

# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported this week's Book Fair. Every purchase earns us points which we can spend on books for the classroom so it is a valuable fundraiser for our school.

### **David Attenborough's 100 birthday celebrations**

Please see over the page for some photos of last Friday's David Attenborough Day. The children enjoyed lots of nature-themed activities; finding a frog in our school pond was definitely a highlight of the day!

### **Well done, Year Six!**

This week, the Year Six children have taken their SATs tests. These are the statutory assessments pupils must take at the end of their time at primary school. As always, the children really impressed us with their calm and sensible approach to the week; they were well-prepared and did their very best. And they thoroughly enjoyed their special SATs breakfasts too!



### **Flower Festival Poster Competition Reminder**

Please encourage your child to enter the Flower Festival poster competition—open to all ages. Here are the details:

**Size:** A4 portrait

**Theme:** St George's Church Flower Festival—'Hobbies In Bloom'

**Deadline:** Tuesday 19th May

**Don't forget to put your name and class on the back of your poster!**

### **Explorers Trip to Hasty's Farm**

On Wednesday, the Explorers children went on a school trip to Hasty's Farm in Clacton. Despite the odd rain shower, they had a marvellous time!

Thank you to all the adult helpers who accompanied the children; we really appreciate your support. The children took part in a workshop where they learnt about the job of a farmer and also got to feed lots of different animals.



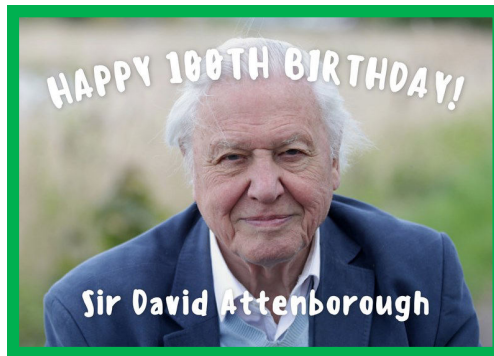
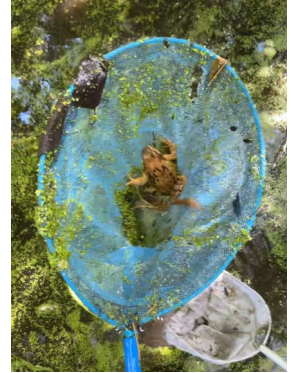
We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

**Please remember that next Friday, 22nd May, is a non-pupil day.**

Mrs Keitch

St George's looked totally Wild last Friday for Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday. In Explorers Class, we had enjoyed a range of animal set ups around the classroom, including an ice tray with Arctic animals, safari, farm and minibeast habitats which we explored through our small world play. We practiced our cutting skills to create an animal collage of the number 100 in celebration of David Attenborough's age. Pathfinders and Explorers had the chance to try out pond dipping and identified some water creatures which we found very exciting! We even found a few frogs in Pathfinders! Pathfinders also wrote and decorated a birthday card we thought Sir David would like. In KS2 some of the children brought their hamsters in for an animal filled show and tell. What a fantastic nature filled day!

From all of us at St George's we wish Sir David Attenborough a very happy 100th birthday!

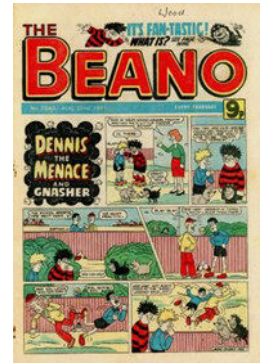


# Adventurers News

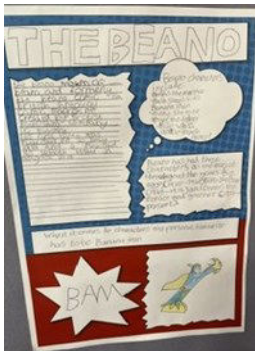
We have had a busy couple of weeks in Adventurers class. We have been working extremely hard in Maths to develop our confidence in understanding fractions as decimals looking at tenths and hundredths.



In PE we have been starting early practice for sports day by learning a number of new athletics skills and techniques with the EPC coach on a Friday and have been learning throwing, catching and hitting skills to enable us to play rounders. It's been great to see the children begin to use their new skills within a game situation and we know some of the children are also enjoying the after-school rounders club too.

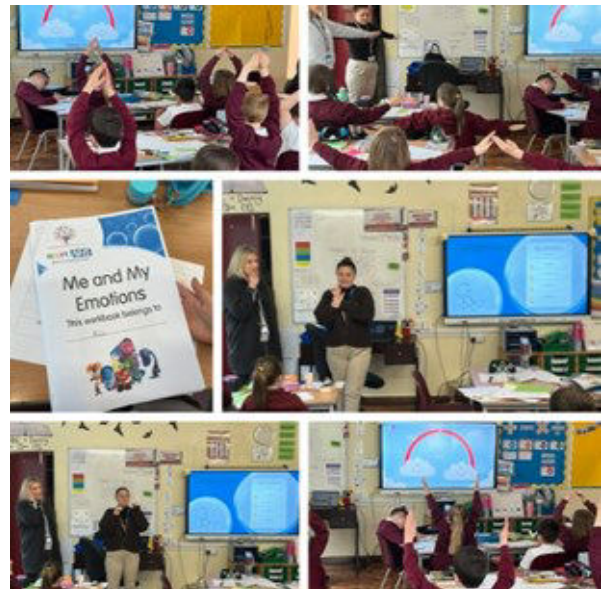


During our Dimensions lessons we have been looking at the history of print from early marks made in clay, through the invention of Guttenberg's first printing press and most recently how colour print and fonts helped create early comic strips and comic books. This has led us to look at the history of a well-known comic - The Beano.



