



# STGCS NEWS

'TO LIVE AND TO LEARN TOGETHER THROUGH OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST'



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

As we begin a new academic year at St. George's Cathedral Catholic Primary School, we extend a warm welcome to all our pupils, parents, and carers. We're excited for the year ahead and look forward to a term filled with learning, growth, and community spirit.

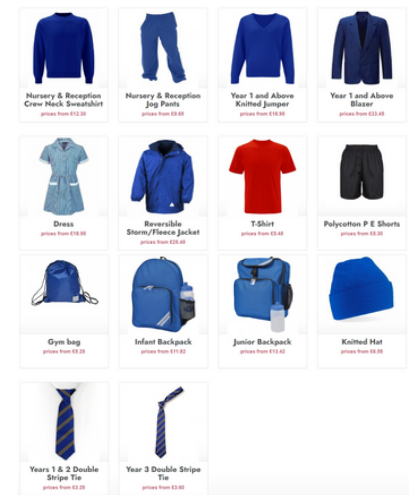
### Uniform Reminder

We kindly remind all families to ensure children arrive at school in full, correct uniform each day. This includes:

- School jumper with logo
- White shirt or polo shirt (EYFS) and tie
- Grey trousers, skirt, or pinafore
- Black school shoes (no trainers)
- PE kit - plain red t-shirt and black shorts (these can be from anywhere)

Please label all items clearly with your child's name to avoid mix-ups.

The only items that need to be purchased from Stitch Design are the jumpers and coats. Tie's can be purchased from school. Everything else can be purchased from your local supermarket. Although, if you want to purchase other items from Stitch Design, you can



### New Catering Company

We're pleased to announce that we have partnered with a new catering company this year to provide healthy, balanced meals for our pupils. The Nourish team is committed to offering nutritious options that meet dietary needs and promote wellbeing. Menus are available on the school website. You can visit their website at: [www.nourishcatering.co.uk](http://www.nourishcatering.co.uk)

### Stay Connected

To ensure we can contact you quickly and efficiently, please make sure the school office has your most up-to-date contact information. This includes mobile numbers, email addresses, and emergency contacts. Remember to ensure you call the school for a pick up code if someone else is collecting your child.

We also encourage all parents and carers to check the school website regularly for:

- Latest news and updates
- Letters home
- Term dates
- Event information
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Together, let's make this a great year!

**VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT  
WWW.STGCS.SOUTHWARK.SCH.UK  
TO STAY INFORMED.**

# Learning Highlights

## NURSERY

This week in Nursery, we have thoroughly enjoyed settling in and beginning to build positive relationships with one another.

The children have been enthusiastic about exploring a variety of new activities and have had lots of fun engaging in shared experiences.



## RECEPTION

This week in Reception, the children have had a fantastic time settling into their new environment and building strong friendships.

They've shown great enthusiasm as they explored a wide range of activities across the classroom, engaging in joyful, shared play and discovery.



## YEAR 1

As part of their local area studies, our Year 1 pupils enjoyed a wonderful walk to St. George's Cathedral.

The children explored the surrounding neighbourhood, observed key landmarks, and learned about the history and significance of the Cathedral. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world experiences, and the children represented the school beautifully throughout the visit.



## YEAR 2

Year 2 have been exploring exciting topics through Art and local discovery. The children created artwork inspired by characters from our whole school text, 'The Midnight Panther'.

They also went on a walk around our local area, they visited St George's Circus to observe its activity and learn about its place in our community.

In Geography, children explored Venezuela and created abstract art inspired by Patricia Van Dalen.

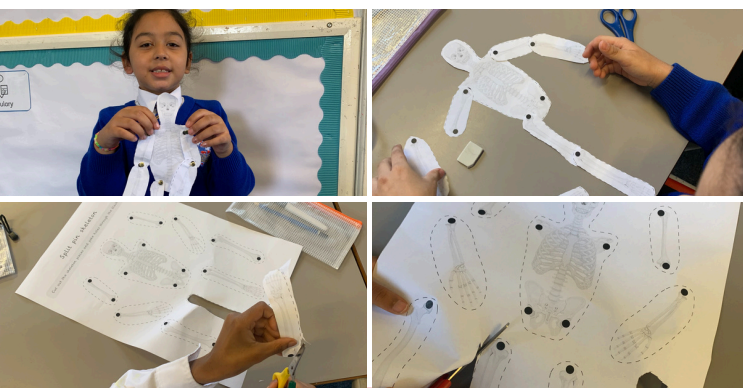




## YEAR 3

This week in Year 3, we've been learning all about the human skeleton and why it's so important.

The children had great fun creating their own skeleton models and discovering the different types of joints that help our bodies move. It's been a hands-on and engaging way to understand how our bones support us and allow us to stay active!



## YEAR 4

Our Year 4 pupils have been thoroughly enjoying the newly revamped reading area, diving into books with enthusiasm and curiosity.

Alongside their literary adventures, they've also been exploring global cultures, most recently through dance! The children have been learning the traditional Russian folk dance Kalinka, bringing energy, rhythm, and a touch of international flair to their school day. It's been a joyful blend of movement and learning that's enriching their classroom experience.



## YEAR 5

This term, Year 5 have been learning about Gumboot dancing, a lively and expressive tradition from South Africa. Originally created by mine workers who used stomps and slaps on their boots to communicate when speaking was banned, the dance is a powerful symbol of resilience and unity.

Our students have embraced the rhythm and history behind the dance, celebrating global culture through movement and music.



## YEAR 6

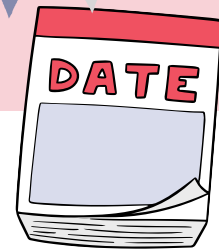
This week in Geography, Year 6 children explored the historical geography of London by investigating the site of the Imperial War Museum.

Before it became a museum, the site was home to the Bethlem Royal Hospital, once known as "Bedlam."

Through maps and discussion, students learned how land use changes over time and how places reflect shifting societal values. It was a great way to connect Geography with History and urban development.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September @ 3pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September @ 9:30am

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> October - Fri 31<sup>st</sup> October

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Year 6 Transition Meeting

KSI Parent Workshop: Calculation

KS2 Parent Workshop: Calculation

Beginning of the Year Mass @ the Cathedral

Nasal Spray Immunisations

World Mental Health Day

INSET DAY - No school for children

HALF TERM

Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Measure

INSET DAY - No school for children

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

Nativity

Christmas Disco

Last day of term - 1pm finish

## INTERNATIONAL WEEK 2026

Last year's International Week and our annual International Evening were a fantastic success, thanks to the amazing support from our school community.

This year, we're going even bigger, with a brand new theme:



To make the celebration more vibrant and accessible, we're hosting it as a Saturday daytime event:

 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June  11am - 2pm

Expect all your favourites; food stalls, games, raffles, performances, plus a colourful Carnival twist! Think music, dancing, costumes, and a joyful atmosphere that celebrates cultures from around the world.

We're looking to expand the event, so if you have ideas or can contribute something new (a dish, a game, a performance, or anything else!), please speak to Miss Kamara and let her know how you'd like to get involved.



Let's make this year's celebration the most exciting and inclusive yet!

