have a panel of professionals from the Southend-on-Sea SEND Team, the School Nursing Team and The School Attendance and Inclusion Team. They will talk about how they can support you and your child through various transitions.

We are inviting parent carers to submit any questions they have for the panel by Thursday 9th May 2024, via email.

There will also be an opportunity for people to participate in a co-production session to develop a useful route map/flow chart of the transitions processes.

## Details



### Date and time

Monday, 20th May

Arrival: 9.00 to 9.30am

Session time: 9.30am to 12.30pm



### Venue

Civic Centre - Jubilee Room  
Victoria Avenue  
Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6ER



### Refreshments

Refreshments will be provided.



### Book here



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## Diary Dates

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>
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
	Year 6 Residential meeting at 2.45pm
<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	Father's Day Sale in school
	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
	No after school club due to staff training
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	St George's Celebration Day from 9am – all families welcome
	No after school club due to Celebration day
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
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Assembly @ 9.05am

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>	