

# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

What another great and busy week at St George's! It has been lovely to enjoy some sunshine this week.

In our collective worships, we have been focusing on **kindness**. We explored the idea of *the ripple effect* and the children came up with some thoughtful and inspiring ways to spread kindness throughout our school community. It has been wonderful to see children making links to this message across the wider curriculum. Children in **Pathfinders** identified acts of kindness within both their English and RE learning, while children in **Adventurers** eagerly shared some of their own acts of kindness with me during playtime. It truly has been lovely to feel the ripple of kindness across our school.

### **Swim Safe Assembly**

On Wednesday, Judy and Josh visited our school to talk to the children about how to stay safe in and around water as we move towards the summer months. They shared some important safety messages, including the importance of wearing life jackets when appropriate and what to do if you see someone struggling in water, such as throwing a floating object to help them stay afloat. The children also learned that **112** is the emergency number to call if they are in trouble around water and were introduced to the **what3words** app as a useful tool to help emergency services locate them, with older children encouraged to download it. In addition, the children explored the meanings of different coastal flags. The session was engaging and the children asked some excellent questions.



### **New Site Manager**

We hope that you have noticed how clean and tidy our school site is looking recently. This is largely thanks to our fantastic new Site Manager, **Mr Dave Priestnall**, who is already making a real difference.

Mr Priestnall will be working on site every morning and has quickly become a valued member of our team. He was officially introduced to the children during Collective Worship this morning, where he received a very warm welcome from them all.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

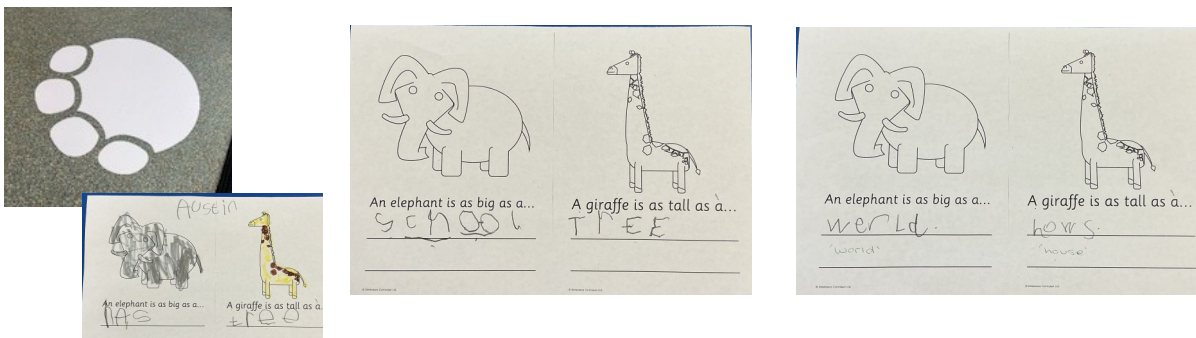
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# Explorers News

It has been a busy start to the Summer term in Explorers Class.

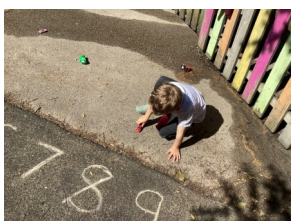
We really enjoyed Book Week, learning our class poem 'Love' which we performed to parents during our Sharing Afternoon. We enjoyed being playful with words and exploring rhyme. This has continued into our Literacy work as we read 'You Can't Take An Elephant On The Bus'. We thought creatively about what big animals can and can't do and had a fun discussion about an elephant playing golf or climbing a tree, which caused a lot of giggles!

Our Dimensions topic this half term is 'Animal Crackers'. We came into class to find a giant footprint on the floor. There were lots of ideas about who it might belong to, including a bear and Big Foot. As part of our topic, we have learnt about big and small animals. We transferred our learning about simile poems and compared objects to being 'as big as an elephant' and 'as tall as a giraffe'.



