



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **SIAMS Inspection**

I am pleased to tell you that our inspection report is with us already! Please do take the time to read it. I hope you will agree that it is an accurate reflection of our school and that it acknowledges and celebrates all that is special about St George's.

Here are some of the highlights we are most proud of:

*'St George's has a culture where pupils and staff are treated well and thrive together.'*

*'They (pupils) take seriously their responsibility to follow the golden rule and 'treat others as you would like to be treated'. As a consequence, a visibly inclusive environment where pupils and adults are valued and cared for is evident.'*

*'Pupils play happily and safely together. They interact well and show care for each other and this creates a calm school where pupils settle well.'*

*'The provision for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) is finely tuned to meet the needs of each individual. This is because the school knows them well.'*

*'Collective worship is a joyful time that sets the tone for the rest of the school day'*

*'The mutually beneficial partnership with the local church is flourishing and brings the community closer together'*

As a staff, we will begin to discuss and address our areas for development and will keep you updated on our progress.

### **Children In Need**

Thank you for all your kind donations on Children In Need day last week. We raised a total of £115.

### **Family Cooking Challenge**

Well done to everyone who took part in our Family Cooking Challenge. The children told the whole school all about their creations on Monday and each participant received a special certificate. All the photos are now on our [school website](#) - please do take a look!

### **Tendring Police Christmas Giving Tree**

Once again, we will be donating gifts to the Giving Tree appeal this Christmas. Please see over the page for further details.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Keitch*

Well done, Lily!



Well done to Lily in Adventurers for overcoming her nerves and competing in her first regional trampoline qualifier in Harlow at the weekend.

She performed brilliantly and will be competing in the next round in March!

Be proud, Lily!

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# Tendring Police Community Christmas Giving Tree

Donate a small toy or gift so we can deliver  
to a vulnerable child this Christmas

Working with volunteers and partners to make Christmas in Tendring special for  
everyone!

What? New, unopened toys/games/books

When? Please bring donations to the School Office  
by Monday 9th December

# Navigators News

This week in Navigators Class we have completed the first of two topic units of this half term, 'Hatshepsut: Pharaoh Queen'. The children have all had the opportunity to lead tourists on a historical tour of Hatshepsut's temple (or a classroom representation of it) near Luxor, and show their knowledge of the pharaohs of Egypt, sphinxes, hieroglyphics, Egyptian gods and the historical figure of Hatshepsut herself. The tour itself was wrapped up (literally) in the mortuary chamber, with the children dressing up as the mummy of the ancient queen. We have also created some wonderfully ornate hieroglyphs and beautifully coloured sarcophagi lids, rounding off our fascinating foray into the ancient times.



In other news, Navigators' prefects have been firing on all cylinders this week, all of them doing a fantastic job of helping the classroom and wider school to function smoothly. A special mention goes to Caleb Taylor, who completed the mammoth task of restructuring the entire class library, which has never looked better!

Mr Johnston

## Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Monday 25th November	Choir concert at the Royal Albert Hall
Thursday 5th December	Reception Christmas Singalong - details to follow
Friday 6th December	Whole School trip to Pantomime (Gt Bromley Village Hall) - please return the reply slip asap
Thursday 12th December	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performances (morning and evening) - details to follow
Friday 13th December	Christmas Discos - please return reply slips by Wed 27th Nov
Wednesday 18th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church - parents invited
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day - details to follow
Friday 20th December	Last day of term
Monday 6th January	First day of term for children
w/b 6th January	St George's Book Week
w/b 17th February	Half term break
Monday 24th February	Non-Pupil Day
Friday 4th April	Last day of Spring Term

## Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2025

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 4 November 2024**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

All of the application information is available on the website above.



## This week's Stars of the Week

### ★ Explorers

★ Scarlett - for always trying your best and for making excellent progress in phonics and reading

★ Leo - for your great attitude, particularly toward Maths. You are working very hard. Well done!



### ★ Pathfinders

★ Ava - for working really hard to remember all of the actions and words to our Nativity songs

★ Nmachi - for having the confidence to sing in your small group for our Nativity



### ★ Adventurers

★ Fifi - for putting in lots of effort with your work and for being a good friend on the playground

★ Lucas - for working really hard during your assessments and not giving up when it got tricky



### ★ Navigators

★ Poppie - for being courageous and adventurous and delivering a great Hatshepsut tour

★ Zachary - for pushing yourself to new levels in Maths and Writing and showing a great, positive attitude.



★ DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR PARENTMAIL EMAILS - IF YOUR CHILD IS BEING AWARDED STAR OF THE WEEK, YOU WILL BE INFORMED THE DAY BEFORE (THURSDAY) SO YOU CAN ATTEND THE ASSEMBLY IF YOU ARE ABLE TO. PLEASE DON'T WORRY IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND; WE UNDERSTAND IT IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE.

## **Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards**

**Lavender, Violet and Velvet** - For being keen to learn a new skill; making a hammock with a tarpaulin and two ropes. While doing so, you also learnt how to tie a reef knot. Well done!

**Alicia** - For your interest in bug hunting today. You bravely held different minibeasts and asked lots of questions, being keen to know more about them.

**Frank and Joseph** - For working together so well, problem solving and creating different ways of transporting the water.