

ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attention Year 6 Parents:

The online form for secondary and upper school applications opened 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 14th September here:

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

After School Club Staffing

You may have noticed that our longstanding After School Club Assistant, Mrs Anderson, has recently stepped back from the role to allow for a better work-life balance. We are very grateful to Mrs Anderson for all her hard work and commitment to After School Club over the years, and I'm sure you will join us in thanking her for everything she has contributed.

Joining our After School Club team is Alana Ottery, who many of you may recognise as a member of staff from St George's Pre-School. We are delighted to welcome Alana to the team and look forward to continuing to provide high-quality wraparound care for our pupils and families.

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.

First Holy Communion

We are pleased to share this message from the First Holy Communion Team at St George's Catholic Church:
The First Holy Communion Team warmly welcomes pupils in Year 3 and above to enrol for First Holy Communion.
Registration is via the Church website and remains open until 30th September: <https://tauntonvalecatholics.com/>
If you have any queries, please contact Sue at: suemorkane@gmail.com

Best wishes,

Edwina McDonnell
Headteacher

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday 24th September – Open Day for prospective parents, 9.30am

Tuesday 29th September – Year 3 Class Trip to Charmouth – see further info from class teacher

Wednesday 30th September – Open Day for prospective parents, 9.30am

Thursday 1st October – Phonics Workshop – for EYFS/ Reception Class parents, 2.50pm

Friday 9th October – Open Day for prospective parents, 9.30am

Tuesday 13th October – Open Day for prospective parents, 9.30am

Sunday 18th October – Harvest Family Mass (School/Church link Mass) at St George's Catholic Church, 9.15am

(PROVISIONAL) Monday 19th October – Parents' Evening, 5pm – 7.30pm

(PROVISIONAL) Tuesday 20th October – Parents' Evening, 3pm – 5.30pm

Saturday, 24th October – SCHOOL CLOSED for half-term

Monday 2nd November – SCHOOL REOPENS – Autumn Term 2

Friday 27th November – SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET Day