This week, we have focussed our Drawing Club around the story 'What The Ladybird Heard', with a minibeast tray set up in class and a bug hunt during our weekly Forest Schools session. The children have also enjoyed learning about Non-Fiction texts and have been sharing books together in class.

We have enjoyed lots of hands on, practical Maths over the past few weeks. After learning about measuring length and capacity, we have revisited both through our independent play which has been wonderful to see!

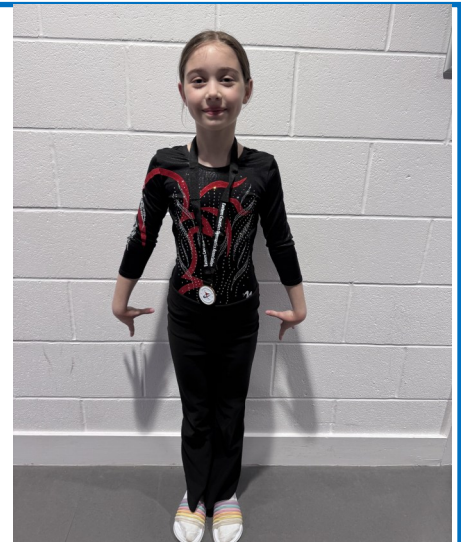




## Our Achievements

### Lily Walters Year 5

We would like to congratulate Lily on her excellent achievement at the Trampoline Regional Final in Cambridge on Sunday, where she finished in third place. We are extremely proud of her dedication and success.



### St George's Day Parade

Well done to Toby (Year 5), Tom (Year 3), Parker (Year 3) and Jessica (Year 2) for proudly representing their Beavers and Scouts group in the St George's Day Parade. They looked very smart and represented their Scouts group admirably.

## Polite Reminders:

### Nut-Free School

A polite reminder that we are a nut-free school. Please ensure that all snacks and lunchbox items are nut-free. It has come to our attention that *Pick Up!* bars **do** contain ground hazelnuts, so these should not be brought into school.



### Parking

A gentle reminder to all parents about safe and considerate parking around the church car park, particularly during busy drop-off and pick-up times when congestion can build quickly.

**Please ensure that you do not park in the school staff car park at any time.**

This area is reserved for staff use only. Parking here can also create additional congestion and reduce visibility, making the area less safe for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in helping us keep our school site safe and running smoothly.

### Dates for your Diary

<b>Monday 4th May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday Monday</b>
w/b Mon 11th May	Year Six SATS
Mon 11th—Thurs 14th May	Summer Book Fair—3 for 2 on all books!
Wed 13th May	Explorers Class—Hasty's trip
Thurs 21st May	Class photos
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	<b>Non Pupil day</b>
Wed 3rd—Fri 5th June	Y5/6 Residential
Monday 15th June	Pathfinders Class- Colchester Zoo trip
Friday 26th June	Flower Festival at St George's Church: 'Hobbies in Bloom'. Details to follow. Parents will be invited to watch their children perform in church during the school day. <b>After School:</b> School/church joint Summer Fair
Tuesday 30th June pm	Sports Day—details to follow
<b>Friday 17th July</b>	<b>Last day of term (Monday 20th July is a Non Pupil Day)</b>
Friday 17th July 1.30pm	Year Six Leavers' Assembly

Please make a note of the dates above.

### PGL Holiday Camp Offer

#### **An exclusive offer for our school families – PGL Kids' Camps**

Many of you will already be familiar with PGL through our school trips. Alongside these, PGL also run holiday camps for children aged 8–16, offering a wide range of outdoor activities designed to build confidence, teamwork and independence.

As part of our school community, families can benefit from **30% off PGL Multi-Activity Kids' Camps** during **May half term, summer, or October half term.**

For full details and to claim the discount, please visit:  
[www.evolveadvice.co.uk/loyaltylocker-pglkidsamps](http://www.evolveadvice.co.uk/loyaltylocker-pglkidsamps)

