



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Advent



This week, our worship table looks a bit different as we enter the period of Advent. On Thursday, we lit the first candle on our Advent Wreath, the candle of Hope. I was very impressed with the children's knowledge; many could remember the symbolism of each candle!

The Y1 Explorers have made their own Advent Wreaths as part of their learning in Religious Education.

Get Caught Reading Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered our half term 'Get Caught Reading' photo competition. All the entries have been uploaded to the school website [here](#).



We announced the winners in this morning's Celebration Assembly: well done to Amelie and Alice!

Christmas at St George's

It's such a busy time of year in school, with so much to look forward to!

Today, your child will bring home a letter with information about our Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day on **Monday 18th December**.



Our Christmas Postbox will be open every day from Monday 11th December. This year, I encourage you to consider supporting the [Eco Essex Christmas Pledge](#) which aims to reduce the environmental impact of Christmas card giving. We suggest that each child sends one card to their whole class, for display in the classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Keitch

Adventurers News

Last Friday, the Adventurers enjoyed a fantastic 'Around the World' workshop.

Around The world workshop

On Friday 23rd November 2023 the whole class of Adventurers went into the hall.

We saw Amelia Earhart and I loved

the Greek dance. In my group we had Fred, Ella-Rose

Lily, Oscar and me. I loved the jungle poses and she

showed us some flags.



I think the class liked it when we had to make a pose of different things found in the desert and jungle. We also liked the Greek dance it was a lot of fun and very enjoyable.

Tesco 'Stronger Starts' Blue token scheme

Don't forget to spread the word - please vote for St George's!!

Stronger **TESCO**
Starts. Every little helps



**PRESENTS
WANTED**

**ESSEX
POLICE**
Protecting and serving Essex



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 Friday 8th December

Thank you in advance for your support.

Polite Reminders

Punctuality

The following message was shared in September; I am sharing it again as a reminder:

Thank you to everyone for adhering to our new 8.40am start to the school day. Please remember that **arrivals after 8.40am should enter via the School Office**. The carpark gate stays open a little later so that parents can leave the school site; please do not take advantage of this in an attempt to avoid a Late mark - all children arriving to the classroom after 8.40am will be marked as Late in the register.

Parking

We are very lucky to have the use of the Church Meadow Carpark; however, it does get very congested and I have been asked by Great Bromley Parish Council to remind you that there is additional parking available in Robinson Close. Please avoid parking in St George's Close; if you do park here, please do so considerately and do not park across residents' driveways.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Coastal School - the final session!

This week we went to the beach for one final time and revisited lots of the activities we have enjoyed over the past six sessions. This included shelter building, watercolour painting and crabbing.



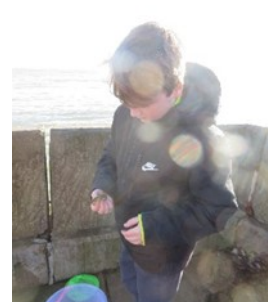
We repeated the longshore drift from a few weeks ago, where we threw oranges into the sea to see where the tide took them. This time, the sea was more choppy and the oranges travelled further in the tide.



Violet enjoyed making her own kite which flew amazingly in the wind!



A local fisherman shared some squid bait with us to try out crabbing again and the excitement of the children could be heard back at the beach when two crabs were caught.



It has been a wonderful few weeks, spent with a brilliant group of participants, and a special thanks to John Jellyfish for coming along and enjoying the experience with us.

Nicky 'Nightingale' Powell



8TH DECEMBER 2023, 3.15-5PM
**ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH OF
ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**
GREAT BROMLEY
CHRISTMAS FETE

SANTA'S GROTTTO
CHRISTMAS THEMED GAMES
FACE PAINTING
HOT FESTIVE FOOD & DRINK
XMAS CUPCAKES & BISCUIT BAKE- OFF

Reminder: Fiveways Fruit Farm Christmas Tree Offer!

As it's the 1st December you might be thinking of getting your Christmas trees this weekend.

Don't forget about the amazing deals at Fiveways Fruit Farm! If you purchase your Christmas tree with them the PTA also receive a donation from the farm - it's a win win!

Poster attached for further details.



We would love to invite you to our

Festive Coffee Morning

On **Saturday 9th December**

between **10am** and **12 noon** at

**St. George's Church,
Great Bromley, CO7 7TS**



There will be lots to enjoy in our lovely church

Refreshments of mulled wine/tea/coffee/mince pies

A **Cake Stall**, a great **Raffle**, Childrens **Lucky dip**,
Christmas Arrangements to buy, some **Bric a Brac**,
Book stall, **Bag a Bola**, a few **Christmas bits**, etc.

Free Admission

Invitation: St George's Crib Service, Christmas Eve 4.00pm

On Christmas Eve, St George's Church will be holding a very special service. This will be a "live nativity" in the churchyard, telling the Christmas story.

Children are invited to come in costume as one of the characters in the Nativity story. Needed are angels, shepherds, wise men (or women!) or animals from the stable.

I do hope some of you will be able to join this lovely service.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th December 2pm	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performance (see letter for details)
Thursday 7th December 6pm	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performance (see letter for details)
Friday 8th December	PTA Christmas Fete 3:15 - 5pm
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Pantomime
Thursday 14th December	Reception Christmas Singalong (see letter for details) <i>*PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE*</i>
Friday 15th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church - parents invited
Monday 18th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20th December	Last day of term
Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January 2024	Non Pupil Days
Monday 8th January	First day of term for children
Week Beginning Mon 19th February	Half term
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term

Office Hours

Please note, the School Office is staffed until 4.00pm. Emails sent after this time will not be seen until the following morning.

If you need to contact the school after 4.00pm, please phone 01206 230305 and we will do our best to answer your call.



Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Meredel - For your creativity, using half log discs to make a puzzle of pictures.

Millie A - For using tools safely and with good control; the bow saw to cut your own log disc and the hand drill to make a hole for your hanging decoration.

Jenson - For your excitement around bug hunting and taking this forward in your learning. You worked creatively, balancing logs to build a bug hotel and using smaller sticks to make a doorway for an entrance.

Harry - For being interested to learn more about creatures you have found. Today, after identifying a stag beetle larvae, you shared your new knowledge with your peers and taught others to be respectful and show care for this species.



Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Explorers

★ Miller - for your engagement in our new Dimensions topic 'Help is at Hand'

★ Imogen - for always engaging well in all activities during 'time to get busy'



Pathfinders

★ Blake - for applying yourself to all learning challenges

★ Imogen - for always being friendly and smiley!



Adventurers

★ Oscar - for always giving 100% in class and doing some amazing art work

★ Sienna - for great focus in class and working very hard

Navigators

★ Charlie - for showing leadership, positivity and creativity in the school council and a dance performance



★ Donovan - for working so hard to improve the quality of your work and being proud of your achievement

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Explorers

★ Verity and Maisie - for helping to put the equipment away



Pathfinders

★ James - for enjoying our playtime and lunchtime routines and having fun!

Adventurers

★ Millie B - for being kind and helpful to other children



Navigators

★ Sebastian - for being an enthusiastic shed monitor

Reader of the Week Awards go to:

Explorers

★ Velvet - for your excellent enthusiasm towards home reading



Pathfinders

★ Sophie - for showing determination in your PIRA assessment

Adventurers

★ Holly - for excellent reading at home and at school and for keeping your reading record up to date

Navigators

★ Isla A - for displaying thoughts, feelings, predications and inferences in your reading

*****NEW*** Ark Appreciation Award:**

★ Melody - for working creatively in the Ark area and tidying the area up.

