

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another school year - it seems to have gone by in a flash! Over the last two weeks, the children have spent time in their new classes and we have also welcomed our new Reception starters into school for their transition sessions. This is such an exciting time of the school year, especially for the Year Fives who had their first chance to meet their 'Little Friends' and practice being Year Six pupils!

Reflections on the year

There have been so many wonderful highlights to the year, including:

- ☆ Exciting in-school experiences, including: Little City, Nite Owls, Mars Mission STEM day, Viking Day, Lego Coding STEM Day, Divergent Drama
- ☆ School trips to Flatford Mill, Duxford, Natural History Museum, Jimmy's Farm, Hasty's Farm, Dice and a Slice, Tendring Vocal Project, Pantomime
- ☆ PTA events including Discos, Movie Nights, Craft Events, Christmas Fayre, Pancake Flip, Food Festival
- ☆ Successful Ofsted inspection
- ☆ Inter-school sporting events
- ☆ Great KS2 SATs results
- ☆ And so much more!!

I would like to say a huge **thank you** to all the hardworking, dedicated staff at St George's who go above and beyond every day to ensure the children get the best experience possible.

St George's is a small school and we are very grateful for our supportive community. A big **thank you** also goes to:

- ⚙ You, our pupils and families
- ⚙ Our committed Governing Body, chaired by Nigel Rowe
- ⚙ Our extremely hardworking PTA committee: Chris, Kate, Brendan and Lisa
- ⚙ Our volunteers: Chris Clarke, John 'Jackdaw' Boyle, Chris Long, Brendan Etheridge, Loretta Brown, Sacha Adams, Michelle Worn, Hayley Burton, Amanda Watts
- ⚙ Our friends from St George's Church: Jenny Nicholls, Canon Stephen and Sue Carter, Phillip Young

I wish everybody a happy, healthy summer! Alongside this newsletter you will also receive a **Summer Reading letter**. Please, please, please, ensure your child reads throughout the summer; it is the single most important thing you can do to support their learning, progress and development.

I look forward to seeing you all again in September - Tuesday 5th is the children's first day back!

Mrs Keitch





Year Six Leavers

Goodbye and Good Luck to all our Year Six Leavers: Zach, Barnaby, Zoe, Freddie, Riley, Lily, Ellie, Isabelle, Oliver, William, Connor, Jasmine, Amelia and Ben.



We wish you all the very best for the next step in your journey - remember to use your yeti, let your light shine and treat others with kindness and respect.

Congratulations Velvet!

Velvet from Explorers entered a Gymkhana with Tendring Hundred Riding Club on Saturday and she placed in every race:

2x1st place, 2x2nd place and 2x3rd place

She also totalled the most points in her class and won overall champion!

What a super achievement, Velvet - well done!



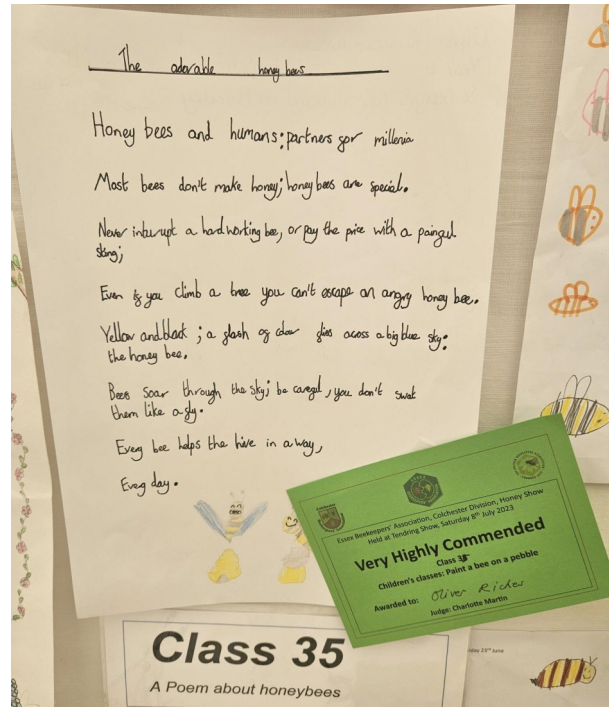
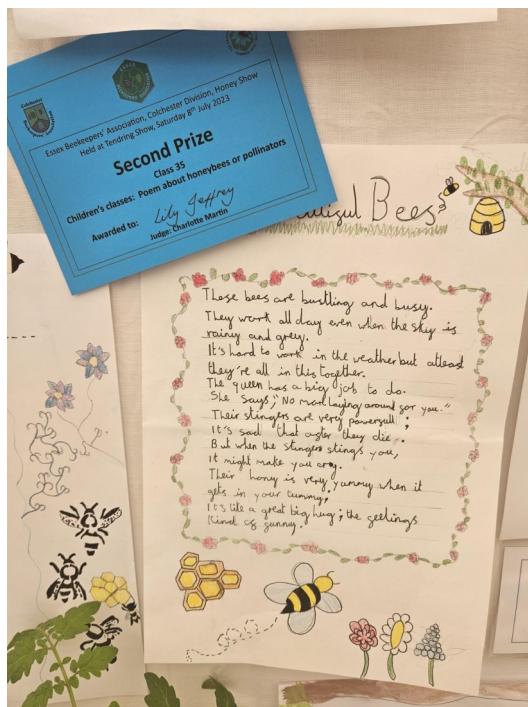
Navigators News

What an incredible few weeks for the children of Navigators!



