



St George's School Governing Board Annual Report 2019

The Governing Body, with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school and has three core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The Governing Body contribute to setting and monitoring the school improvement priorities to ensure that St George's continues to provide an education that inspires and nurtures every child to achieve individual excellence.

Our governing body holds our children's best interests both academically and pastorally at the heart of all their decision making. We enjoy making regular visits to the school, to support the children, parents and staff. We value our links with St George's Church and the wider village community. We have a very active role in the Stour Education Partnership, our School-led Improvement Group, and we collaborate with other small schools to provide challenging opportunities in sport and other enrichment activities.



Through this provision of a wide range of extra-curricular activities and sporting challenges we aim to inspire and nurture every child to develop excellence in their own skills for future life.

The governors are very pleased to share some of the schools highlights for 2018-19:

Key Stage Two Outcomes

- 94% of our Year 6 pupils reached the Expected Standard or above in Reading, Writing and Maths, well above the National Average
- 100% of our pupils reached the Expected Standard or above in Writing, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
- Over 50% of our Key Stage Two pupils achieved the higher standard in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, well above the National Average
- The percentage of Key Stage Two pupils achieving the expected standard and the higher standard was above the National Average in all subjects

Strategic Development of the Governing Body

Class-linked Governors have been appointed and termly meetings have taken place with class teachers. This has enabled Governors to see how improvement priorities and initiatives are being implemented 'on the ground' and given a valuable insight into aspects of teaching and learning.



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Staffing Updates

We welcomed a new EYFS teacher, Mrs Katie Crouch and Inclusion Manager, Mrs Dianna Bishop, to the school in September 2018. At the end of the academic year 2018-19 we said goodbye to our long-serving Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Sarah Fairley, and supported the Headteacher in the recruitment and appointment process of a new Assistant Head, Mrs Niomi Clyde Roberts. .

Curriculum Enrichment

As part of a broad, balanced and rich curriculum, our pupils experienced trips and visits including:

- EYFS visit to Hasty's Farm
- Y3/4 took part in the Young Voices event at the O2 Arena
- Whole school trip to the Princes Theatre, Clacton, for the pantomime
- Y5/6 visit to Colchester Castle
- Y1/2 trip to Abbots Hall Farm (Essex Wildlife Trust)
- Y5/6 Online Safety event
- KS2 Multi-Schools Council Anti-Bullying event
- KS2 in-school Virtual Reality experience day
- KS1 in-school Great Fire of London experience day
- Y5/6 Outdoor Adventurous Residential trip
- Y6 Leavers' trip to Rope Runners
- Y1/2 visit to the local construction site



Our EYFS, Y1 and Y2 pupils put on a wonderful Christmas nativity performance entitled 'Born in a Barn' and our Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 pupils performed their production 'Time Lord' at the Great Bromley Village Hall.





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Through our membership of the Tendring Small Schools Cluster and the Harwich Sports Partnership, our pupils took part in many sporting activities and events, **with great success**, including:

- Rounders and Scatterball tournaments
- District Sports events
- Football fixtures
- Kwik-Cricket tournaments
- Tri-Golf County Finals
- Netball, Squash and Hockey tournaments
- Swimming Gala
- Unihoc tournament



The winning KS1 Scatterball team (Tendring Small Schools Cluster).

Well done to all our teams - not only for their successes but also for their sportsmanship.



The Lower Key Stage Two football squad at the Great Bentley tournament.



The Key Stage One football squad at the Great Bentley tournament.

The victorious St George's District Sports team!





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St George's Parent Teacher Association

The PTA organised a full calendar of events for children and parents, raising significant sums of money for the school and contributing to many projects and initiatives over the year, including a new ICT fund to support the school in refreshing and updating its technology.

Community Links



We enjoyed working with St George's Church throughout the year, attending church for celebrations and festivals. Pupils took part in the church's Flower Festival which this year had a musical theme; the children worked with members of the local community to create flower arrangements and also performed a selection of songs at the church during the weekend of the festival.

We were very lucky this year to take part in the iSingPop project, thanks to financial contributions from both the PCC of the Bromleys and the Great Bromley Parish Council. This culminated in a wonderful performance in the church, attended by members of the school, church and local community.



We thank all stakeholders for their continued support and commitment to our school community; above all, we appreciate our dedicated staff team led by our Headteacher and of course our invaluable volunteers. In these challenging economic and political times, we rely more and more on the goodwill of volunteers to ensure we can continue to provide a rich experience for our pupils.