

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to the PTA

The PTA committee and volunteers are working hard to prepare for our Summer Fete on Saturday 16th July. This week, Kate, Michelle, Loretta and Lucy have planted some beautiful flowers in the raised beds around the school - they look beautiful. Thank you so much for giving your time and efforts to help our school look bright and welcoming; it is very much appreciated.

Local Authority Visit

Last week, we had our termly visit from our School Effectiveness Partner (SEP) from Essex County Council. Her role is to monitor and support the leadership and management of the school. It was a very positive visit and I felt very proud when talking to our SEP and spending time with her around school. The SEP and I observed various aspects of school life throughout the morning, including time spent on the playground during morning breaktime. I would like to share the following excerpts from her visit report with you:

"Pupils are taught in a calm, supportive and orderly environment."

"It was clear that pupils of all ages enjoy break times and it was a pleasure to observe how well they interact with each other, show respect for each other's safety and maximise the use of the very attractive grounds."

"Pupils with high needs are well catered for and there is a strong culture of inclusivity."

Part of our discussion was around provision for individual reading books in school. As a result of this, we have identified the need for a more diverse range of reading material for our pupils and will be working to address this in the coming weeks and months. Thank you to the PTA who have agreed to contribute some of the proceeds of the Summer Fete to support this improvement.

Congratulations to Mr Bolton!

Huge congratulations to Mr Bolton, our trainee teacher based in Adventurers, for securing his first teaching job for September. Mr Bolton will be joining Tendring Primary School, which is part of our cluster of schools, so we hope to continue working with him!

Ardleigh St Mary's Summer Fair

Tomorrow (Saturday 18th June) is the Ardleigh St Mary's Summer Fair. Members of our PTA will be helping out at the Fair and, in return, members of Ardleigh PTA will be supporting us with our Summer Fete. If you are able to, please go along tomorrow - you will find further details over the page. As small schools, it is important that we support each other, especially in the current climate.

Friday 1st July: Flower festival and Sports Day

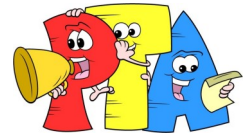
Next week you will receive a letter regarding Friday 1st July. This is a very busy day for the children as they will be performing at the Flower Festival in the morning and taking part in Sports Day in the afternoon! Parents will be invited to both parts of the day - next week's letter will outline the timings and arrangements for you.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Summer Fete, Saturday 16th July

Preparations for the Summer Fete are in full swing! Please join us on the day - if you can help out on a stall, even better - just let us know or speak to Jennie/Emma in the office. Spread the word - bring family and friends too! This will be our first summer fete for some time and we are keen to ensure it is a successful community event and fundraiser.



Summer Fete PTA 'Goody requests'

Next week is **Week 3** and we are kindly asking for any **board games** and **teddy** donations to be sent in please - the collection box is in reception.

Thank you.

Great Bentley FC: NEW PLAYERS NEEDED!!

We are going to hold Under 11s open training sessions for the 2022/23 Year 5s and Year 6s on **Sunday July 3rd, 10th and 17th. 10am on Great Bentley Green.**



If interested please contact Ben on 07761 177980



Adventurers News

The Year Four pupils having been working very hard on their times tables knowledge over the last couple of months, alongside the rest of the Adventurers class. On Wednesday morning they finally took their Year 4 multiplication check, a new statutory Government assessment, and they were so proud of their achievements. The assessment involves answering mixed multiplication questions at high speed, against the clock! We are so proud of how well they did and this was all down to their perseverance and resilience.

They also had fun creating a large multiplication sign on our school field, in the sunshine, with Mr Bolton being the photographer.

Well done Year Four!



Adventure Playground

The children have finally been able to try out our fantastic new Adventure Playground this week! Unfortunately there is still one piece of equipment we are unable to use but the children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves anyway.

Thank you to Mrs Clyde Roberts for working with the external provider to design and deliver the play equipment. And thanks to the PTA for supporting significantly with the cost of the new play area.

Hopefully the final piece of equipment will be in action soon and the children will have many years of fun to come!



Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Alfie and Luca – for excellent teamwork and problem solving, using branches to make Hapa Zome pictures.

Anabel and Millie – for sharing ideas with a friend and being creative, making a nest from natural materials.

Layla – for naming all five senses, when talking about today's nature spot. Well done!

Jack – for recalling information and prior learning, when talking about our poisonous plants; Cuckoo Pint.

George – for excellent, sensible behaviour when lighting mini fires and cooking popcorn for the group.

Raff – for your engagement and enthusiasm today, lighting mini fires and our main fire for the group.

Annabel – for safe use of tools, developing skills of whittling and splitting kindling for the fire.

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.

Friday 24th June	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Friday 1st July	Morning: St George's Church Flower Festival Afternoon: Sports Day
Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th July	Manningtree High School Induction days
Thursday 7th July	Year 5/6 production to parents
Thursday 14th July	Open Evening 3.00-4.00pm
Friday 15th July	Annual Written reports to parents
Saturday 16th July 12.00-4.00pm	PTA Summer Fete and Plant Sale
Thursday 21st July	Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm



Our Stars of the Week this week are:



★ Explorers

★ Theodore O - for your excellent problem solving and ideas in

★ Maths

★ Theo T - for always being engaged in our Dimensions Curriculum

★ lessons

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★ Pathfinders

★ Meredel - for producing a brilliant Powerpoint on animals

★ Penny - for a positive attitude towards school

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★ Adventurers

★ Sofia - for fantastic resilience recently and doing brilliantly in your multiplication

★ check

★ Pixie - for excellent focus in class and working hard to achieve well in your spellings

★ each week

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★ Navigators

★ Zach - for putting so much effort into your writing and making real progress

★ Freddie - for being a great mathematician - and gardener!

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★ Lunchtime Awards go to:

★ Explorers

★ Harry - for joining in with the football match with confidence

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★ Pathfinders

★ Taylor - for being helpful to the MDAs at lunchtime and for looking after your friends

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★ Adventurers

★ Charlie - for lining up quickly at lunchtime

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★ Navigators

★ Tulip - for being helpful - thank you for stepping in at the last

★ minute to help put away the play equipment

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★ Reader of the Week Awards go to:

★ Explorers

★ Chloe C-C - for enthusiastic home reading

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★ Pathfinders

★ Bella - for reading consistently, every day

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★ Adventurers

★ Sebastian - for moving on to read more challenging books!

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★ Navigators

★ Annabel and Mia - for learning your production lines off by heart.

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