



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be the final newsletter of the academic year and what a busy week to report on!

- ★ A fantastic Sports Day - see page 2
- ★ An amazing end-of-year production from the Year Five/Six children - see page 3
- ★ A fascinating presentation all about Stag Beetles - see page 3
- ★ A successful Year 6 Leavers' trip to the beach - see page 4

Thank you!

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to thank everybody for their hard work, commitment and energy. Being part of a small school like ours is a big commitment and I am grateful to everyone within our community for working together to ensure our children get the very best we can give. So, thank you to:

- 😊 Our **children**, for being themselves and doing their school proud
- 😊 Our **staff**, for being an awesome team. I can't imagine a harder-working or more dedicated group of people
- 😊 Our **Governors**, for their support (and challenge!)
- 😊 Our **PTA**, for working hard to raise funds and co-ordinate events for the children to enjoy
- 😊 Our many **volunteers**, without whom we could not deliver the experiences our children deserve



Keep Reading!

As always, I have reminded the children to READ, READ, READ over the summer break!

On Monday, Michelle from Essex Libraries came to talk to the children about the library Summer Reading Challenge, which begins tomorrow. This is a great way to encourage children to read during the break.

Reading really is the single most important skill for children to master and nurture - not only is it vital for life but it can be a great source of pleasure, knowledge, wisdom and empathy. We rely on your support in our bid to ensure all children engage with reading.



Wishing you all a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 4th September!

Mrs Keitch

Sports Day

Thankfully, the sun shone for our rescheduled Sports Day on Tuesday and we had a wonderful afternoon out on the field.

Thank you so much to Mrs Elliott for organising the event and making sure everyone was briefed and well-prepared.

Thank you to our staff and volunteers for pulling together to ensure everyone had a fun afternoon - great teamwork! And congratulations to the Yellow team!

There are lots more photos on our school website: <https://www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk/st-georges-news/>



Hagbane's Doom

Well done to Navigators for a fantastic production of 'Hagbane's Doom' and a huge thank you to Mr Johnston for all his hard work in making it happen! There are lots more photos on our school website: <https://www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk/st-georges-news/>



Stag Beetle Presentation

On Wednesday, we welcomed Colin, an international expert on stag beetles, to speak to the children. We have stag beetles on our site and Nicky Nightingale has told the children about the importance of looking after their habitats so it was great to find out more about these fascinating creatures. Thank you, Colin!





Year 6 Coastal Schools Beach Trip

The minibus journey was filled with chatter, singing (even a couple of Christmas songs!), practise of lines from the production and fourteen very excited children.



Even though high tide was forecast for our arrival, we were greeted by sand at Dovercourt Bay. The Year 6's engaged in many different activities including watercolour painting, digging and creating sculptures, making a sand volcano, rescuing washed up jellyfish, finding slipper limpets and of course, crabbing!



A total of five crabs were caught using both bacon and mackerel as bait, and even a Blenny swam into the lobster pot.



What a fantastic morning!

Nicky 'Narwhal' Powell



Pathfinders News

The last few weeks of term have been packed full of fun and excitement in Pathfinders class. We had a fantastic trip to the zoo where the children showed off all the knowledge that they have learned during our 'Going Wild' dimensions unit. The children enjoyed a fantastic workshop where we explored the fastest, biggest and strongest animals in the animal kingdom. Following our trip to the zoo, the children all worked together to create a fantastic zoo using our wooden blocks and our toy animals. The children did a fantastic job building enclosures and grouping the animals appropriately, they even built a 'lego' zoo train. It was wonderful to see the children work collaboratively to create a fantastic class project during their 'busy time'. There have been some fantastic creations during 'Get Busy Time' this year we wanted to share some with you.

This week has also finally seen Pathfinders join in with our sports day. I was so proud to see everyone's fantastic effort and achievements while they completed their sports day activities. The children impressed us so much with their maturity and their effort. Great job Pathfinders! We have also had our final forest school session for the year too this week and the children did a fantastic job sharing their fire safety and building knowledge. We all toasted a marshmallow and even tried stinging nettle crisps, cooked on our fire in butter.

This year has seen all of Pathfinders grow and mature and learn lots! It has been an absolute pleasure to teach them this year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Year 2 the very best as they move into Year 3, you have all worked hard this year and are ready to take Year 3 by storm! I wish all of our families a happy summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September!



Dates for your Diary

Saturday 20th July	PTA Summer Fete
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term Leavers' service at St George's Church 9.30am Leavers' assembly in the School Hall 1.30pm Y6 parents are invited to attend both of these services.
Wednesday 4th September	First day of Autumn term
Friday 6th September	Inflatable Fun Afternoon

PLEASE NOTE:

Please ensure that family holidays are arranged during school breaks. We are unable to authorise term-time holidays. Term dates for 2024-25 can be found on our school website: <https://www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk/term-dates/>



GOODBYE

As we reach the end of the school year, we would like to send our very best wishes to:

- ★ The Year 6 children - good luck for the transition to high school!
- ★ Mrs Crouch - thank you for all you have done and good luck in your new role!
- ★ Miss Brooks - thank you for doing a fantastic job in Adventurers and good luck for your teacher training year; you will be great!
- ★ Miss Megan - congratulations on completing your teacher training qualification!
- ★ Mrs Cains - thank you for teaching Adventurers this term
- ★ Mr Rowe - thank you for 14 years as Chair of Governors



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Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Jenson - For recalling specific safety information before our fire – it showed how much you have learnt and remembered from previous Forest Schools sessions

Wellbeing Group - For a brilliant term of Forest Schools fun with you all. You have achieved so much and it has been wonderful to watch you all blossom.

