



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we rapidly approach the end of the academic year, the school is a hive of activity! This week's highlights have included:

- ★ A very thought-provoking Collective Worship in which I challenged children to think about making the sensible choice even when nobody is watching; we used [this video](#) to spark discussion
- ★ A successful transition morning, with every child spending time in their new classroom, including the new Reception intake. The Y6 children enjoyed an extra Forest School session which involved making bacon sandwiches and s'mores on the fire!
- ★ Face-painting, prop-making, line-learning and much much more as the Year 5/6 children prepare for next week's production, 'Hagbane's Doom'
- ★ The arrival of our KS2 SATs results - well done to Y6 for all your hard work!

Sports Day

As you know, we had to postpone our Sports Day due to the heavy rain. We hope to see you at our rescheduled Sports Day on Tuesday 16th July!

LOST PROPERTY

Next week will be the last chance to take a look through our very full Lost Property collection before the Summer break. Keep a lookout next week - when the weather is fine, we will put all clothing and other items out at the front of the school for you to look at. Any items not claimed by the end of next week will be recycled or donated to charity. Please note, all Lost Property items are unnamed. Please make every effort to remember to name your child's uniform and belongings for the new school year so that we can reunite lost items with their owners.

Governor Updates

Chair of Governors

At last week's Governing Body meeting, Nigel Rowe stepped down from his position as Chair of Governors after many years' service. He remains on our Governing Body as Vice Chair. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nigel for his genuine dedication and commitment to St George's and the support he has given to me during the eight years I have worked with him.

Our new Chair of Governors is Lorna Sharp (previously Vice Chair). Lorna joined the Governing Body as a parent Governor and is now a Foundation (Church) Governor. I look forward to working with Lorna in the coming academic year.

Parent Governor Elections

Early next term, we will be holding elections for a Parent Governor as we have a vacancy on our Governing Board. Further information will be sent out in September; in the meantime, please consider whether this might be something you would be interested in. If you would like further information, please contact Lorna Sharp, Chair of Governors, at lsharp@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk



Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Keitch

Well done, Bailey!



Bailey has been working very hard on his steam train lego kit. He has persevered through some tricky instructions and was very proud when he completed the project. As there were a few pieces missing, he even had to find suitable alternatives from the classroom stash of lego spares.

Well done, Bailey, be proud!

Congratulations Ella-Rose and Lilly!

Ella-Rose and Lilly entered their first dancing competition after only starting dancing a month ago.

The girls were very proud to both receive a trophy for 1st and 2nd place in a Rock and Roll dance.

Well done, Ella-Rose and Lilly!



SAVE THE DATE!

**Fun Afternoon 3.00 - 5.00pm
Friday 6th September**

- ☀ Inflatables
- ☀ Refreshments

A lovely way to start the new school year!

We hope to see you all there!

Have a great summer.



St George's C of E Primary school PTA

RAFFLE TICKETS

Received raffle tickets in your child's bookbag but don't carry cash? Prefer digital payment?

SCAN THE QR CODES BELOW TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS

Single raffle
ticket £2



Offer Five
raffle tickets
for £8



Offer Ten
raffle tickets
for £15



***Offers
valid until
Fri 14th
June.**

**Main
event is
Sat 15th
June**

Once paid, please bring a screenshot of your order to the office along with your completed ticket stubs.

Adventurers News

The past few weeks in Adventurers have certainly been busy. With lots to fit in and a few weary-eyed children, the whole team have proved they can demonstrate a positive attitude to learning even in the final weeks leading up to the summer break. Following on from our enjoyable and informative school trip to the zoo, we have continued to deepen our knowledge about the rainforest, particularly the layers. The children have learned how the layers of the rainforest are related, their unique distinctions, the vast variety of plant life and the many animals that call this beautiful place on earth home. The recent addition to our classroom display is the children's flip flap books. They thoroughly enjoyed creating these!



Besides our Dimensions Topic, we have continued to work hard on our Maths and English. In Maths, we have been interpreting, collecting and representing data. So far, the children have learned how to create tally charts, pictograms and bar graphs with pictograms being a firm favourite. My eagle eye for noticing when a ruler hasn't been used is likely driving many of the Adventurers crazy by now. Sadly, it's not quite over yet with line graphs to come next week!



The children continue to enjoy writing in their poetry journals. The journals are a great opportunity to express creativity and freedom in their writing. Our poetry work has also taken a performance route. Most recently, the class performed group rap renditions of 'Hamster Man' which were inspired by rap readings of Dr Suess' classic stories. It was certainly a fun and entertaining session watching the children channel their inner artist.

On a final note, and as we reach the end of the school year, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the time I have shared with your children. It has been a remarkable journey filled with growth, learning, laughter and shared achievements. I will never forget them and I wish every one of them the brightest of futures.

Wishing you all a wonderful and relaxed summer break with your fabulous children.

Miss Brooks.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 12th July	Annual Reports home
Monday 15th July	Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
Thursday 18th July	Transition morning (all children)
Thursday 18th July 6pm	Navigators Production - performance to parents - see letter for further details
Saturday 20th July	*****NEW DATE - PLEASE ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR!*** 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/>

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Theodore - For fantastic focus when using the sheath knife to whittle your stick of willow. You concentrated really well for some time and perfected the technique, while thinking about how to keep safe. Well done!

Jacob - For concentrating well and being safe while using a sheath knife to whittle. Well done!

Charlie - For being keen and engaged, sharing your Forest Schools experiences with your mum during her visit. You showed off your creative 'Hide and Seek' hiding places and how natural you are with the flint and steel, successfully lighting many of your own mini fires.

Maisie - For being brave and trying something you were unsure about. You climbed to the top of the rope ladder and showed how proud you were with a big smile on your face – well done!

