

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week at St George's and it's lovely to see the children getting stuck in to their new Dimensions topics, class texts etc. On Tuesday, Amanda visited us to lead our Collective Worship; she reminded the children of the importance of building each other up and helping each other out, telling a story about Jesus helping and healing the sick.

Book Week 2025

The teachers have all added children's work to our Book Week display in the main corridor, which is now complete with giant robots!

During Book Week, the Navigators and Adventurers children were set the task of designing their own environmental-themed robots. There were many fantastic ideas, including beach-cleaning, rubbish-sorting and energy-harnessing robots. The teachers chose one design from each class to be made into a large collage for display—here they are with their creations!



Staffing Update

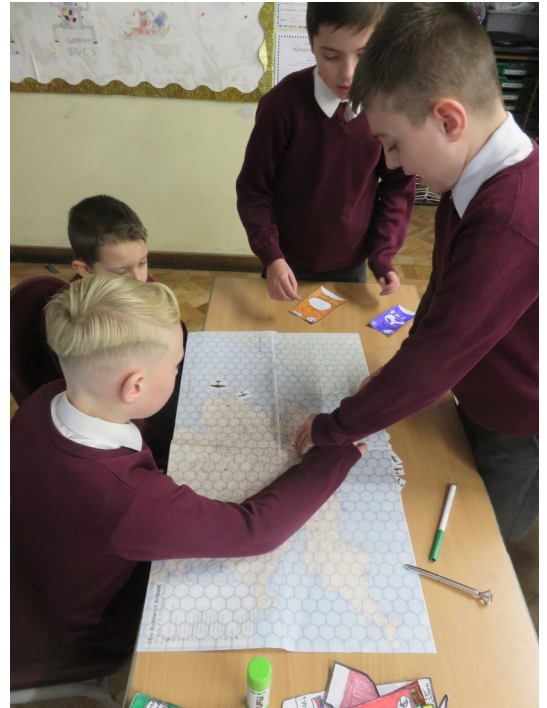
I am sad to tell you that Mrs Joyce, our wonderful SENCO, will be leaving St George's at the end of this term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Joyce for her tireless work for the children, staff and families of St George's. The SEND system is incredibly complex and ever-changing and she does a marvellous job to support everyone in navigating it. I have started the recruitment process and will keep you up to date once I have further information.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Navigators News

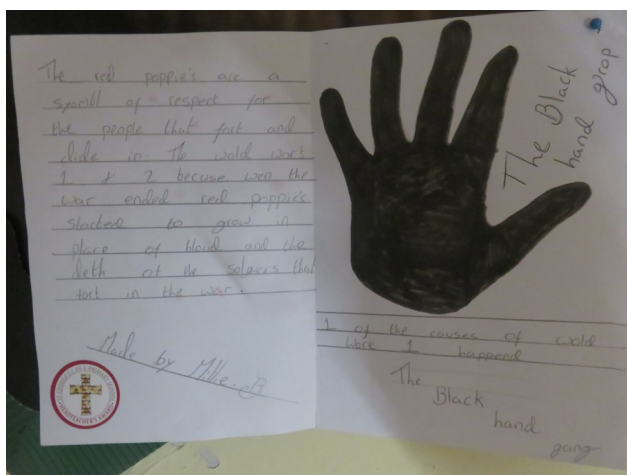
This week in Navigators we have been taking a deep dive into the topic of World War 2, and specifically the Battle of Britain. Due to the sheer number of dates, events and historical figures involved, we decided to approach the topic in an original way - by playing a Battle of Britain board game in which the children played either as the RAF or the Luftwaffe and pitted their wits against each other in dogfights above the Britain Isles, the English Channel and the North Sea. The game was well received by all, and certain children distinguished themselves as ace fighter pilots.



Sticking with the World Wars topic, but leaning away from the doom and gloom aspect of armed conflict, the children listened to various war songs that were written to lift spirits and raise morale: 'Pack Up Your Troubles', 'We'll Meet Again' and the theme to 'Dad's Army' were among them, which allowed the children to have a good singalong in the classroom! They then worked on their own upbeat, cheery, morale-boosting war songs, which they performed on Wednesday.



Some of the children in Year 5 were also able to bring a little light into the trenches of World War 1 in their own creative way.



In English, we have been reading the mysterious 'Skellig' by David Almond, and the children have been working on persuasive letters to Great Bromley Parish Council, describing ways in which the village could be improved by the building of such things as running tracks, owl cafes and crafting centres.



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
Friday 14th February	Break the Rules Day fundraiser
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—information to follow
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
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

Term dates 2025-26

The term dates for next academic year have now been agreed by the Governors and uploaded to the [school website](#) for your reference.

Please remember that we are unable to authorise term-time holidays. There is a national drive to improve school attendance and we have to follow the statutory guidelines for authorising and coding children's absence. Please take this into consideration when booking your family holidays.

Please also be assured that Essex Heads frequently raise with the Local Authority the issue of holiday pricing and the need for a review of the practices within the travel industry.