



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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THE 2 JOHNS

Online Safety Parent Session

INFORM • EDUCATE • PROTECT

Keeping
your children
safe online



**Monday, 5th October
at 8.00pm**



**Online session for
all parents**



A fantastic
opportunity
to learn more
about online
safety

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**Who are
The 2 Johns?**

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**BBC
BREAKFAST**

**BBC
RADIO 4**



I encourage as many of you as possible to watch and engage in the session. It is a truly informative and eye-opening session, and we guarantee that you will learn a great deal about online safety for your child.



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Thank you for your support.



**SAFER
CHILDREN
BRIGHTER
FUTURES**



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CATHOLIC
TRUST**



To our wonderful community,

♥ Macmillan Green Day – Monday 28th September 2026

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Wear Green for Macmillan Day' on Monday. It was wonderful to see the children embracing the theme, with everything from green hairbands and accessories to full green outfits and even some fabulous dresses!

We are delighted to announce that we raised a magnificent £401 – the most we have ever raised!

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the different activities throughout the day, and it was lovely to see the whole school community coming together to support such a fantastic charity. Congratulations to **Noah, Year 3** for winning the afternoon tea voucher. We hope to make this a special annual event for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you all for your incredible generosity and support!

Friends of St George's News ~ Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended this week's meeting. The committee members were voted in and I thank you all in advance for time and support during this year.

Chairperson ~ **Felicity Miller**, Vice- Chair ~ **Jason Hills**, Treasurer ~ **Max Barnes**,

Secretary ~ **Mark Evans-Leigh**

Reception class rep ~ **Charlotte Lewis**, Year 1 class rep ~ **Fatima Cristales**

Year 2 class rep ~ **Kerry Welton** Year 3 class rep ~ **Mark Evans-Leigh**

Year 4 class rep ~ **Felicity Miller** Year 5 class rep ~ **Melanie Boddy**

Year 6 class rep ~ **Charlotte Lewis**

Cross Country

Last Friday, we took a 50-strong team to the Southend City Cross Country event. The weather was certainly unusual for a cross-country competition, as we are more accustomed to slightly cold and damp conditions! This year, however, the children were faced with the complete opposite, running in temperatures of 20+ degrees.

The heat didn't deter our runners, though, and as always, they gave it their all. We were incredibly proud of the team performances, with many children achieving excellent individual results and finishing higher than they had in previous years.

We were delighted to have four top-10 finishes. **Olivia** from St Bernadette Class finished in 10th place, while **Arlo** from St Anthony Class secured an impressive 8th place. **Beau** from St Elizabeth Class and **Finley** from St Anthony Class went one step further, both finishing in 1st place and receiving a gold medal for their fantastic performances.

Well done to the whole team, and thank you for being such wonderful representatives of our school! We are incredibly proud of you all.

Tag Rugby

Yesterday, our Year 5 & 6 rugby team were back in action at the Southend City Main Competition. The standard of competition was certainly stronger, but this didn't deter our team! Although they narrowly missed out on progressing to the 'Super 10s' round, the children finished the afternoon in fantastic style, securing two wins and two draws.

Well done to every member of the team! It was fantastic to watch you play with such enthusiasm, determination and, most importantly, as a team. You should all be incredibly proud of your efforts.

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Hungry Cupboard

The SVP in Southend are very grateful for all the food donated by our school community. They are always in need of food staples such as rice, jam, soup, long life milk etc and toiletries so our Hungry Cupboard is always hungry! The next collection will be Friday 9th October if you are able to donate an item or two. Thank you for your generosity.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who is celebrating a birthday this week:

Zara, Billy, Isla & Donny (St Elizabeth), Noah (St Bernadette) and Lily (St Anthony)

