

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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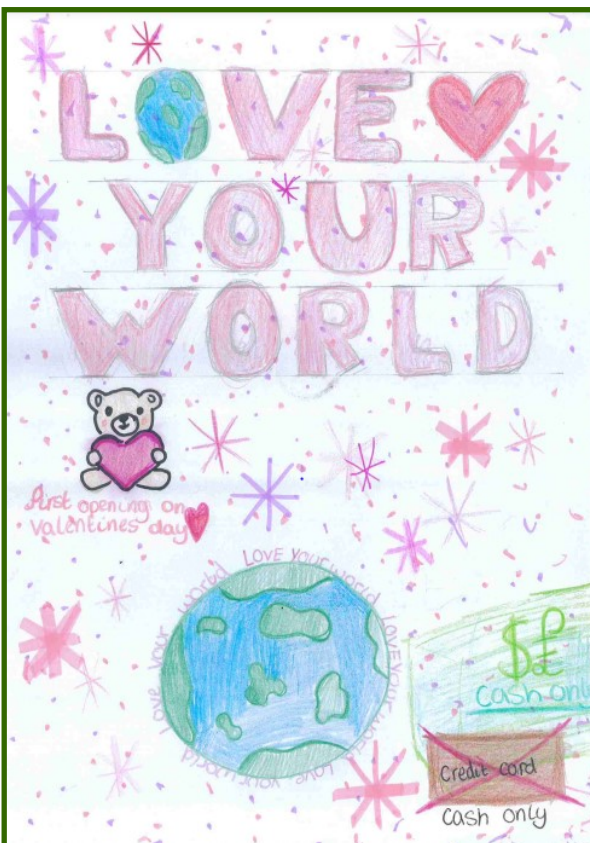
7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Road closure next week

Please note that Hall Road will be closed between the Cross Inn and the school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week due to road repairs by Essex County Council. We believe that the Church Meadow carpark will still be accessible but please ensure you plan ahead and change your route if necessary. Details can be found [here](#).

Eco Refill Shop: Eco Explorers



Earlier this week, you received a letter via Parentmail about this new venture. The Y5/6 children have been working hard to prepare for the launch of their Eco Refill shop and we are really excited to launch it next Friday. Please support us if you are able to.

Break the Rules Day fundraiser

Don't forget that next Friday 14th February is also Break the Rules Day. Please refer to the poster over the page for further information.

Safer Internet Day 2025

Next Tuesday, 11th February, is annual Safer Internet Day. Throughout the day, children in all classes will be learning about the opportunities and challenges of being online and will take part in age-appropriate activities to help them remember the key messages of online safety. The [Online Safety](#) page of our school website has lots of useful information, links and resources for parents so please do take a look. You may also find [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) (organisers of

Safer Internet Day) website helpful. There has been a lot of media coverage in recent weeks about children's screen time, not least following the documentary featuring a local secondary school. Our aim in school is to develop children's confidence and understanding so that they can be responsible, informed internet users and to encourage children to have a broad range of interests—including reading and time outside in nature, of course!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Well done, Lily!

Congratulations to Lily in Adventurers who continues to work hard at her Gymnastics. Lily recently took part in a competition and gained her Grade One. She won a medal for each apparatus she competed in and she also came first overall!

Well done, Lily, and keep up the good work!



Mascot Experience



Last week, Zak in Adventurers had the privilege of being a mascot for Tottenham Hotspurs in their match against Elfsborg at the Tottenham Hotspurs Stadium.

Tottenham won the game 3-0 and Zak's family were there to cheer him on. Zak said it was the best night of his life!

Happy 100th Birthday!

This week, the School Councillors organised for lots of children to sign a card for a lady called Erna. Erna lives in a care home in Great Bentley and she turns 100 next week!

Thanks to Steph Lockett for bringing this to our attention and organising a card for us to send. We hope Erna receives many more and has a wonderful 100th birthday!



Pathfinders News

What a fantastic few weeks it has been in Pathfinders. We have had a great half term of learning where the children have wowed us with their enthusiasm for our class book 'The Secret of Black Rock'. The children have produced some fantastic pieces of writing including some well developed diary entries writing in the role of our main character Erin. It has been wonderful to see the children completing a variety of linked tasks in their independent learning time too such as creating Erin and her boat out of play doh, creating their own version of the book, sewing fish to swim around the black rock along with a number of creatively decorated sea creatures too.

In our Maths learning, the children have been working on developing their understanding of multiplication. This has seen the children use counters to explore concepts such as doubling, counting equal groups and building arrays. These are brand new concepts to many of our Pathfinder children and they have all shown great tenacity and have persevered even when they have found it tricky. We have used our counting stick to count in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. Great work Pathfinders!

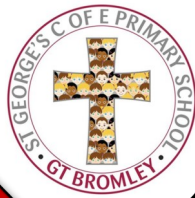
In our Dimension learning we have loved exploring our unit 'Land Ahoy!'. We have done lots of science and have had the chance to explore forces including pushing, pulling and friction. We have also really enjoyed floating and sinking completing some great science investigations. We have learnt how to make a predictions and to record our results. We even had the chance to make our own modelling clay boats and explore whether these would float or sink. It took us a few tries to get them to float but we all became boat building masters by the end of the lesson!

The children have loved exploring these areas of learning and, as always, have continued to develop their knowledge and understanding during their independent learning time building different shape and style boats and continuing to explore floating, sinking, friction and forces in many ways.



What a great half term of learning Pathfinders!





Break the Rules!

Friday 14th February 2025

For one day only at St George's you can break the rules!

Please choose from the list below:

- **Crazy hair**
- **Tattoos**
- **Wear nail varnish**
- **Have squash in your water bottle**
- **Bring your choice of snack
(no nuts please!)**
- **Wear trainers**
- **Wear non-uniform**
- **Bring a teddy**
- **Wear a hat**
- **Crazy socks**

Bring cash on the day and give it to your Teacher

£1
per rule

Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13th February	Navigators trip to Imperial War Museum, Duxford
Thursday 13th February	Little City experience, Explorers and Pathfinders
Friday 14th February	Break the Rules Day fundraiser 'Eco Explorers' Eco Refill Shop launch
w/b 17th February	Half term break
Monday 24th February	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 26th February 3.30-5.00pm	Parent/Staff Workshop: Emotional Regulation
Tuesday 4th March	Autism Reality Experience Bus
Tuesday 4th March	Pancake Flip fundraiser—see letter for details
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day—dress up!
Wednesday 19th March 3.30-5.00pm	Parent/Staff Workshop: Neurodevelopmental Neurodiversity
Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th March	Parent Consultations—we will let you know when booking opens
Wednesday 2nd April 9.30am	Easter Service at St George's Church
Friday 4th April	Last day of Spring Term
Friday 4th April (evening)	Choir: Tendring Vocal Festival, Princes Theatre

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Elsie, Isabella, Poppie, Pixie, Lily-Rose and Violet - For creating a curtain using ropes and tarpaulins and using it to change scenes between your stage show of Wicked!

Harry J - For your engagement in our session. You listened carefully to our safety talk and were keen to show off your tree climbing skills.

Zachary H - For your fantastic imagination with a stick at Forest Schools – you decided to make your own fishing rod and spent time dangling the string into the pond to see what you could catch.