



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,



In this week's Collective Worship, we have been thinking about the season of Lent. Shrove Tuesday marks the start of this important period of time in the Christian calendar, marking the beginning of the journey to Easter. This term, the children will all study an RE unit all about the significance of Easter in the Christian faith. We are also starting work on our Easter Service—this will take place on Wednesday 2nd April at 9.30am in St George's Church and we would love you all to join us.

Pancake Flip



On Tuesday, we held our annual Pancake Flip fundraiser. The children (and adults!) had a marvellous time challenging themselves to see how many times they could flip in one minute. Thank you so much to Loretta Brown and Sophie Jeffery for running the event—everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

Please ensure that all sponsorship money is brought to the School Office by Tuesday 11th March. Thank you for your support with this event; as well as being great fun, it is also an important source of fundraising for the school. This year, we will be using the money raised towards our 'Quiet Room' project, which I will update you on in the coming weeks.

World Book Day

On Thursday, we joined schools around the globe celebrating World Book Day. It was wonderful to see so many different books and characters represented and to talk to the children about their favourite books. Here are a few photos—we will share more in due course.



Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Congratulations, Bella!



Well done to Bella in Adventurers who has achieved her Level 3 Swim England award.

Bella has been working hard on her swimming every week and proved that hard work pays off!

Congratulations, Bella, be proud—and keep up the good work!

Free Parent Workshops (Summer Term)

As part of our membership of the Child First Trust, we are pleased to be able to offer a series of fully-funded workshops for parents.

The workshops will take place at Hazelmere Junior School, Hawthorn Avenue, Colchester. They run over 8 sessions, Tuesdays from 9.15am-11.15am, beginning on the 29th April 2025.

Please see the attached flyer for further details.

If you would like further information on the content of the workshops, please contact our Family Support Worker, Jackie Curtis: jackie@childfirsttrust.org.uk



Upcoming Parent Workshop at St George's

Thank you to those who attending our first Essex PINS workshop last week; I hope you found it useful.

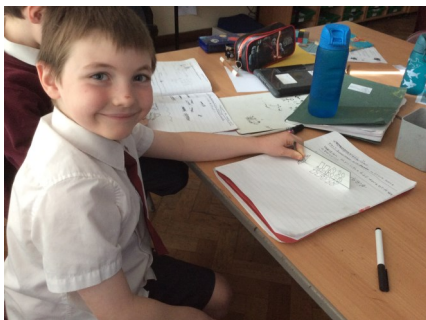
The second workshop is coming up on Wednesday 19th March:

Workshop 2 - Neurodevelopment diversity: What is neurodiversity? What is autism, ADHD and learning disability? Does a child need a diagnosis to get support? This introductory workshop will answer these questions and introduce where schools and parents/carers can find advice and guidance for supporting their neurodiverse children and young people. **Wednesday 19th March 3.30 - 5pm.**

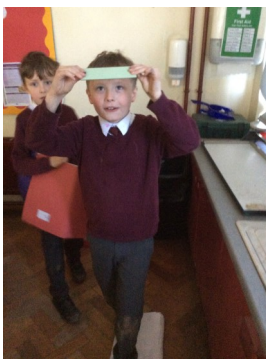
The school will be running a creche for school aged children to enable parents to attend. Please contact the school office to book your place at one or both workshops and inform us if you will require any creche places.

Adventurers News

This week in Adventurers the children have been learning about the history of slavery around the world in our new topic 'Cry Freedom'. The children have engaged really well in this heavy topic and have asked brilliant questions to broaden their understanding. The children have enjoyed recapping on their map knowledge to better understand the journeys made by slaves, and, using our new atlas, they have mapped the journeys taken from Africa to America.



The children have been learning about light in science and have been experimenting with mirrors. The Adventurers learnt that light travels in straight lines and have used this knowledge to investigate how mirrors can change this. They tested how this changes their writing and practised writing backwards to send secret messages, as well as creating mosaics which can be mirrored.



The children had lots of fun flipping pancakes, but also were brilliant at cheering on their classmates.



Finally, the children have started taking part in the golden kilometre. In maths we measured the field and worked out that $4 \frac{1}{2}$ laps makes 1000 metres and, making the most out of the lovely weather, at the end of the day the children have been running, jumping, skipping and walking around the field.

