



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Wonderdome

After the disappointment of last week's cancellation, the children were all very excited to experience the Wonderdome in school this morning. The Wonderdome is a mobile inflatable planetarium which popped up in our school hall this morning, looking like something from outer space! Every class had a turn in the Wonderdome, seeing images and videos of our planet and our solar system. The shows were spectacular and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Thank you to the PTA for funding the majority of the cost of this experience for the children.

### Year Six SATs

This week, the Year Six children took their Key Stage Two SATs tests. This is the first time the tests have taken place since 2019 due to the pandemic. Like children across the school, and the whole country, the Year Six children have had a very disrupted two years of learning and as such had a few nerves about sitting the tests.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the positive, mature attitude of all our Year Six pupils during their tests this week. They have shown determination and resilience and a very level-headed approach to the SATs. We encourage the children to try their best and 'show what they know' but to keep the experience in perspective.

Every test day began with a relaxed breakfast in the staffroom to prepare for the day, chatting with friends over croissants and apple juice!

Well done, Year Six, you have done yourselves, your teachers and your school proud.

A huge **thank you** goes to Kelly Buckingham-Garcia for providing homemade goodies for the children after each day of tests this week! The children enjoyed them very much.

### SEND Bridge Bulletin

The Bridge Bulletin is produced by Essex County Council for parents of children with SEND. It brings together the latest news and information from a range of services. The latest edition includes information regarding the Local Authority's SEND Local Area Review (OFSTED and CQC) and can be found here <https://essexcc.pagetiger.com/sendfamilybulletinmayedition/send-family-bulletin-may-edition>

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch

# Adventurers News

## Adventurers' Trip to West Stow

We visited West Stow Anglo Saxon Village near Bury St Edmunds last week and the children had a fantastic time learning all about how Anglo Saxons lived.

We travelled in style in our Mercedes -Benz coach and enjoyed a couple of riddles and eye spy games en route. We arrived at West Stow around 10.15am and then met our team leader, Mr Ridgeon, who showed us around the museum. The children explored many artefacts and learnt plenty of new facts about how the Anglo Saxon's lived. The children also enjoyed dressing up in Anglo Saxon robes as you can see from the photos!

We then stopped for some lunch. The children enjoyed talking about their experiences so far and the adults enjoyed a hot chocolate and a coffee ready for the next part of the trip. After lunch we visited the Anglo Saxon village and the children were able to ask Mr Ridgeon plenty of questions about the houses and how they were built. We had a great time!

Back in class the next day we wrote about our experiences and relived how much fun we had had!

Thank you to our parent helper, Mrs Parrott, who helped out on the trip!



## Update from the Office

### Lost Property

All items of lost uniform have now either been claimed or sent to charity/recycling. We have a few individual items left which we would like to reunite with their owners.

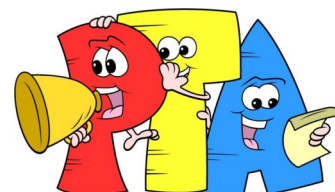
Do you recognise anything in this photo? If so, please pop into the school office and claim your child's belongings. Anything which has not been claimed by Friday 20th May will be disposed of.



The number of lost property items, particularly uniform, highlights the real importance of labelling all your child's clothing and belongings. We always ensure named items are returned to their owner so please remember to **label everything!**

### Bag 2 School Reminder Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 8.30-9.00am

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second hand clothing and we have arranged for a collection from St Georges on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**.



#### **What to do:**

- Re-use a plastic bag(s) and fill it with good quality items for re-use: Men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. (No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please).
- Bring your Bag(s)! 2 School on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May between 0830-0900.
- All the bags will be weighed and the school will be paid for the total weight collected. The more we can collect the greater the benefit to our school.



When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

For more information please visit: <https://bag2school.com/>

Feel free to ask neighbours, family and friends to fill a bag too!

## Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Sienna - for being keen to learn how to put up a rope swing, helping with the knots and also taking it down at the end of the session.

Oscar - for increased confidence when negotiating with his peers.

Jude - for lots of great ideas, being involved and seeking help from others when he needed it.

Jasmine - for building and lighting our fire today.

Jenson - for working well with others to build a shelter and making a charcoal picture to go inside

Theodore - for being focussed and working hard to create his God's Eye.  
Well done!

Ellie, Zach, Frankie, William and Oliver S - for being fantastic helpers with their Reception friends at Forest Schools.

### 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.**

Fortnight beginning Mon 16th May Year Two SATs

Friday 27th May Jubilee Celebrations

Monday 6th June Non Pupil Day

w/b Tuesday 7th June Year One Phonics Check

Friday 1st July Morning: St George's Church Flower Festival  
Afternoon: Sports Day

Thursday 7th July Year 5/6 production to parents

Thursday 14th July Open Evening 3.00-4.00pm

Thursday 21st July Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm



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



**Explorers**

Jude - for your fantastic effort and enthusiasm towards your learning

Konon - for your excellent participation in our Philosophy for Children session this week

**Pathfinders**

Edith - for brilliant use of arrays to solve multiplication problems

Anabel - for concentrating on your Maths and English work, particularly your letter writing

**Adventurers**

Isyla - For showing excellent perseverance this week - you should be very proud of your learning; we certainly are!

Violet - for brilliant effort with all of your learning and great effort with your joined handwriting.

**Navigators**

Freya-Mai - for putting so much effort into the quality and presentation of your work, particularly Maths

Ben - for writing, painting and creating a great variety of work and always showing a positive attitude

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**Lunchtime Awards go to:**

**Explorers**

Oliver - for lovely manners when collecting your lunch

**Pathfinders**

Isabelle - for inventing a new way to play with the equipment and for sitting nicely in the lunch hall

**Adventurers**

Beau - for showing maturity and moving equipment to make a pathway for your classmates

**Navigators**

Lily J - for being thoughtful and helpful

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

**Explorers**

Poppy - for working hard in Read Write Inc phonics sessions

**Pathfinders**

Millie B - for working hard on your reading comprehension

**Adventurers**

Emily - for always being enthusiastic about reading and asking about the meaning of words to develop your vocabulary

**Navigators**

Oliver S - for doing great background research on the Titanic and writing an excellent report

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