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Go, shine in
the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! A reminder that after school enrichment clubs start next week for children who have received confirmation letters. Please make sure you have made your payment on Parent Pay.

Please find attached the term dates for next academic year starting September 2026. These have been updated.

With best wishes, Mrs Whiteley (Head of School) and Mr Webb (Executive Headteacher)

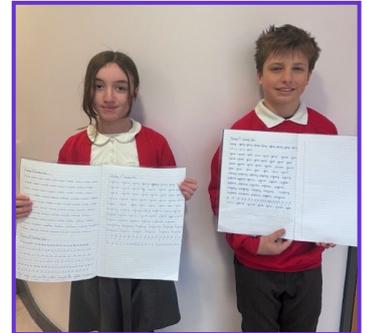
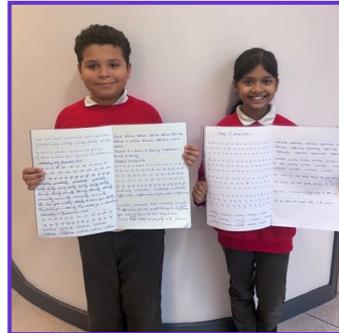
'Handwriting Week' at St George the Martyr...

This week, Year 3-Year 6 have been focusing on improving their letter formation and joined handwriting as part of our 'Handwriting Week'.



All Key Stage 2 children took part in daily handwriting lessons to build good handwriting habits and to further promote the importance of excellent handwriting in all subjects.

As a result of all this extra practice, we were delighted to award many more fantastic 'Handwriting Heroes' in today's Celebration Assembly! These children have consistently demonstrated beautifully joined handwriting across all of their work. We are very proud of their exceptionally high standards!



Measles cases are increasing in Camden, please check if your child is vaccinated.

Measles is very contagious and can result in serious health complications, especially for children and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

The only protection against the most severe forms of measles is two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. You can check if your child has had both doses of the vaccine by looking in their Red Book. If your child hasn't had both doses of MMR or you're not sure if they have, contact your GP for a free vaccine.

Find out more at camden.gov.uk/measles-vaccinations

I have received and read the St George the Martyr CE Primary School newsletter of 09.01.2026

Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

Important dates for your diary...



Wednesday 14th January—9.05am—
Parent Information Coffee Morning—How
to keep your child safe online

Friday 30th January—Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday 4th February—9.05am—Parent
Information Coffee Morning—Managing screentime
at home—led by a Camden professional

Friday 6th February—Movie Afternoon and Movie
Night (more information to follow...)

Wednesday 11th February—9.05am—Parent
Information Coffee Morning—Winter wellness top
tips—led by a Camden professional

Monday 16th February—**Friday 20th February**—
HALF TERM

Thursday 26th February—Non-Uniform Day

Friday 27th February—Academic Review Day—
parents attend school with their child at their
appointment time to meet the teacher and receive
their child's report

Friends of St George the Martyr...

We will be holding a **Friends of St
George the Martyr (PTA)** meeting
on **Wednesday 28th January at 9.05am** in the
Studio for any parents who would like to help out
with Movie Afternoon and Movie Night. We look
forward to seeing any parents who would like to
help at the meeting.



Person of the Week!

Nursery - Aditya
Reception - Arvey-James
Year 1 - Daphne
Year 2 - Lavender
Year 3 - Musa
Year 4 - Jemima
Year 5 - Iyaz
Year 6 - Ernesto



Attendance...

A huge congratulations to **Year 4** for
having the **BEST ATTENDANCE**
during the last week of term with
97%.



Our attendance bear, George, will live in the Year
4 classroom next week.

Well done Year 4!

Camden SEND Surgery - drop-in for parents and carers

The next SEND Surgery is at Parliament Hill
School, Highgate Road NW5 on Tuesday 13
January from 10.30am to 12.30pm. It is open to
all parents and carers. This is an opportunity to
speak directly with Camden Council SEND
officers, managers and specialist services.

Whether you're looking for advice, want to better
understand the SEND (special educational needs
and/or disabilities) process, or simply want to talk
things through, please come along. The team are
here to listen, offer guidance, and help you
navigate the support available.

If you have any questions, phone 0207 974 6500
or email sen.enquiries@camden.gov.uk

Work of the Week...

Every week a great piece of
children's work is showcased in the
school lobby.



This week, Nursery have been
learning to name and describe a
range of farm animals.



Aditya has created a fantastic piece of work all
about his favourite farm animal. He confidently
wrote the name of this animal, focusing carefully
on forming each of his letters correctly.

Aditya then drew this animal in excellent detail.

