

Welcome to St George's Catholic School





At St George's Catholic School,
we help all our children to grow in
mind, body and spirit.

The Church

We have strong links with St George's Church and the children will visit the Church and attend the Carol Service and Mass in the Summer Term during their Reception Year. Father Tom and Father Rajesh are regular visitors to school and celebrate Mass in school at the end of each term.





Golden Rules

Treat others the way you want
to be treated.



Work hard and try your best.



Behave well at all times.



Attendance

Our school vision is to have aspirational attendance and punctuality at our school, so pupils can achieve their best outcomes.

If your child is off school due to illness, please contact the school as soon as possible. If your child has a sickness bug or tummy bug, it is school policy for your child to be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.



I cannot authorise holidays in school time unless it is for exceptional circumstances.

Parking

We use the top playground as a car park at the beginning and end of each day. Please follow the one way system where you will drive down the lane and turn right into the playground. You will need to reverse your car into lines. Our caretaker will be there to help direct. Please **do not** park in the lane. Wait in your car until you can get into the playground. The staff will keep your child with them until you can park and collect them.





Please do not park
in these areas.

Open-door policy





We have an open-door policy. We welcome parents into the school and promote positive discussions. Class teachers are available for short messages at drop off and pick up. If a longer conversation is needed, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Reception Class







Before September

- You will receive a 'Starting School' Booklet.
 - Look at the 'Starting School' page on the website where we will put copies of all information.
 - Read the 'Welcome to Reception Class' booklet with your child.
 - Mrs Weetch will make phone calls to Pre-Schools/Nurseries.
 - The children will make two visits and spend time in the classroom.
 - Transfer Forms will be shared from Pre-schools/Nurseries.
 - Please let us know if your child is called by another name so that their name is correct on the pegs and books.
 - Use the ideas for 'school readiness' on the sheet that was emailed to you.
 - Please tell us about any allergies/medical issues.
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In September



- Part time start- see the timetable in your pack.
 - Help your child develop independence- hanging their own coats up, putting book bags in the box etc.
 - For the first two weeks you can come in and settle your child at an activity. Then say goodbye with a smile.
 - Let your child know who will be picking them up. Let us know if it will be someone different or they are going to After School Club as we will write this down.
 - Please check emails regularly for letters/information from the school (please make sure we have up-to-date contact details. Please also check the book bags each day.
 - Swimming- you will be given a letter to let you know when this will start. It will not take place the first week. Your child will swim every two weeks throughout their time at St George's. They will need a swimming costume (one piece not a bikini) or swimming trunks (not baggy shorts), along with a towel. This can be put in a named drawstring bag. Your child will also need a swimming hat (not fabric).
 - The children will also have a PE lesson once a week with Mr Chidgey. They will need a bag containing their PE kit which will hang on their peg.
 - Please look at the noticeboard outside of the classroom. This will have information about what we will be doing each day, along with other important information.
 - If you have any worries or concerns please come and talk to us as soon as possible as this means that we can sort out any issues as quickly as we can.
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Reception Year Curriculum

Reception Class is the final year of the
Foundation Stage

When planning our curriculum we take into account the individual needs, interests, and development of the children and use this information to ensure they receive a challenging and enjoyable experience in all areas of learning and development.







Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and exploring – children investigate and experience things, and ‘have a go’ .

Active learning – children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements.

Creating and thinking critically – children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things.





Areas of Learning

Prime Areas

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Specific Areas

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

All areas of learning and development are
important and interconnected.





- Government baseline assessment in first few weeks along with our own baseline assessments.

- Settling in meeting.

- Parent/Teacher meetings are arranged twice a year and more informal chats can be arranged as and when needed.

- Assessment involves practitioners knowing children's level of achievement and interests, and then shaping teaching and learning experiences for each child reflecting that knowledge. In their interactions with children, practitioners should respond to their own day-to-day observations about children's progress and observations that parents and carers share. (Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage 2021)

- Assessment is with the parents and others working with the child. Parents' contributions are very important.

- End of Year assessment. Children are assessed against the Early Learning Goals.







Packs

You will receive a pack (at the meeting or posted out). Some information will be emailed to you. It will also be available on the school website.

It will include:



- Starting School Booklet (a Polish version will be available on the website).
 - Forms to fill in which will include contact details (very important for us please). Please make sure we have an email address.
 - Information about milk, uniform, term dates, Breakfast and After School Club.
 - A timetable for the part time entry in September and dates for the visits in June/July.
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SEND and EAL

Mrs Alison McNamara is our SEN and EAL coordinator. If your child has any additional needs, including any medical needs, please email the school and Mrs McNamara will arrange to talk to you.

