



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 Feast Day!

Yesterday, we celebrated our Patronal Feast Day, St George's Day. It was a truly wonderful occasion for our whole school community.

We began with Mass at St George's Church, celebrated by Fr Gostling with our Key Stage 2 children and parishoners. His message about living courageously, following the example of our school's patron saint, Saint George, was both powerful and inspiring for us all. It was also a personal pleasure for me to welcome him, as he was my parish priest during my own primary school years. The children participated beautifully in the liturgy—reading, serving, and singing with great reverence. I was delighted to receive such positive messages from parishioners after school, praising the children's involvement.

In the afternoon, the celebrations continued with a range of engaging activities. The children rotated between classrooms, working with different teachers and enjoying a variety of experiences. My sincere thanks go to everyone who helped to organise and deliver such a memorable day. Photos of the day can be seen on our social media.

Guardian Angel

During the Easter holiday, one of our Year 6 pupils, Ronnie, was seriously injured at a skatepark near the school. We are very pleased to share that he has now returned to school, and it has been wonderful to see him back.

Ronnie's Mum wrote to tell us that the calm and swift actions of a former St George's pupil, **Albert Cochrane**, made an enormous difference. Albert stayed by Ronnie's side, remained composed, and showed great care and reassurance. He even had a first aid kit with him and knew exactly what to do at a moment when others were understandably distressed.

Ronnie's mum expressed how grateful she was that Albert was there. Albert, thank you for being a guardian angel to Ronnie in his time of need. We are incredibly proud of you and thankful for the compassion and maturity you showed.



New website

We are delighted to share that our new school website went live this week. Many of the existing photos and resources have been carried over, and staff will be adding fresh content over the coming weeks to keep it up to date and engaging. The website address remains the same: www.sgcps.co.uk. We encourage you to take a look and would love to hear your feedback!

Dates for your diary

Monday 27th April

Wednesday 29th April

Thursday 30th April

Monday 4th May

Tuesday 5th May

Wednesday 6th May

Thursday 7th May

Monday 11th May

Friday 15th May

Monday 18th May

Tuesday 19th May

Wednesday 20th May

Thursday 21st May

Friday 22nd May

Book Fair Event – after school in the hall

Year 5 & 6 Quad Kids event @ Garons

Spring Disco – more details to follow

May Bank holiday

Mini Marathon event in school

Year 3 & 4 Quad Kids event @ Garons

Mini marathon event in school

SATS week

Year 2 Quad kids

Junior Music festival practice @ Hamstel

Crowning of Mary celebration – more details to follow

Science Fair – 2.15pm – Families warmly welcome

Pentecost Dash – Reception and key stage 1 cross country event @ St Theresa, Rochford 10am start

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

HALF TERM – MONDAY 25TH – FRIDAY 29TH MAY

Cricket

We began the summer term with enthusiasm, stepping up to the crease for our first sporting event of the year: the Year 5 and 6 cricket tournament. The children showed great skill and determination in all aspects of the game, from confident bowling and resilient batting to sharp fielding in the outfield. Despite having had limited time to practise, they truly rose to the occasion and worked brilliantly together as a team. Well done to the team:

Iris, Sinela, Darcey, Spencer, Albie, Freddie, Sophie, Sophia, Abigail, Toby & Vinnie





Head Teachers Award

Congratulations to this week's winners.

Grace ~ (St Francis) ~ for amazing writing when labelling our caterpillar life cycle and for going home and researching what our caterpillars need to eat to grow! Well done Grace.

Oliver ~ (St Therese) ~ Oliver has had a fantastic week, demonstrating calm motivation and focus in all his learning. He has worked hard and completed tasks independently throughout.

Great work, Oliver!

Gordon ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ Gordon has listened carefully and followed the instructions well this week. He completed his tasks with focus and played kindly with his friends at playtime. Well

done Gordon!

John-Luke ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ John-Luke is always enthusiastic and gives his best in every area of learning. He works hard and shows a positive attitude in everything he does. Well done and keep it up!

Teddie ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for brilliant focus this week. He has been enthusiastic and engaged in all lessons, well done Teddie!

Keziah ~ (St Joseph) ~ for always working with enthusiasm and focus. Her learning behaviour is excellent, and she regularly makes valuable contributions in lessons. Well done, Keziah!

Diane ~ (St Anthony) ~ for showing focus and determination though out the week, always trying her best and doing so with a smile. Keep it up, Diane!