After many days of rehearsals, singing practice, set construction, prop crafting, script scrutinising, standing on each other's toes during scenes and all manner of shenanigans with a plastic skeleton (affectionately named Billy Bones), Navigators Class finally performed their Treasure Island production, both to the school on Wednesday and to parents on Thursday evening. I can say that I have never been prouder of Navigators, and I doff my tricorne hat to everyone who took part and helped make the production such a success. Well done everyone!

In other news, Navigators' honey bee poems were judged at the Tendring Show, and I am incredibly pleased to say that Lily Jeffrey's poem won second prize, while Oliver Riches-Weedon's poem was very highly commended.



It was also great to welcome the Year 4 children to Navigators Class on Wednesday. We discussed the stories of Amelia Earhart, used descriptive language to bring magical beasts to life and used thermometers to measure the temperatures of buckets of water. What a lovely and enthusiastic bunch! We will be looking forward to seeing them again in September.

Food Festival 2023

I would like to say a **HUGE thank you** to the PTA members who worked so hard to put on a wonderful Food Festival on Sunday. There was a lovely family atmosphere and everyone had a great time.

It takes such a lot of hard work, planning, organising and communication to put on a successful event like this. We are very grateful to all who gave their time, effort and energy to make it happen.

I am pleased to tell you the event raised around £1300 which will be put towards resources and other projects in the new term.



Save the Date: New year Fun Afternoon

Our annual Fun Afternoon to start the new school year with a bang will be back on Friday 8th September. See the back page for further information.



Reading Volunteers

Do you have an hour a week you could spare?

If you have an hour a week (or more!) you could spare and you would like to support our children with their reading, we would love to hear from you.

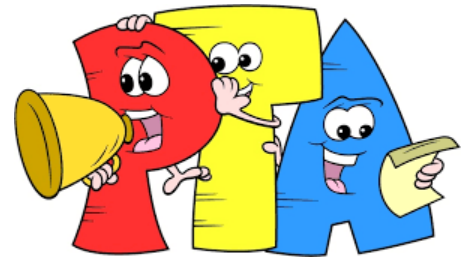
Reading is such a fundamental part of children's learning at Primary School. For children, regular reading practice is crucial to their learning and development. Reading alongside an adult, talking about their books and exploring vocabulary can have a big impact on their progress.

If you are able to help us, we would be very very grateful. Please contact the School Office and let us know when you are available!

Many thanks



Thankyou to all parents for their support this last year, this term we have paid for the following:



This year we held our very first Food Festival. It went really well and we raised £1309! Thank you to everybody who attended. The food trucks commented that it was a great day for our first food festival and the atmosphere was lovely.

The lucky 1st prize raffle winners are going to Bucharest for a weekend!

Here's Megan, a volunteer at the school, who won 2nd prize!



Have a great summer - we look forward to seeing you on Friday 8th September for the Inflatable Fun Afternoon!

Chris and Kate, Co-Chairs of the St George's PTA

Dates for your Diary

You may wish to make a note of the dates below.

Further information will be sent out to you in due course.

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| Monday 4th September | Non Pupil Day |
| Tuesday 5th September | First day of term |
| Friday 8th September | 2.00pm New Parents' Afternoon Tea 3.10pm Inflatable Fun! |
| Week beginning Monday 16th October | Book Fair Parent Consultations |
| Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October | Half term |
| Monday 30th October | Non Pupil Day |
| Wednesday 20th December | Last day of term |
| Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January | Non Pupil Days |
| Monday 8th January | First day of term |
| Mon 19th - Fri 23rd February | Half term |

Gardening Club



Sienna's sunflower is now taller than her!

We dug our carrots, they're still quite small but smelled of carrot!!

The rain came before we had chance to dig the potatoes so we headed to the Dragon's Cabin for a treat of strawberries and raspberries.

Thank you to all of the children who attended and to the adults who helped along the way!

Mr Etheridge



Save the Date

The PTA Fun Afternoon is back!
Friday 8th September 3.10pm

- ☀ Inflatables with a wristband system
- ☀ Refreshments, including BBQ

Further details to follow in September.

We hope to see you all there!

Have a great summer.



And Finally....

Don't forget to keep your children safe online over the summer break. Visit the [ESafety page](#) of our school website for lots of tips, advice and links to resources.

The July edition of the Bridge Newsletter for families of children with SEND is available now and can be accessed via [this link](#).

Stay safe and have a lovely summer!