

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



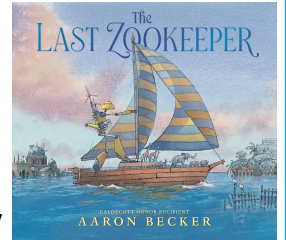
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for the Spring Term!

The week began with the children arriving at school with their soft toy animals, ready for the start of this year's Book Week. In the classroom, they discovered mysterious origami boats on their desks..... When we all gathered together in the Hall, they found a large boat, two robots and a hot air balloon basket!



There were all clues symbolising elements of this year's book, a beautiful wordless picture book called 'The Last Zookeeper' by Aaron Becker. The children were full of questions and ideas at the launch meeting and have spent all week exploring the book and engaging in linked lessons, challenges and activities.

On Wednesday, we set the children a team challenge: working in mixed-age groups, they spent the afternoon designing and building their own robots using the junk modelling material everyone so kindly donated. See over the page for some lovely photos of the children enjoying Book Week. Once we have collated all the photos from across the school, I will upload them to the school website for you to view.

Plea for volunteers

Do you have a couple of hours a week you could spare to help us support the children in school? We are on the lookout for some volunteers to read with the children and support them with their learning. If you are interested, please make contact with the School Office. I know we all lead such busy lives but please consider offering your time if you are able to.



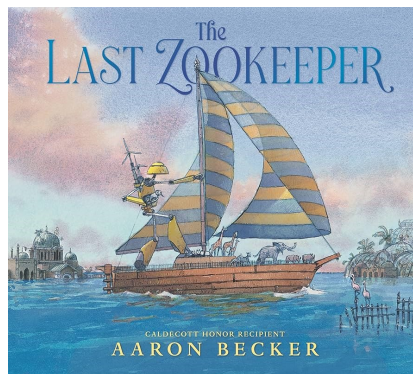
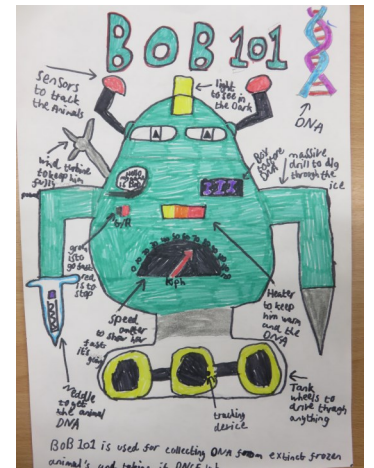
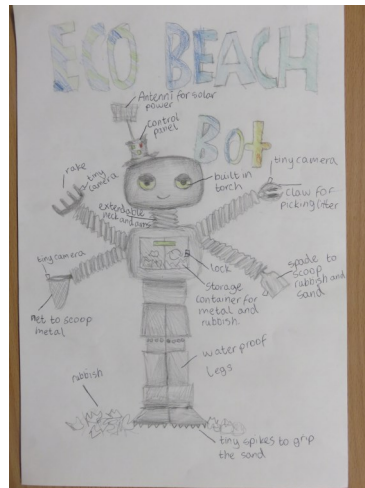
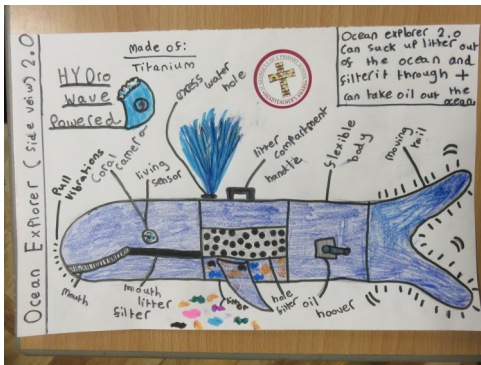
Census Day lunch

Please refer to the Parentmail sent earlier today regarding next week's Census Day lunch. We would very much appreciate as many children as possible booking a school lunch on this day.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Mrs Keitch

St George's Book Week

This week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in lessons and activities linked to this year's book, 'The Last Zookeeper' by Aaron Becker. Here are some photos of just a few of them!



St George's Book Week

On Wednesday afternoon, the children worked together in mixed-age groups to design and build their own robot. It was a fantastically fun, busy and creative afternoon!



Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Thursday 16th January	Census Day lunch — see Parentmail for further details
Wednesday 22nd January 9.30am	Smart Thinking coffee morning for Reception parents
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
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	PINS Parent Workshop: Emotional Regulation. Please see Parentmail for further details. Contact the School Office to book a place
Tuesday 4th March	Autism Reality Experience Bus—details to follow
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 19th March 3.30-5.00pm	PINS Parent Workshop: Neurodevelopmental Diversity Please see Parentmail for further details. Contact the School Office to book a place
Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 2nd April 9.30am	Easter Service at St George's Church
Friday 4th April	Last day of Spring Term

Parent Workshops

Workshop 1 - Emotional regulation: This workshop will explore why neurodiverse children may develop difficulties with their emotions, including anxiety and low mood, and how schools and parents/carers can support neurodiverse children and young people with managing their big feelings. **Wednesday 26th February 2025 - 3.30 - 5pm**

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.