



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Book fair**

Thank you to everybody who supported the Book Fair in school this week. The money spent at the fair will earn us books for our school. I will share the total amount raised with you once we have been informed by Travelling Books.

### **Parents Evening**

Thank you to those who attended parent consultations this week (last week for Explorers). I hope you found the meetings informative and useful. Remember to communicate directly with the teachers via Seesaw/Tapestry or in person with any further queries or to share your child's progress and achievements.

### **Parent Survey**

Many of you completed the annual parent surveys at parents' evening this week. Thank you for your feedback, it is really important for us to understand your experiences of our school so we can celebrate what is going well and make informed plans to address any areas that need development.

Once the results have been collated, I will share these with you.

### **Half Term Challenge**

The PTA would love the children to help their preparations for the Christmas. Today your child will bring home a paper cup which they can transform into a little Christmas reindeer! The PTA kindly request that any sweets left over from the 31st October be wrapped in the cellophane and returned in the decorated cup at the start of November. These cups will then become part of the Christmas tombola at our Christmas Market

Thank you!



Have a lovely half term week. Don't forget that Monday 31st October is a Non-Pupil Day - see you on Tuesday 1st November. Stay safe and keep reading!

Mrs Keitch



Thank you to everyone who brought clothing donations into school for our Bag 2 School collection.

We collected around 50 bags in total.

We will keep you updated on the fundraising total once we have received this information from Bag 2 School.



### Year Six parents - Secondary School Admissions

Applications for Year Seven places for September 2023 must be made online by 31st October 2021.

Go online to

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

for links to the application form and a useful video explaining the process.

Please note, you will not receive anything through the post from Essex County Council regarding school admissions.



### Primary School Applications - Reception September 2023

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2023?

Do you know anyone with children of this age? If so, please encourage them to come and visit us here at St George's - we are running tours throughout the Autumn term.

As a small school, it is vital that we take the full 17 children in Reception each year. Our admissions policy is very straightforward:

1. Looked After / Previously Looked After Children
2. Children with a sibling attending the school
3. Children living in the priority admission area
4. Remaining applications.

You can apply for Reception place online at <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place> between 7 November 2022 and **15 January 2023**.

Spread the word!



# Explorers News

This week in Explorers we have been learning more about the season 'Autumn'. On Wednesday afternoon we all put our wellies on and ventured down to our woodland area to look for 'Signs of Autumn' and to collect some Autumn leaves. Nicky Nightingale, our Forest School Leader, showed the children the hedgehog house. We talked about how hedgehogs will be soon going into hibernation.

Once back in the classroom the children used the autumn leaves they collected to create a hedgehog picture. The children also enjoyed dipping cotton buds into autumnal-coloured paints to create an Autumn tree picture.

We finished the afternoon with a lovely story called 'Don't Hog the Hedge' about a kind hedgehog who works through her hibernation check-list and ends up sharing her hibernation home with lots of other animals.



## 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.**

Week Beginning Monday 24th October	Half Term
Monday 31st October	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 2nd November	Reading workshop for Reception parents
w/b Monday 7th November	St George's Book Week
Wednesday 9th November	Reading workshop for Year One and Year Two parents
Friday 11th November	PTA Autumn Disco
Wednesday 23rd November	Flu Immunisations
Friday 2nd December	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 7th December	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performances (afternoon and evening - details to follow)
Wednesday 14th December	Whole School Trip to the pantomime - details to follow
Thursday 15th December	Reception Christmas Sing-Along
Friday 16th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church
Tuesday 20th December	Last day of term

## Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Caleb, Nixon & Charlie - for working well together, sharing ideas and supporting each other in creating a shelter. Well done!

Oscar, Crewe, Lucas and Konon - for great team work and problem solving together to create an amazing shelter.



**Our Stars of the Week this week are:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Violet - for your excellent independent writing

★ Lavender - for excellent contribution and effort in Maths



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★ **Pathfinders**

★ Theodore - for an amazing piece of writing - creating a fact book about

★ Mae Jemison

★ Ivy - for being a super star - always working hard and trying your best!



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★ **Adventurers**

★ Penny - for showing courage and coming into school well every morning.

★ Emily W - for working through your division calculations and showing

★ resilience



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★ **Navigators**

★ Zoe - for creating an incredibly stylish and beautiful piece of art

★ Saul - for putting so much effort into your Maths - and achieving great

★ results



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★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Jonathan - for having lovely table manners

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★ **Pathfinders**

★ Jack - for having lovely table manners in the Hall

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★ **Adventurers**

★ Emily B - for being well-mannered and helpful at all times

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★ **Navigators**

★ Sofia - for playing nicely and being a good friend

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★ **Reader of the Week Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Parker - for describing events in your story books

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★ **Pathfinders**

★ Edith - for choosing to read independently

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★ **Adventurers**

★ Donovan - for showing enthusiasm with your reading and books

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★ **Navigators**

★ Islya - for fantastic focus and effort with your reading assessments

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