



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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5th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Colchester Zoo!

On Monday, Year One, Two, Three and Four went on a trip to Colchester Zoo as part of this term's Dimensions units. When we arrived, we split into two groups for our workshops - 'Fastest, Biggest, Strongest' (KS1) and 'Rainforest Layers' (KS2) and then had an early lunch before setting off in smaller groups to explore the Zoo. The weather was kind to us and the children had a wonderful day, representing our school very well and visiting lots of different creatures.

Thank you very much to Mrs Elliott for organising the day and to the many staff and volunteers who accompanied us. A great day was had by all and it was a fantastic (if tiring!) start to the week. More photos to follow!



Sports Day

As you know, Sports day is planned for the afternoon of Tuesday 9th July. At present, the forecast is for rain so we have allocated Tuesday 16th July in the afternoon as our reserve date. We will make a decision nearer the time and let you know as soon as possible.

PTA

Please see over the page a message from the PTA regarding the year ahead. I would like to thank the current committee for their hard work and support - it has been great working alongside them this year and we are very grateful for all they have done to raise funds and provide lovely community events. I will be in touch again in the new school year regarding plans for the future. Fundraising is vital for our school and I am keen to explore with you all suggestions and ideas for how we can all pull together as a school community to make this more sustainable moving forward.

Don't forget to come and support our Summer Fete on Saturday 20th July!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Message from the PTA

Dear Parents, Carers & Staff

We hope you are having a good week!

Firstly, we are grateful for your support throughout this academic year with the PTA. It was brilliant to see the support at the Christmas event, and we very much look forward to seeing everyone at the Summer Event on Saturday, 20th July 2024!

We would also like to thank the school for their continued support throughout this academic year. It has been great to work alongside the school in a variety of ways but crucially with school staff volunteering at our events and communicating with us throughout the year.

Regrettably, the current PTA committee, which has played a crucial role in our school community, will be stepping down. This leaves a significant gap that we hope new volunteers will consider filling. We deeply understand the implications of our decision to step down, and it has not been an easy one. We are grateful for the opportunity and will always be ready to lend a helping hand wherever possible.

We will be holding the AGM meeting in October, at which we will officially step down. We will also be there for the new parent intake tea/coffee morning and help with the inflatable family afternoon in September (Friday 6th).

The PTA has played a vital role in helping the school this year and has been able to help fund several trips for the school, critical resources for the teachers, and educational but fun activities for the children, such as Traditional Maypole Dancing and Chocolate-Making workshops.

It would be great to pass on the roles to a new PTA committee so we can continue supporting the school, children, and community. If you are interested, please get in touch!

PTA Email = pta@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk

Best Wishes,

Hayley, Steph, Emma & Annie

PTA Committee



What we invested in 2023/24

ST GEORGE'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL
PTA
Registered charity no: 1047072



Thank you for supporting the PTA, the children really do benefit from your donations.

We look forward to seeing lots of you at the Summer Fete fundraiser on Sat 20th July! 1-3.30pm

PTA

Save the Date!

Fun Afternoon 3.00 - 5.00pm

- ☀ Inflatables
- ☀ Refreshments

A lovely way to start the new school year!

We hope to see you all there!

Have a great summer.



Well done, Evie!



Evie took part in her Dance school's show recently - here is a picture of her in her costume.

Well done, Evie, we hope you had a lovely time!

Learning Means the World!

Joseph came to show me this wonderful creation he made at home. Using a ballon, paper mache and paint, Joseph has recreated Planet Earth!

He was excited to tell me all about how he made it and what the different colours represent. He even managed to find a way to stick a Headteacher sticker on his world!

Well done, Joseph!



Meet the Teachers

We have made the decision to hold our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings early in the new term rather than at the end of this term.

We will be in touch with the dates as soon as they have been agreed.

Navigators News

This week in Navigators has certainly been on the irregular side, with the majority Year 6 pupils enjoying two transition days in Manningtree Highschool and the Year 5s spending a great deal of time in the hall constructing enchanted forests and dark castles for the upcoming production. The production itself appears to be on track. A small but bothersome scratch on the backing CD had threatened to upend the whole thing - but that particular problem has thankfully been well and truly resolved, and the children are growing into their roles.



Besides the production, the long-awaited Essex Outdoors awards were given this week, with children winning certificates for a whole range of achievements, including "most peculiar oyster discovery", "most points deducted on pedal karts license" and "most impressive snack collection".

Most of Navigators have also succeeded in finishing and publishing their own fantasy narratives, complete with front covers and blurbs, which rank as some of the best, if not the best pieces of writing they have ever done.

With only a few more weeks left of this school year, we still have a flurry of activities and events to participate in and enjoy, and, as always, Navigators will be leading the way.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9th July 1.00pm	Sports Day - see letter for further details
Thursday 11th July	Transition morning (all children)
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
Saturday 20th July	*****NEW DATE - PLEASE ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR!*** PTA Summer Fete
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term Leavers' assembly pm
Wednesday 4th September	First day of Autumn term

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

Zachary - For always being interested and enthusiastic about new experiences at Forest Schools; dissecting owl pellets and discovering bones from its prey.

Verity - For being a careful and confident climber, challenging yourself to get higher on the rope ladder. Well done!

Elsie J - For challenging yourself and being brave, climbing the rope ladder. Well done!

Frank A - For being thoughtful with nature, collecting natural materials and having your own idea to build a bug hotel for insects.

