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Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in Collective Worship

On Monday, Reverend John led Collective Worship. He encouraged the children to think about the people who love and care for them and how we can show our appreciation. With Father's Day coming up this weekend, it was a lovely opportunity for the children to think about all the things their parents do for them!



On Tuesday, Amanda led the next Collective Worship in a series focusing on Respect. She used a variety of visual prompts to demonstrate the negative impact of unkind words and deeds and the positive impact of kindness and respect. The children were particularly wowed by an experiment involving water, black pepper and washing up liquid! We related this to one of the St George's core messages: "Encourage each other and build each other up" 1 Thessalonians 5:11, and our 'Build Up' song. You can find out more about our core values and vision, including links to associated songs, on our [school website](#).

Thank you to both Rev John and Amanda for supporting us with Collective Worship; it's great for the children to have input from visitors as well as school staff and to hear our values and vision echoed by others.

Pathfinders Zoo trip

On Monday, the Pathfinders children went on a day trip to Colchester Zoo as part of their studies. Despite the rain, a wonderful day was had by all. The children have been talking, and writing, enthusiastically about all the animals they saw, including baby chimpanzees and cute otters! Thank you to Mrs Elliott for organising a very successful and memorable day for the children, and to all staff and parent volunteers for their support.



Navigators Step into STEAM

Last Friday, Navigators Class were lucky enough to take part in the University of Essex's 'Step Into STEAM' event in which the children were greeted by a multitude of skilled professionals there to demonstrate what they all did for a living. The children had the opportunity to learn CPR from a paramedic, try their hand at manoeuvring robots, explore virtual reality world, decorate freshly baked cookies, train an AI application to recognise their own hand signals and a host of other engaging activities. All in all, a brilliant, exciting and educational afternoon for all.



Summer Fundraising event: Penny Race!

Please see over the page for details of our upcoming PTA fundraising challenge for the children.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and a Happy Father's Day!

Mrs Keitch and the St George's Team

Flower Festival and Summer Fair

On **Friday 26th June**, the children will be performing presentations at the church as part of the St George's Church Flower Festival. You are very welcome to join us to watch the performances. The timings are as follows:

Explorers and Pathfinders (EYFS/KS1): 1.30pm

Adventurers and Navigators (KS2, including choir performance): 2.15pm

After school on the same day we are holding a joint school/church Summer Fair. Please do stay after the church performances to enjoy the refreshments and stalls in support of our village community. All proceeds will be shared between St George's Church and the school.

If you have any unused toys/games etc which could be used as prizes for the tombola, please bring them to the School Office. We have enough teddies and soft toys now, thank you!

Well done to Sienna in Navigators for winning the Flower Festival poster competition and to Eliza in Adventurers for designing the front cover for the programme.

We hope to see many of you there!

Summer Fundraiser: Penny Race!

We will be collecting coins for a PTA penny race taking place on Tuesday 14th July!

Coins will be collected in school from Tues 30th June- Tues 14th July (the morning of the event). These will be stored in your child's class in preparation for the event.

The children will then use these coins to lay them out on the playground, side by side without gaps and without letting any coins overlap! The longest line will win a class prize!

Any legal British tender is welcome but please refrain from bringing in any other coins.

The coins will be collected up after the event to help fund extra events or resources in school.

Thank you!



Sports Day: Tuesday 30th June

We are looking forward to another fantastic Sports Day! The children will be in their colour groups of red, blue, yellow and green and will take part in a range of different sporting activities on the field, finishing with some traditional races. The events are due to start shortly after 1.00pm.

Please note the following:

- Seven Rivers have kindly agreed to allow parents to use their car park for the event. Please note, this is a special arrangement **for this Tuesday afternoon only**.
- The **side gate will be open between 12.50-1.00pm** for parents to enter the school site. Parents will be seated alongside the track in the designated area and will view the sporting activities from here, as well as the races at the end of the afternoon. You are welcome to bring chairs / blankets. Refreshments and snacks will be available for purchase. **Please bring along cash.**
- Children should wear **school PE uniform** for the day. Please ensure your child has plenty of sun cream applied before school and is wearing a sun hat.
- The children will bring out their water bottles and will be able to refill them at designated water stations.

Thank you very much to Mrs Elliott for organising the event, and to all the staff and volunteers for joining us for the afternoon.

☆ Please find attached to the Parentmail a Sports Day Social Story which you may want to talk through with your child before the event.

SEND LOCAL OFFER ROADSHOW

The termly Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows are for parents/carers of children with SEND to find out more about the range of services available in our local area.

You can find out more about the Roadshows [here](#).

Date: Monday 22 June 2026

Time: Drop in anytime

- 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (all ages)
- **Quieter times:** Prefer a quieter visit? Pop in after 11:30 AM.
- **Location:** Venture Centre, 2000 Bromley Road, Manningtree, CO11 2JE
- **Cost:** FREE

What to Expect:

Have questions about your child's needs and the best support available? The SEND Roadshow brings together a variety of professionals under one roof, including local support groups, education professionals, health teams, and social care teams.