Finally, he shared his knowledge by describing
the noise that his animal makes and what food
they eat.

Well done, Aditya!

*Thank you for sharing your wonderful work with
us!*

Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the
school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Mrs Whiteley or Mrs
Marsh. **We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.**



St George the Martyr CE Primary School

Term dates 2026/27

Autumn term 2026

1 st & 2 nd September 2026	INSET DAYs. Pupils not in school
3 rd September 2026	Pupils back at school
11 th September 2026	Academic Review Day (Nursery and Reception class do not attend school for this)
Half term	26 th October – 30 th October 2026
End of term	18 th December 2026
	Pupil attendance (71 days)

Spring Term 2027

4 th January 2027	Pupils back at school
Half term	15 th February – 19 th February 2027
26 th February 2027	Academic Review Day
End of Term	25 th March 2027
	(53 days)

Summer Term 2027

12 th April 2027	Pupils back at school
3 rd May 2027	May Day Bank Holiday -school closed
Half Term	31 st May – 4 th June 2027
16 th July 2027	Academic Review Day
End of Term	21 st July 2027
	(66 days)
	(Total 190 days attendance)



HAPPY 2026 NEW YEAR

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YEAR 6 AND UP

REGISTER NOW

CHEESE TOASTIES FRIDAYS - TERM TIME 3:30PM

FREE!

FRI YAY

Games, craft, space for homework.

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LET'S PRAY

Dear God

We give thanks for this new year, we pray for all that is to come at school and at home. We pray for learning and friendship through 2026 and a blessing over St George the Martyr School.

Amen

CHURCH

If you have a baby/toddler or child under 5 you are welcome to Cosmo Place our Friday stay and play - 10:30am - 12 noon (term time)

Our Parish Pantry is open to all - please just come and help yourself.

We welcome you to our Sunday service at 10:30am including Sunday school

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST GEORGE THE MARTYR

SPRING TERM 2026

Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived

Our school motto is based upon Matthew 5:14-16

Dear Parents/Carers,

During the first half term of the Spring Term at St George the Martyr, we will be studying a range of different faiths, including Judaism, Buddhism and Hinduism. In the second half term, the children will be studying a topic with a Christian theme. The children will take the time, this term, to write prayers for their individual prayer books on Lent and Easter.

1st Half Term

Nursery	CHRISTIANITY - What makes us special?
Reception	CHRISTIANITY – Why do Christians believe Jesus is special?
Year 1	JUDAISM - What is it like to live as a Jewish person?
Year 2	JUDAISM – How are Jewish festivals celebrated and remembered?
Year 3	JUDAISM – What does it mean to be Jewish?
Year 4	HINDUISM – How do Hindus worship?
Year 5	SIKHISM – How did the first five Sikh gurus shape Sikhi?
Year 6	BUDDHISM – What does it mean to be a Buddhist?

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Help your child to find out about the religion they are studying in class by using books from the library and websites.

e.g., BBC Bitesize → Religious education

2nd Half Term

Nursery	CHRISTIANITY – How do people celebrate Easter?
Reception	CHRISTIANITY – What is so special about Easter?
Year 1	CHRISTIANITY – Why might many Christians say that Easter is the most important festival?
Year 2	CHRISTIANITY – How do the symbols of Easter help us to understand the meaning of Easter for Christians?
Year 3	CHRISTIANITY – Who is the most important person in the Easter story?
Year 4	CHRISTIANITY – What is Holy Communion and how does it build a Christian community?
Year 5	CHRISTIANITY – What happens in churches during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday?
Year 6	CHRISTIANITY – How does the Christian festival of Easter offer hope?

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about forgiveness and why and how we need this quality in our lives. Ask your children to tell you the Easter story and the meaning of Jesus' death for all mankind. Find out about Shrove Tuesday, Lent and why a cross of ashes is marked on the forehead on Ash Wednesday.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.'

John 3:16-17



A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again
Thank you for this New Year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.
Amen

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

EPIPHANY

(6th January)

We remember the many ways in which Christ reveals himself to be the Son of God and Saviour sent to atone for the sins of mankind.

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)

(2nd February)

Today is a day of hope and light. It is a time to honour Jesus as the *Light of the World* and to remind us that we too have that light within us.

ASH WEDNESDAY

(18th February)

This is a time for self-reflection, repentance, prayer and fasting as we prepare for Easter. 'This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says, "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength.'" (Isaiah 30:15)



EASTER DAY

(5th April)

How blessed is this day, when earth and heaven are joined and humankind is reconciled to God! May the light of Jesus shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find his light ever burning in our hearts—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.