Mrs McNamara also coordinates our provision for children with English as an additional language. In your pack there will be a form for you to fill in if your child has any experience of another language in their home.





School Uniform

Please look at the school website for details of the school uniform and how to order it. You will find the section on school uniform under the 'Parents' tab where there will also be a link to order uniform online.

Please order by 18th June for deliveries to school before the end of term. Please order by 6th August for delivery by the beginning of term in September.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING.



School Meals and Healthy Snacks

The children are entitled to receive a cooked dinner that is provided by Bishop Fox's. You will receive a letter explaining how to order these online. The Government provides a piece of fruit/vegetable for a snack in the morning. You can also order your child a carton of milk from Cool Milk. The order form will be in your pack.





Breakfast Club

7:45 – 8:50

After School Club

3.30 - 5.30

You can book your child into either of these at the school office.



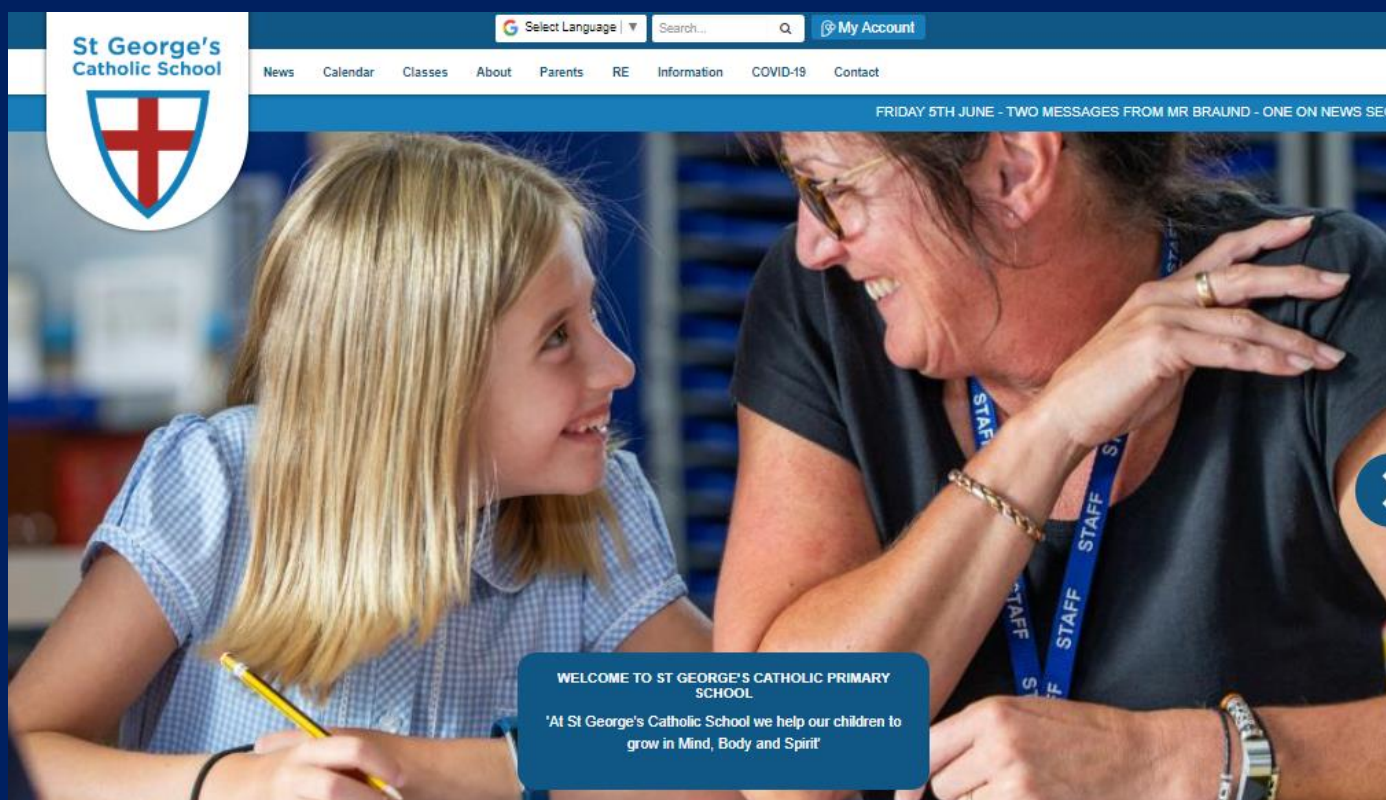
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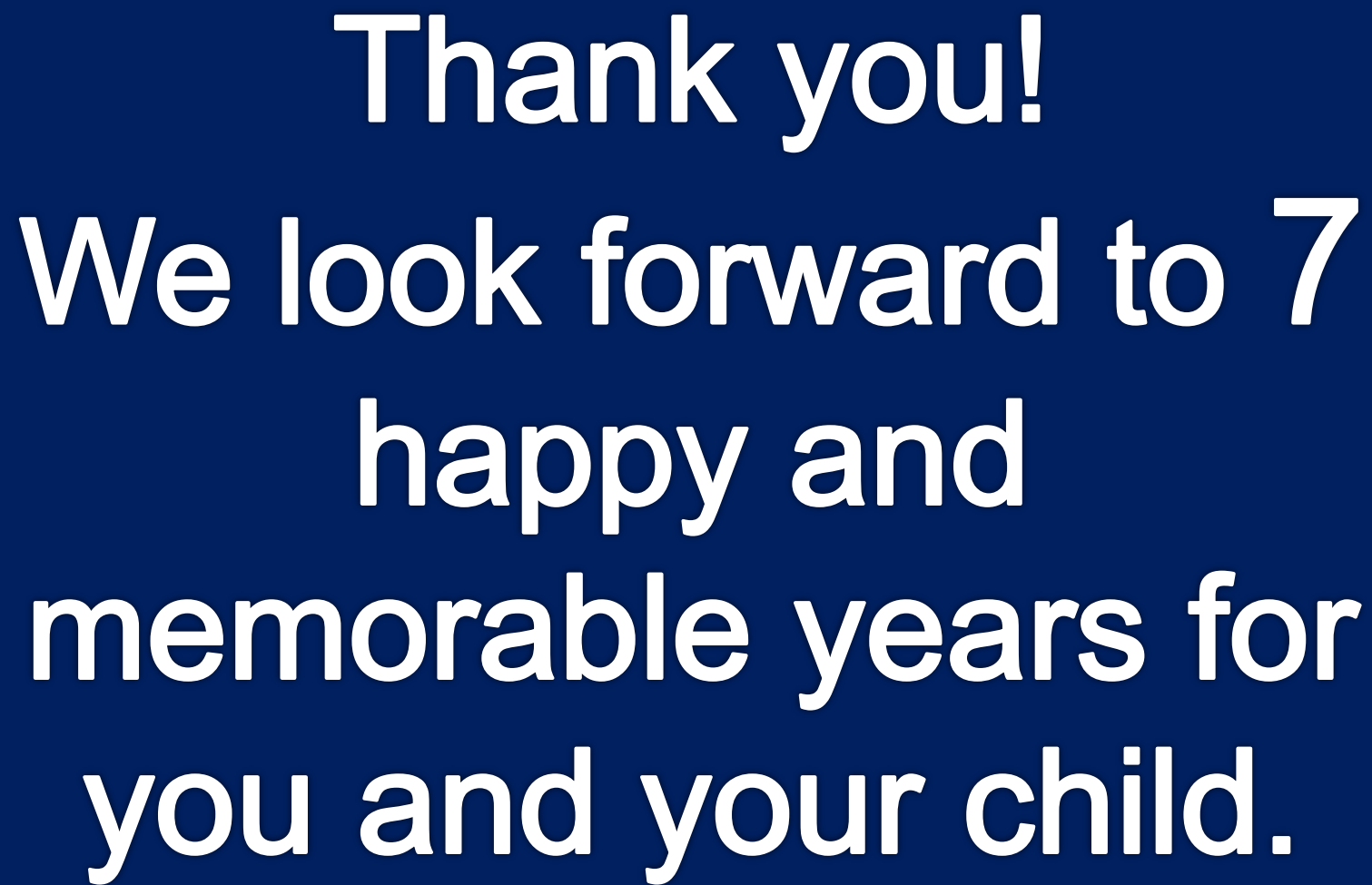
We have a friendly group of parents who organise fundraising events throughout the year. Your support is warmly welcomed.



Website

Please look at the school website regularly for information.



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Thank you!

We look forward to 7
happy and
memorable years for
you and your child.