

ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

We are delighted to begin a new school year and a new term at St George's. We would like to offer a special hello to the families of our newest pupils, both in Reception Class and across the school. It is always lovely to welcome new children and families into our school community, and we hope you will very quickly feel at home here at St George's.

The teacher's report that the children have settled in nicely and are responding well to returning to the structure of the school day. We held a whole school welcome assembly on Thursday morning, which asked the children to consider the question 'What will you Build this Year?'. The children's participation was strong, and behaviour was exceptional which this sets the tone for a fantastic year ahead.

Attention Year 6 Parents:

The online form for secondary and upper school applications will open on 14th September 2026.

The closing date for secondary school place applications is 31st October 2026.

Please note – as a school, we have no involvement in the secondary admissions process, and it must be completed by parents.

Please read the following important message from the Admissions Team at Somerset Council:

If you do not include your catchment school among your preferences and it becomes oversubscribed, we cannot guarantee your child a place there. This may affect you if your preferred schools are also oversubscribed, as your child may then be offered a place at a school further away with no entitlement to travel assistance.

Find your child's school catchment area here:

<https://service.somerset.gov.uk/find-your-school-catchment>

Read the Somerset Secondary School Admissions Guide here:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/secondary-admissions-guide/>

Locate the page related to applying online here, containing all the links needed for a secondary school application, here:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

Sign in to the Citizen Portal and start your child's secondary school application form from Monday 15th September here:

https://emsonline.somerset.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Email Communication

We would like to offer our apologies to parents and carers, as we are having a recurring issue with our email communication system. Despite Mrs Gordge (our Office Manager) and Mr White (our IT technician) working very hard to resolve this, we are still experiencing difficulties.

Put simply, some parents are receiving our emails, and some are not. This appears to be related to an update/change to the gmail service offer. Mr White and Mrs Gordge are trialling some work arounds, but these are not fully in place. Therefore, we will send out communications via paper in the coming days, so remember to check your child's book bag. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these difficulties. We hope to be back up and running again early next week.

Meet the Teachers – Tuesday 15th September – Years 1 - 6

You are invited to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions at 3pm on Tuesday 15th September from 3.05pm onwards. Your child's new teacher invites parents to visit the classroom to have a look at some resources and will informally introduce themselves. It is an excellent opportunity for teachers and parents alike to say hello and put a face to the name. When you introduce yourself, it is helpful to say which child's parent you are, as with a sea of new faces, it can be tricky for staff to recognise this. Meanwhile, I will hold an assembly in the school hall for pupils at 3pm. The children will be available for collection from their usual collection points at the end of the school day.

Flu Vaccinations

This year, NHS nurses will be visiting our school on Friday 18th September to administer flu vaccinations to pupils whose parents have consented to this.

You can use the information below to fill in your child's flu vaccination consent form. Please complete this even if you do not consent to this. It is important to record your decision.

Decision form: <https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Unique school code: (St Georges Catholic School) unique code SM123851

Amenities and Swimming

As the new school year begins, we would like to remind parents that this term's contribution towards your child's swimming lessons is £10 per child. The £10 amenities contribution is also now due, which helps us to fund the exciting extra-curricular opportunities we provide for the children, including theatre companies, performers and visiting artists.

This should be paid to the school bank account, ending in 7152. Please quote reference 'S' for Swimming and 'A' for Amenities. Please contact the school office if you have any queries about this.

We are grateful for parents' support in making these payments at a time when running a pool is increasingly expensive, and the cost of providing extracurricular activities has increased.

Best wishes,

Edwina McDonnell
Headteacher

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday 9th September, Start of Term Mass in Church at 9.30am. All welcome.

Tuesday 15th September, Meet the Teacher, 3.05pm in pupil's classes.

Friday 18th September – Flu Vaccinations