



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Scatterball Success!

On Friday, we hosted the annual Key Stage One Scatterball tournament, led by our Chair of Governors, Nigel Rowe. Six local schools competed in total and spent the morning playing Scatterball in the sunshine. Congratulations to the St George's team who won the tournament!



Local Authority Safeguarding Review

You may have noticed that on Wednesday morning, I was accompanied by a visitor at the gate. Carole is our School Effectiveness Partner from the Local Authority and she came to carry out a Safeguarding Review, which all schools are subject to. It was a very thorough review in which Carole scrutinised all aspects of Safeguarding at St George's, from the safety of the school site to staff training and our behaviour, attendance and safeguarding record-keeping and decision-making.

I am pleased to report that it was a very positive outcome. Carole particularly noted the following:

- ◆ A positive start to the day, with children greeted at the gate and the classroom door
- ◆ Staff training thorough and up to date
- ◆ Strong ongoing communication with staff regarding safeguarding matters throughout the year
- ◆ All safeguarding checks carried out for new staff and volunteers
- ◆ Safeguarding concerns and behaviour incidents are logged and followed up appropriately

Of course, we have been given some recommended actions in order to improve our safeguarding procedures too. These are:

- ⇒ Use the Essex template for Governor monitoring and reporting
- ⇒ Further develop the use of our online Safeguarding system, so that all staff can log concerns

Attendance and Punctuality Updates

This week, the children brought home a letter and leaflet with reminders and updates about Attendance and Punctuality. I have attached them to this email and they can also be found on the [Attendance page](#) of our school website.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Keitch

Explorers News



As part of our Dimensions topic 'What on Earth!?' we have covered 'living things and growing'. The children made cress heads last week and then enjoyed watching the cress grow after plenty of sunlight and water. This week the children have studied the different parts of a flower.

In RE we are exploring the big question 'What do Jewish people remember on Shabbat?'. Over the past two weeks we have been using our persona dolls 'Tessa and Tom' to help introduce the Jewish religion to the children. The children enjoyed watching a video of a little boy preparing for Shabbat. The children are beginning to understand how Jewish people get ready to switch off all their devices on a Friday evening so they are ready to rest all day Saturday. The children have been learning about the

components you would see on a Shabbat table. This week they enjoyed sorting pictures of everyday activities such as cooking and playing board games into two different groups of what you are allowed and not allowed to do on Shabbat.

In Maths our Reception children have been learning about 2d shapes and their properties. They had lots of fun making 'shape people' out of 2d shapes.



Last week our Year 1 children finished their work on place value up to 100. They are getting very confident at sequencing numbers in order. This week we have introduced the concept of time. We have covered work on sequencing the school day routine, days of the week and months of the year. Next week we will be working on o'clock on an analogue clock.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st July	Year One, Two, Three and Four trip to Colchester Zoo
Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July	Year 6 transition days at Manningtree High School
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

Imogen A - For developing your resilience and being patient, sharing the natural space and collaborating with friends.

Zak J - For your creativity, combining natural and craft materials to make a 'nest' bracelet.

Hugo - For your growing confidence to tie new knots. This week, you watched an overhand loop be tied and were keen and willing to have a go yourself. Well done!

Joseph S - For being a confident tree climber, while following our safety rules.