Folami ~ (St Peter) ~ for excellent engagement in preparation for the SATs. He has worked really hard this week to perfect his mathematical knowledge - keep up the great work!

Mini Marathon 2026

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for our Mini Marathon event. There is still time for children to take part, so please do use the link below to register your child(ren).

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZQy1FQ8bTT>

For the event, children should come to school wearing their PE kits on both days. Our JustGiving page is now live. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Reading and TTRS Awards

At St George's, we are continually working to raise the profile of reading and maths, inspiring all children to practise and enjoy these essential skills both at school and at home.

To make maths even more exciting, we are introducing a new Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) "Rock Hero" award, alongside our regular Top 10 leaderboard. This title is reserved for pupils who can answer times table questions at lightning speed—less than one second per correct answer. Children can work towards this achievement in the Studio section of TTRS. Once they feel ready, they will be invited to showcase their skills to Mr Sims. Those who achieve "Rock Hero" status will earn a platinum certificate, secure a place in our Hall of Fame, and receive a special end-of-term reward. Good luck—keep practising and keep rocking!

Reading remains at the heart of everything we do, and we are just as excited to celebrate our enthusiastic readers. This year, we will be recognising children who show commitment to reading regularly and who develop a genuine love of books.

To ensure every child has the chance to be celebrated, we are continuing to promote the top reading milestone: 300 reads across the school year. Children who reach this fantastic achievement will receive a special certificate, a bookmark and also receive a special end-of-term reward in recognition of their dedication and effort.

We can't wait to celebrate the successes of our mathematicians and readers—let the challenge begin!

Reading Awards

Well done to **Freddie** (St Elizabeth), **Isla** (St Joseph) & **Amaya** (St Peter) who received their **BRONZE** reading award

Well done to the children who received their **SILVER** reading award

Isla & Folarin (St Anthony)

Congratulations to the children who received their **GOLD** reading awards this week.

Nathanael (St Anthony) and **Shia** (St Peter)

And a **SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS** to the children who received their **DIAMOND** reading award this afternoon, marking 200 reads

Florence, Thomas, Beau, Antoni, (St Therese), **Hallie-May** (St Elizabeth), **Audrey** (St Bernadette), **Eva, Lily & Finley** (St Joseph)

Times Table Rock Stars

Well done to everyone who made it into the top ten Whole School showdown this week

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Folami – Year 2	Aaron – Year 2	Reuben – Year 2	Melissa – Year 4	Milita – Year 4
6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Eva – Year 4	Elijah – Year 4	Lolade – Year 2	Tabitha – Year 4	Elsie – Year 4

The class winners this week are St. Joseph, who have six players in the top ten. Well done!

Punctuality percentages for this week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	100%	98%	100%	100%	97%	99%

Birthdays

Congratulations to Darcey (St Francis), Demi (St Elizabeth), Rosa, Florence & Mabel (St Bernadette), Milita & Nathanael (St Joseph) and Toby (St Anthony) who are celebrating birthdays this week.



Prayers



We keep all of our community in our prayers.

Lord, who gave Saint George the courage to stand firm in faith and the strength to face all trials with trust in You, help us to follow his example in our daily lives.

Grant us brave hearts to do what is right, even when it is difficult, and the wisdom to choose kindness, truth, and love.

Like St George, may we be ready to serve others and stand up for what is good and just.

Bless our school community, that we may grow together in faith, hope, and courage, supporting one another in all that we do.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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:
Wednesday 29 th April	Year 5/6 Quad Kids Athletics @ Garons
Thursday 30 th April	Road Safety - Pedestrian Training for Years 5 and 6 Spring Disco
Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 5 th May	Mini Marathon Event
Wednesday 6 th May	Year 3/4 Quad Kids Athletics @ Garons
Thursday 7 th May	Mini Marathon Event
w/b 11 th May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Friday 15 th May	KS1 Quad Kids Athletics @ Garons
Tuesday 19 th May	Crowning of Mary school celebration – details to follow
Wednesday 20 th May	Science Fayre 2.15pm
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
Thursday 11 th June	Junior Music Festival
Saturday 13 th June	Feast of St Anthony of Padua
Tuesday 16 th June	Induction afternoon for Reception 2026
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 2 Trip
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 St Thomas More and St Bernard's visit for Year 5 Parents @2.30pm
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

Tuesday 7 th July	Year 5 Taster Day
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	