



ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Let it be known to all who enter here, that Christ is the reason for this school,
the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes,
the model for its children, the inspiration for its staff.*

*We aim to be a Christian community and witnesses to Christ,
where all can experience and grow in Christian love
through God's word and the gifts of His sacraments,
and through prayer and personal example.*



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Dear Parents,

At Last!

We finally have a full house as all of our new Reception class have arrived and settled into life at St George's. It already feels as if they have always been here.

On Thursday, our final group joined us:

Harry, Charlie, Isla, Edie, Logan, Nate, Natasha, Isabelle, Hannah and Summer

I have no doubt that our newest children will be a remarkable group who will make our school community proud and amaze us at the wonderful things they achieve. We wish you all every happiness and success during the next seven years.

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Wednesday 30th September 3.30pm & 7pm

Thank you to the parents who have returned their slips indicating which session they will attend. We cannot stress how important attending one of the sessions is, as it will support you in keeping your child safe, both in the real world and virtual world. Please return any slips to the office as soon as possible (there is a slip at the end of the newsletter). Thanking you in advance for your support.

House Captains & School Council

I am very pleased to announce the House Captains and School Council members for the following year.

House Captains

St Anne Line ~ Sophie & Bonnie

St Thomas More ~ Imani & Imogen

St Margaret Clitherow ~ Katie & Millie M.

St John Fisher ~ Rachel & Amelia

School Council

St Elizabeth ~ Lexi-Rose & Richard

St Bernadette ~ Florence & Ewan

St Joseph ~ Isabel & Henry F.

St Anthony ~ Truly-Rose & Jabez

St Peter ~ Abigail & Jude

We selected our liturgy team, a group of Year 6 children, who will be responsible for preparing Masses, both class and whole school, welcoming the congregation and helping with the organisation of different prayer groups. We also selected 2 children to be our Sports council, leading sport in the school and representing St George's at the local sports council.

Liturgy Team

Darrell, Luke, George, Hannah & Millie O'D

Sports Leaders

Ace & Isabelle

Dates for your diary

September

Mon 21 st	Coffee Morning for Reception parents 9.00am in the Community Suite Clubs begin
Tue 22 nd	Reception Class Information Session for all parents ~ 3.25pm . Please come in via the office.
Fri 25 th	Macmillan Coffee Morning ~ Cake sale for the children organised by the School Council

Head Teacher Awards

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

Harry (St Francis) ~ for being a kind friend and always putting 100% effort into tasks.

Noah (St Therese) ~ for starting the year with a positive attitude and the motivation to learn

Morten (St Elizabeth) ~ for an enthusiastic start to Year 2

Gabriel (St Bernadette) ~ for concentrating on his work and listening carefully to his teachers

Callum (St Joseph) ~ for an excellent start to Year 4

Francesca (St Anthony) ~ for setting an example of good behaviour and a positive attitude to
school life

Cameron (St Peter) ~ for making an outstanding start to the school year.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who celebrated a birthday this week.

Lee (St Francis)

Orla (St Bernadette)

Joshua (St Anthony)

And Mrs Key

MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 25th September, our school council will be organising a cake sale in school to support the Macmillan Charity. Each child will be able to buy a cake giving a minimum donation of 50p for this worthwhile charity. If you are able to donate any cakes, we would really appreciate your generosity.

Parent Information Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who have attended the sessions. We hope you found them useful. The remaining date is:

Tuesday 22nd Sept ~ St Francis (Year R)

Reminders

Free School Lunches for Infants

It is **vital** that all parents are aware that we need to receive your order by Wednesday for the following week. If not, we will presume that you wish to provide lunch for your child. You access the order form on the school website www.sgcps.co.uk

Milk

Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk. You can register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com

Nuts

We have children at St. George's who have severe anaphylactic allergies triggered by peanuts and other nuts. Please do not send foods containing nuts or peanuts to school. This includes Nutella spread and peanut butter.

Year R Admissions ~ September 2016

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2016. Each session will take place from 9.30~10.30am and will include a talk from the Headteacher, a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask questions. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 4th November

Tuesday 10th November

Thursday 19th November

Please phone the school office (01702 293522) to book your place.

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from 14th September 2015 to 15th January 2016. The form can be downloaded from the council website at:

<http://www.southend.gov.uk/admissions/>. Please note that a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed, which is available from the school. If you are a practising Catholic, ask your priest for a completed Certificate of Practice to support your application.

The Supplementary Information Form is to be returned to the school and the priest will return the certificate of practice. Both of these must be submitted by 22nd January 2016.

Catholic Secondary and Primary School Appointments

Father Brett is available for appointments for any parents that require him to fill in a Certificate of Catholic Practice.. Please contact the school office to make your appointment. The dates for those applying to Catholic secondary schools are 28th September, 5th & 12th October between 1:00pm and 3:00pm. The dates for any parents needing an interview for a Primary school place (Reception 2016), are 9th, 16th and 23rd November.

Lunchtime/After School Clubs

Clubs begin from Monday 21st September. You will receive a text confirming your child's place.

