ST GEORGE`S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope that you enjoyed a peaceful and blessed summer break.

We are looking forward to sharing our 2025/26 journey with Father David this year and to seeing many of you at our start of term Mass on Wednesday 10th September. You are warmly invited to tea and coffee in the Busy Room after Mass which will be hosted by our School Chaplains.

This term, we will be observing the Gospel Values of Peace and Forgiveness. Within Catholic Social Teaching we will be exploring Solidarity and Human Dignity, and we will be discussing what British Values are and the importance of Mutual Respect. These topics will all be covered through Collective Worship.

Child Led Prayer will continue to take place across the school on Tuesday afternoons and we will be appointing Prayer Ambassadors to recognise the efforts of those children who take on their responsibilities of leading prayer with diligence and care.

Some upcoming dates for the diary:

10th September : Start of Term Mass in church for the whole school community

24th September : International Day of Peace Assembly by Class 4 in the School Hall for children

4th October : Saint Day, St Therese of Lisieux

6th October : Saint Day, St Francis of Assisi

19th October : Harvest Family Mass in Church

23rd October: KS 1 Harvest Festival in School Hall at 9:30 am

24th October : Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival in School Hall at 9:30 am

11th November : Remembrance Day Service in School Hall for children

21st November : Year of Hope Exit Event in the School Hall for children

Throughout October, a Rosary Club will be meeting on a Monday lunchtime. All children from Years 2 – 6 welcome. The club will meet in the RE room or in the Winter Prayer Garden area (weather dependent).

In December we will find an opportunity to sing carols at the town library, and we will see the return of our Christmas Community lunch.

Dates for the Penitential Service , KS 1 Nativity, KS 2 Carol Service and the end of term Mass will be finalised once Father David has settled into his new role.

Please see the weekly newsletters for the full list of dates this term as they become available.

We continue our Jubilee journey this year and our mission to achieve our Live Simply Award. We have two new Mary statues in our prayer gardens for the children to enjoy this term.

Class Three will be reading to local members of the community. Class Four will be hosting their Day of Peace Assembly, and they will also be taking donations to Open Door this term.

Please visit our school website to see regular updates on our Jubilee and Live Simply activities.

<https://www.st-georges-somerset.org.uk/web/the_live_simply_award_2025/703575>

<https://www.st-georges-somerset.org.uk/web/jublilee_year_of_hope_page/704241>

Fundraising activities this term will include our usual Children in Need event, The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Harvest Festival food donations to Open Door, Class 3 and 4 Open Door Clothing and Everyday Items Appeal and Our KS 1 Nativity collection for the Hospice.

This year sees all our classes now following the new Religious Education Directory planning. The topics this term are:

Creation and Covenant and Prophecy and Promise.

An overview of these topics can be found on the RE Curriculum Page of our school website where a Knowledge Organiser has been loaded for each topic for each year group.

Please use this link to find the Knowledge Organisers for your child’s class this term.

<https://www.st-georges-somerset.org.uk/web/re_1/422228>

If you wish to familiarise yourself with any of the prayers that we use in our lessons and in class, please see the Prayer page on our school website where are prayer progression is outlined and where you can see examples of the prayer booklets used in each class.

<https://www.st-georges-somerset.org.uk/web/prayer_/699539>

Wishing you a blessed term ahead,

The RE Leadership Team