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.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Monday 5 th October	'The 2 John's' Internet safety ~ 8pm online (more details to follow)
Friday 9 th October	Year 5/6 Girls Football tournament @ Len Forge
Thursday 15 th October	Netball League matches after school @ Cecil Jones
Monday 19 th October	Autumn Open Afternoon 3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Parent-Carer Consultation week
Friday 23 rd October	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2026	
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school
Thursday 5 th November	Feast of St Elizabeth
Friday 6 th November	Southend Schools Football tournament (year 5/6 boys) @ Len Forge
Tuesday 10 th November	Reception 2027 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
	Year 3 Stone age day
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 10.45am
	Nurse Drop In Session ~ 2.30pm to 3.30pm ~ no need to book
Thursday 12 th November	Sing-a-long Assisi choir event (details to follow)
	Year 3 local visit
Wednesday 18 th November	School Photos – family and individual
Thursday 19 th November	Reception 2027 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Friday 20 th November	Southend Schools Football tournament (key stage 1) @ Len Forge
Tuesday 24 th November	Reception 2027 Information Session for parents and carers 9.30am
Thursday 26 th November	Year 5 Brazilian Day
Tuesday 8 th December	Reception Nativity Play 9.15am
Wednesday 9 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 2pm
Thursday 10 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
Monday 14 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm @ St George's
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Games Day led by Year 6
	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 18 th December	Last day of Autumn term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER – FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2027	
Monday 4 th January	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2027
Thursday 7 th January	Sportshall Athletics Event Year 3/4
Friday 8 th January	Sportshall Athletics Event Year 5/6
Monday 11 th January	School nursing team in (Reception & Year 6)
Wednesday 13 th January	Year 4 class Southend trip

Friday 15 th January	Southend Schools Football tournament (year 3/4 boys) @ Len Forge
Tuesday 26 th January	Assisi Catholic Trust Dance Festival @ Palace Theatre
Monday 8 th February	Parent-Carer Consultation week
	Spring Open afternoon 3.30pm-5pm
Wednesday 10 th February	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 11 th February	Netball League matches after school @ Cecil Jones
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 15TH – FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2026	
Monday 22 nd February	Children return to school
Wednesday 24 th February	Netball tournament @ Cecil Jones
Friday 26 th February	Southend Schools Football tournament (year 3/4 girls) @ Len Forge
Wednesday 3 rd March	Key Stage 1 Tag Rugby tournament @ Southend Rugby Club
Thursday 4 th March	Hot Cross Run – KS2 cross country@ St Thomas More 9.30am
Wednesday 10 th March	Year 3/4 Tag Rugby tournament @ Southend Rugby Club
Thursday 11 th March	Assisi Trust Football and Netball tournament @ St Thomas More
Friday 12 th March	Southend Schools Football tournament (year 1/2 boys) @ Len Forge
Wednesday 17 th –19 th March	Year 6 Residential trip
Friday 19 th March	Feast of St Joseph
Monday 22 nd March	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the cross 2pm @ St George's
Monday 23 rd March	Non uniform day for wining houseteam
Thursday 25 th March	Last day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ FRIDAY 26TH MARCH – FRIDAY 9TH APRIL 2027	
Friday 26th March ~ Good Friday Sunday 28th March ~ Easter Sunday	
Monday 12 th April	First Day of Summer Term 2027
Friday 16 th April	Feast of St Bernadette
Friday 23 rd April	St George's Day
Friday 30 th April	Year 5 & 6 Quad Kids @ Garons
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 5 th May	Crowning of Mary school celebration – details to follow
Friday 7 th May	Year 3 & 4 Quad Kids @ Garons
w/b 10 th May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Friday 14 th May	Assisi Pilgrimage Walk
	Year 1 & 2 Quad Kids @ Garons
Saturday 22 nd May	First Holy Communion 10.30am @ st George's Church
Thursday 27 th May	KS1 Cross Country – Pentecost Dash @ St Teresa's, Rochford
Friday 28 th May	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 31st MAY – FRIDAY 4th JUNE 2027

Monday 7 th June	Back to school
Wednesday 9 th June	Year 3 Egyptian Day
w/b 14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Sunday 13 th June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua
Tuesday 15 th June	KS2 City Sports @ Garons (afternoon session)
Wednesday 16 th June	Induction afternoon for Reception 2026
Monday 21 st June	Sports Morning 9.15am – 11am
Wednesday 23 rd June	Year 5 Greek Day
Thursday 24 th June	KS2 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Thomas More 9.30am
Friday 25 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 28 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Thursday 1 st July	KS1 Assisi Catholic Sports @ St Teresas 9.30am
Monday 5 th July	Year 5 & 6 end of year performance @ 2pm
Tuesday 6 th July	Year 5 taster day @ St Thomas More & St Bernard's
Wednesday 7 th July	Year 5 & 6 end of year performance @ 9.15am & 6pm
Friday 9 th July	Music morning 9am – 10.30am
Tuesday 13 th July	Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass 2pm @ St George's – families welcome
Friday 16 th July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 19TH JULY 2027	