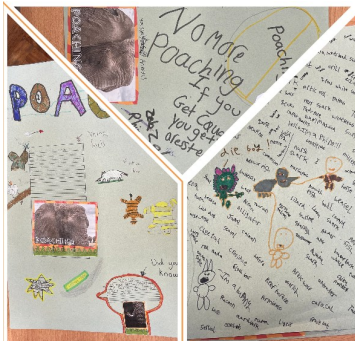
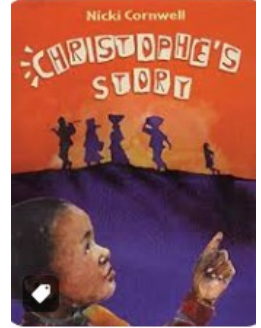
You can:

- access support and information
- understand the different services available
- discover local support, such as parent groups and inclusive activities
- attend free talks

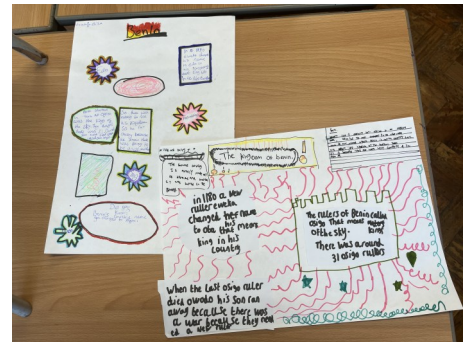
Adventurers News

We have had a busy few weeks in Adventurers class. Our Year 4 children have worked incredibly hard all year to practice and learn the times tables and have completed the Year 4 Times table check to a very good standard. We have looked at decimal numbers in Maths and have begun to learn and be able to calculate adding and subtracting amounts of money.

During English we have been reading about Christophe, a boy from Rwanda who comes to England after having to flee his home country due to the war there. We have discussed what it must feel like to start a new school, in a new country when you cannot speak or understand little of what is being said. We have also thought about what different characters in the book might look like and how their emotions change as the story progresses.



During our Dimensions lessons we have been looking at the continent of Africa and its geographical features. We discussed the history of one of its most ancient kingdoms—Benin and what life would have been like for people living there during the past. We also discussed the impact that poaching has on the animals in Africa and in particular the hunting of Africa's big 5 animals.



Year 4 Enrichment Day



Our Year 4 children were lucky enough to attend the St Josephs college enrichment day last week. They had the opportunity to take part in Music, Art and Science lessons in the morning before enjoying an afternoon of sport.

Teachers at St Josephs commented upon the excellent singing, Artwork and knowledge of how different matters in Science can change from solid to liquid and then from liquid to gas. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were a credit to themselves and our school.

Mr Thompson

This week's Stars of the Week	
<u>Explorers</u> Alfie H—for your enthusiasm around our new topic, 'Ticket to Ride', building amazing models including a submarine for testing in the water trays Airiana—for your growing confidence and enthusiasm for learning	
<u>Pathfinders</u> Leo—for showing a great understanding of finding a quarter of an amount Matthew— for fantastic work learning about fractions.	
<u>Adventurers</u> Darcy L—for continued improvement in your understanding of money questions during Maths Alexander—for a great African jewellery design	
<u>Navigators</u> Anabel—for showing passion and pride for your creative writing Bella—for outstanding effort and enthusiasm, and growing a fine bean plant!	
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Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th June	Flower Festival at St George's Church: 'Hobbies in Bloom'. Please see Parentmail and p.2 for details.
Tuesday 30th June pm	Sports Day—see letter for details Parents arrive 12.50-1.00pm
Thursday 9th July	Whole school transition morning
Thursday 9th July 6pm	Navigators production of 'Alice in Wonderland' performance to parents
Monday 13th July	Whole school transition morning
Tuesday 14th July	PTA Penny Race Fundraiser
Friday 17th July	Last day of term (Monday 20th July is a Non Pupil Day)
Friday 17th July 1.30pm	Year Six Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 1st September	Non Pupil Day (staff training)
Wednesday 2nd September	First day of term

Well done, Velvet!



Congratulations to Velvet in Adventurers who took part in her first Triathlon at the weekend!

The Harwich triathlon included a timed swim, cycle and run. She came 4th in the under 9 female category. A fantastic achievement, Velvet, well done!

MHST Support sessions

Our local Mental Health Support Team (based at Manningtree High) is running a series of workshops for parents of primary aged children. Please see the attached flyers for details and to book.

17th June: Transition (KS1 to KS2)

18th June: Neurodivergent Burnout and Masking

24th June: Transition (Primary to Secondary)



Well done, Evie!

On Sunday, Evie (Pathfinders) took to the stage at the Westcliff Theatre in Clacton with her dance company. It was a very busy weekend, with rehearsals plus two "Iconic" shows. She put so much time and effort into it and her family felt very proud of her.

Congratulations!