Annual General Meeting

The Friends of St George's AGM will take place on **Tuesday 6th October at 3.30pm** in the community suite. As parents/carers at St George's School, you are all members and are invited to attend. We are still looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are willing not only to raise money which will benefit all of the pupils at the school but also help organise and run social events throughout the year. If you feel that you would like to play an active part in the school community, you may like to consider putting yourself forward for one of the positions. You need two people (one to nominate and one to second) who are parents or carers with children attending the school. You then sign the form accepting the proposal. The form must be completed and handed to the office or a current committee member before the AGM.

Each post is for a year and at the end of that time you can choose to either stand down or put yourself forward for re-election.

To order for this meeting to meet the statutory requirements, it is important that we have **at least 30 parents/teachers** so please try to spare 30 minutes to attend. Children will be supervised in the ICT suite.

Book Fair

This term's Book Fair week begins on **12th October**. If you are able to help with setting up and selling books after school, during that week, please contact the office.

First Holy Communion

If your child is a baptised Catholic and was 7 or over on 31st August, we hope to see them on the First Holy Communion and Reconciliation course which will be commencing on Monday 2nd November 2015.

Holy Communion 2016



These important sacraments enable us to receive Christ at Mass, celebrating his love. Forms are available in the porches of both churches. You will need to bring the completed form to the Registration Meeting taking place at 7pm on Monday 5th October, 7pm, at St. George's Church.

Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time.
Have a lovely weekend with your family.
God Bless,

Mrs Smith

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SESSION FOR PARENTS WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2015

PRINT NAME

I will be attending/ sending a representative to the session at

3.30pm 7pm

Please hand into the office

Diary Dates

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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Monday 21 st September	After school clubs begin
	Year R parents Coffee Morning 9am in the school
Tuesday 22 nd September	Year R Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Tuesday 29 th September	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
Monday 5 th October	First Holy Communion Parents Session 7pm @ St George's Church
Tuesday 6 th October	Year 3 Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
	PTA AGM 3.30pm
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 1 & 3 Waitrose Trip
Thursday 8 th October	Year 2 & 4 Waitrose Trip
Friday 9 th October	Year 5 Waitrose Trip
Sunday 11 th October	Family Mass at St George's 10.45am
Monday 12 th October	Year 6 Waitrose Trip
	Book Fair week begins
Tuesday 13 th October	Year 1 Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
Wednesday 14 th October	Training for school volunteers in the Community Suite 9am, 3.25pm & 7pm
Thursday 15 th October	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 20 th October	Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
HALF TERM ~ MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2015	
Monday 2 nd November	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
	First Holy Communion programme begins 4-5pm in St George's Church Hall
Wednesday 4 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2016 9.30am
Tuesday 10 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2016 9.30am
	Year 2 Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
Wednesday 11 th November	REMEMBRANCE DAY ~ Year 6 Class Assembly 10.30am Everyone is welcome
Sunday 15 th November	Calling Mass for ALL children making their First Holy Communion this year 10.45am @ St George's Church
Tuesday 17 th November	Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
Wednesday 18 th November	Open Evening 5pm - 7pm
Thursday 19 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2016 9.30am
	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
W/C 23 rd November	Parent Consultations
Monday 14 th December	Year 1 & 2 Performance (2pm)
Tuesday 15 th December	Year R Nativity (9.30am)
	Year 1 & 2 Performance (7pm) No siblings below secondary age
Wednesday 16 th December	Year R Nativity (9.30am)
	Carol Concert 7pm at St George's Church

Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 th December	Last Day Autumn Term ~ Mass at 2pm in the school
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 21st DECEMBER 2015 – FRIDAY 1st JANUARY 2016	
Monday 4 th January	First day of Spring Term
Thursday 21 st January	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Sunday 31 st January	Family Mass at St George's 10.45am
Thursday 4 th February	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 11 th February	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
HALF TERM ~ MONDAY 15th- FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2016	
Monday 22 nd February	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Sunday 28 th February	Family Mass at St George's 10.45am
Thursday 3 rd March	Year R Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 9 th March	Open Evening 5 – 7.00pm
Thursday 10 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
W/C 14 th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 23 rd March	Easter Service led by Yr 3 & 4 2pm & 7pm at the school
Thursday 24 th March	Last Day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ FRIDAY 25th March – FRIDAY 8th APRIL 2016	
Monday 11 th April	First day of Summer Term
Thursday 21 st April	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
Saturday 7 th May	First Holy Communion Mass 2016 TBC
Saturday 14 th May	First Holy Communion Mass 2016 TBC
Tuesday 17 th May	Year 2 Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
Thursday 19 th May	Year R Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 24 th May	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 30th MAY ~ FRIDAY 3rd JUNE 2016	
Sun 5 th – WED 8 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Sunday 12 th June	Going Forth Mass for ALL First Holy Communion children 10.45am at St George's Church
Tuesday 14 th June	Year 1 Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
Thursday 16 th June	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 17 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 20 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 21 st June	Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
Friday 24 th June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY FOR ALL FAMILIES
Tuesday 28 th June	Year 3 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
Thursday 30 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 5 th July	Year R Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
Thursday 14 th July	Years 5 & 6 Summer Performance 2pm & 7pm (no younger siblings at the evening performance)
Monday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 7pm
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of term End of Year Mass 2pm