In our English lessons we have nearly finished our current book - Ice Palace by Robert Swindells. A story of a young boy Ivan who treks through the frozen forest to find his little brother who has been kidnapped along with other children from nearby villages by the evil - Starjik. We have used storyboarding to capture the most important parts of the book and researched how to survive in extremely cold weather just like the character Ivan has done. Finally, we recapped the story and created a graph of emotions to show the ups and downs Ivan went through as the story unfolded.

Finally, we have been working with visitors from the Mental health support team as a class to work through the zones of regulation to better understand emotions and ways to deal with our different feelings. This week's workshop gave us some really good ways of using breathing techniques to help us when we are experiencing different feelings.



This week's Stars of the Week

Explorers

**All of Explorers Class**—For an amazing class trip to Hasty's. You behaved impeccably and were a credit to St George's. Well done"



Pathfinders

**Joseph and Scarlett**—for showing kindness and respect to nature

**Amelie**—for fantastic reading at school



Adventurers

**Evie, Zak and Angus**—for a fantastic emotions graph in English

**Theodore and Sophie**—for great research into the history of the 'Beano' comic



Navigators

**All of Year Six**—for smashing SATs!



**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR PARENTMAIL EMAILS - IF YOUR CHILD IS BEING AWARDED STAR OF THE WEEK, YOU WILL BE INFORMED THE DAY BEFORE (THURSDAY) SO YOU CAN ATTEND THE ASSEMBLY IF YOU ARE ABLE TO. PLEASE DON'T WORRY IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND; WE UNDERSTAND IT IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE.**

**NIGHTINGALE FOREST SCHOOL AWARDS**

**Pippa 'Pigeon'** - For showing lots of interest and enthusiasm around birds, using the nest to play imaginatively.

**Zienna 'Zebra Spider'** – For showing excitement around the different bird species, matching them to the identification sheet to find out what they were.

**Dovas** – For your interest around bees, being keen and curious to find out more while having an awareness of how to keep yourself safe.

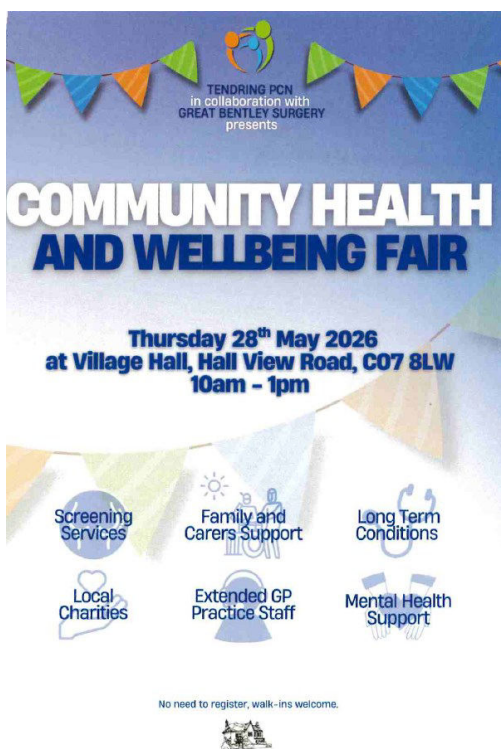
**Meredel** – For showing bravery and positivity around nature and living things.

## Dates for your Diary

Thurs 21st May	Class photos
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	<b>Non Pupil day</b>
Wed 3rd and Wed 9th June	One Plan meetings. Please ensure you have confirmed your attendance
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</b> <b>(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.

You may be interested in this event taking place in Great Bentley during the half term week.



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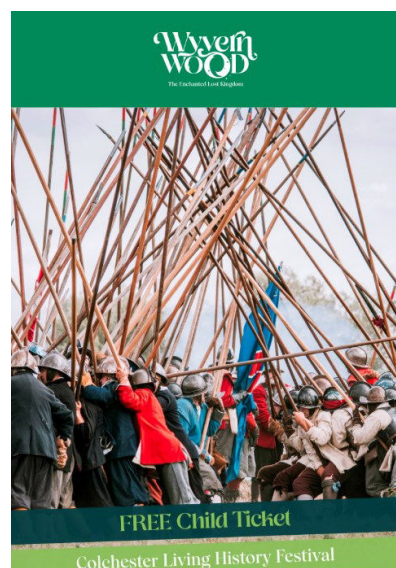
# COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING FAIR

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
at Village Hall, Hall View Road, CO7 8LW  
10am - 1pm

- Screening Services
- Family and Carers Support
- Long Term Conditions
- Local Charities
- Extended GP Practice Staff
- Mental Health Support

No need to register, walk-ins welcome.

We have been informed of a special local offer for families. Children who visit Wyvernwood on Saturday 16th or Sunday 17th May will receive a free ticket to the Colchester Living History Festival. This could be a lovely opportunity for families to enjoy a local event together - further details can be found via Wyvernwood.



Wyvernwood  
The Traditional Lead Scaffolding

FREE Child Ticket

Colchester Living History Festival