

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 the Autumn term—and what a busy one it has been! Here are just some of this term's highlights:

- ☆ Caring for and hatching our chicks
- ☆ Participation in several local KS2 sporting events
- ☆ A very successful Book Fair
- ☆ A visiting fairy for Pathfinders
- ☆ Continuation of our Eco Refill Shop
- ☆ Two lovely choir events
- ☆ Introduction of Happiness Heroes as part of our MyHappyMind programme
- ☆ Charitable giving: Harvest Foodbank appeal, Children In Need, Essex Police Giving Tree
- ☆ Positive Parent Survey results
- ☆ Fantastic Christmas Fair and lots of lovely Christmas celebrations: Reception Singalong, KS1 Nativity, Carol Service, Christmas Dinner and Panto visit. See over the page for a selection of photos.



Thank you for all your support; it makes all the difference. Thanks, too, to the fantastic St George's team, whose dedication and care for the children is second to none.

We have lots to look forward to in the new term. We are busy planning our annual 'Healthy Me' Week which this year coincides with Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. We have used some of the Christmas Fair fundraising money to book a day of Online Safety workshops for each class. We will also be holding our St George's Book Week in February.



This morning we bid farewell to Mr Stacey, who is retiring. He welcomed the children into school for one last time (see over the page for photos) and joined our final Celebration Assembly, where he was presented with retirement gifts from the whole school community. Thank you very much for all your generous contributions; we were able to give Mr Stacey a fantastic send-off and he was very touched.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 5th January.

Best wishes,
Mrs Keitch

Christmas at St George's

Reception Christmas Singalong



The Reception children performed their Christmas Singalong to their families on Friday and to the school on Monday. They were very brave, standing up on the stage in front of a big audience! The elves, angels, Santas and snowmen looked fantastic in their costumes and sang beautifully, making us all smile. Well done, Reception!

Carol Service

On Wednesday, we gathered at St George's Church for this year's Carol Service. The Year Five and Six children delivered their lines beautifully and clearly and we all enjoyed singing our favourite Christmas songs. Thank you to those who were able to join us; I hope you enjoyed it. Thanks also to Jenny Nicholls for all her hard work for the church and to Reve John Saxon for participating in the service. Our link with St George's Church is really important to us.

Christmas Dinner

Monday was Christmas jumper and Christmas Dinner day. The whole school joined together in the Hall for Christmas Dinner. We listened to Christmas music, pulled Christmas crackers and enjoyed a delicious roast while wearing our Christmas jumpers! Thank you to staff for pitching in to serve and to our kitchen staff for preparing the food.

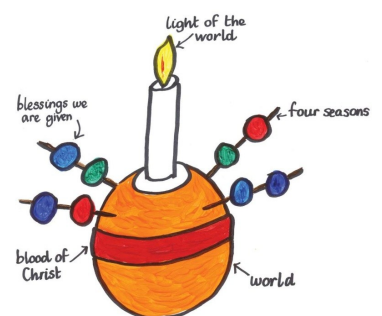


Christingle



On Thursday, Amanda led us in a Christingle Service. The children learned about the symbolism of the Christingle and joined together to celebrate this time of Advent and Christmas.

Thank you, Amanda.



Christmas at St George's

Essex Police Tending Christmas Giving Tree Appeal

Thank you so much for all your generous donations to this year's Christmas Giving Tree Appeal. We felt very proud dropping off such a big haul of presents; for a small school like ours, this is a wonderful achievement.

We believe it is so important for our children to recognise that there are those in our local area who struggle financially and that sharing a little of what we have can make a big difference. Thank you very much for your generosity.



Hi-Fives from Santa!

This morning, the children were greeted by Santa Stacey at the front gate, for their final Hi-Fives!



iRock end of term concert

On Tuesday, we enjoyed our first ever iRock concert. The St George's iRockers performed the songs they have been practising throughout the term. We were very impressed with their instrumental skills, and their rockstar attitudes, and thoroughly enjoyed singing and clapping along to their performances. Well done!



Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Monday 5th January 2026	First day of term
w/b Monday 9th February	St George's Healthy Me Week Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day
Friday 13th February	Non Pupil Day
w/b Monday 23rd February	St George's Book Week
Friday 27th March	Last day of term
Monday 13th April	First day of term



St George's Church Great Bromley CO7 7TS



Christmas 2025 *all ages welcome!*

Sunday 21st at 4pm
Community Carols with choir

Wednesday 24th at 4pm
Crib Service

Thursday 25th at 11am
Christmas Day Eucharist



**Wishing you peace and joy this
Christmas and throughout the
New Year.**

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Carols at the Crib



Christmas Eve at 4pm

for half an hour

*Children are invited to come dressed as
wise men or women, shepherds, angels
or animals from the stable.*