



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 2026 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

Serving Superstars!

Congratulations to the three of our children who were commissioned as Altar Servers on the feast of the Holy Family. Addilyn, Jason and Emilia have become the newest servers and I have no doubt they will do a fantastic job.

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of these three wonderful children who have been chosen to serve at your altar.

Bless their hearts with kindness, their hands with care, and their minds with understanding.

Help them to serve with joy, to listen with love, and to remember that everything they do is for your glory.

Watch over them, guide them in this special role, and keep them close to you always. Amen





Head Teachers Award

Congratulations to our first winners of 2026!

Noah ~ (St Francis) ~ for coming back to school with his beautiful smile and a real zest for learning.

Carson ~ (St Therese) ~ Carson has made a fantastic start to the term. He has shown super listening and excellent focus in all of his work. Well done, Carson!

Theo ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for having a great start to the new year by making lots of contributions to lessons and working with great concentration. Well done and keep it up Theo!

Isabelle ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for a fantastic first week back. She has given 100% in all lessons and her work is always of a high standard. Well done Isabelle!

Adedapo ~ (St Joseph) ~ for working with enthusiasm and independence. His engagement has been outstanding, and his contributions in English lessons have been really impressive. Well done, Adedapo!

Dami & Lex ~ (St Anthony) ~ for starting the Spring term with a fantastic attitude, working your socks off and achieving excellent work this week. Well done and Keep it up!

Pati ~ (St Peter) ~ for an excellent start to the new term. She has worked incredibly hard, completed her work on time, and created a fabulous piece of Pop Art. Well done!

Swimming information

Years 3 & 4 will begin swimming lessons at Garons on a Friday morning on Friday 23rd January 2026. 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 **Nyla** (St Bernadette), **Megan** (St Anthony) and **Albie** (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.

Nathan & Liz (St Francis), **Zara** (St Therese), **Frederick, Ayden & Lolade** (St Elizabeth),
Ava (St Bernadette), **Sebbie & Megan** (St Anthony)

And well done to the children who received their **SILVER** reading award.

Olivia, Fiadh, Elsie, Elizabeth, Edie, Alex & Albie (St Francis), **Thomas, Sienna, Reyna, Molly, Mateo, Ivy, Isla, Harry, Florence, Donny, Antoni, Aden & Aarujaan** (St Therese), **Olivia, Conor, Reuben, Hallie-May, Reu'ven, Edie, Violet S., John-Luke & Sophie** (St Elizabeth), **Alissa, Nyla, Darcie, Joshua & Audrey** (St Bernadette), **Keziah, Victoria, Finley, Arlo & Eva** (St Joseph),
Ruby, Abigail, Sophie, Aviya & Toby (St Anthony) and **Shia** (St Peter)

School clubs

Our external clubs –Girls Football (Thursday lunchtime) and Year 5 & 6 Boys Football (after school) begin from THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2026. Southend United has already started for this term. Staff led clubs – e.g. netball, choir, cross stitch etc. – will begin from MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 2026.

The clubs for this term are:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school – 8am				Additional year 5 & 6 netball training Mrs Irons (20 max)	
Lunchtime club 12.00 - 12.30	Mr Sims 11+ familiarization Year 5 Mrs Lawrence Lego Club (Year 1 & 2) 12:15pm	Well-being club KS1 (no need to book, just drop in) Mrs Wallen	Choir (Year 4,5 & 6) Mrs Stannard Well-being club KS2 (no need to book, just drop in) Mrs Marquis	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Girls Football Art Club Mrs Geiser (children selected by their Class Teachers)	
After school club 3.20pm - 4.15pm				Southend United Football Yr 1 – 6 (Starts Thursday 8th January) Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Year 6 Cross stitch club Mrs Irons finishes at 4pm £10 fee (10 max) Dance Club Yr 4-6 (last session Thursday 15th January) Dance Club Yr 3 & 4 (starts Thursday 22nd January)	

Please complete the form below if you wish to join any of the clubs.

[Spring Term Clubs 2026 – Fill out form](#)

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.

Winnie the Pooh Lunch

Next Thursday, we're having a Winnie the Pooh-themed lunch. We're sure the children will love trying the fun, themed menu items. Just a quick note—there's no need to dress up or bring in any Pooh characters or toys. We'll keep the fun on the plate!

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!

This week's results are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99%	99%	99%	98%	99%	100%	100%

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	Nana - Year 6	Dami - Year 5	Baffuor - Year 2	Melissa - Year 4
6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Conor - Year 2	Finley - Year 4	Ella - Year 4	Kyle - Year 6	Ronnie C. - Year 6

Prayers



This week, we ask for prayers for Mrs Bracknell and her family as they share the sad news of the passing of her beloved Nanny, Hazel. She was a dearly loved sister, mum, nanny, and great-granny. We pray that the whole family will feel God's comfort and love during this difficult time.

Eternal rest Grant unto her, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace

God Bless, *Mrs Delgado*

Diary Dates

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

Date:	Event:
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER – FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2026	
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 3 rd April ~ Good Friday	
Sunday 5 th 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	