

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 another busy and hardworking school year. As always, it's lovely to look back on some of the successes and highlights of the past year at St George's:

- ★ Hatching chicks (Pathfinders—but we all got involved!)
- ★ Lots of fundraising, for the school and wider charities, including PJ Day (Comic Relief), David Attenborough's 100th birthday (WWF), Pro-Strike, Penny Race, Christmas and Summer Fairs, Children In Need, Break the Rules Day!
- ★ Fantastic choir performances, at the Rotary Choir Competition, Charter Hall and the Tendring Vocal Festival
- ★ Our partnership with St George's Church continues to go from strength to strength
- ★ Wonderful performances: KS1 'A King Is Born' and Y5/6 'Alice in Wonderland'
- ★ A super poetry-themed Book Week: Words Can Fly
- ★ Participation in lots of sporting events and tournaments..... And much more besides!

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of our lovely school and would like to thank everybody for working together to make this community what it is:

- 🌸 Our wonderful pupils for working hard and making us smile every day
- 🌸 Our hardworking staff for their commitment to providing the very best for the children
- 🌸 Our dedicated Governors for giving their time to support our school
- 🌸 Our fantastic parents for supporting the school, and your children



Goodbye!



On Wednesday we said 'Goodbye' to Mr Barford, our Forest School Assistant. Mr Barford has thoroughly enjoyed his time with us and we are very grateful for all he has done for the children. Good luck for your next step!

Today, we said 'Goodbye' to Mr Thompson, who leaves us to become a Year Six teacher in Suffolk, much closer to home. Thank you for all you have done for your class this year; we wish you all the best for the future.

We also say 'Goodbye' to Gregory Frostick, who has served on our Governing Body for ten years. Gregory's thoughtful, insightful contributions to our Governor meetings will be missed and we are very appreciative of the time he has given to the school. Gregory is also a churchwarden at St George's Church so we hope to stay in touch!

And of course, we say 'Goodbye' to our wonderful Year Six pupils who leave us to take the next step in their educational journey. Be confident as you start Year Seven and remember all you have learned here at St George's about being a good friend, being yourself and thinking of others. See over the page for photos from this morning's church service.

Summer Reading Challenge

Please encourage your child to **READ** over the summer break. Reading is fundamental to all we do, not just in school but in life, and also brings joy and fun. One way to encourage reading this summer is to take part in the Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat. Your child will bring home a flyer today and in the Autumn term we will celebrate those who have taken part.



Wishing you all a lovely summer—see you in September!

Mrs Keitch and the St George's Team

Year 6 Beach Trip

On Monday, Year 6 joined Mrs Powell for a morning at Dovercourt Bay. Lots of fun was had by all and it was wonderful to see them enjoying the various activities on offer, including tide jumping/chasing, sand volcanoes and crabbing. Some children engineered a tide-filling hole in the sand and problem solved as the tide came in. Year 6 were a pleasure to take out and enjoy a final trip with, before they leave St George's for their new adventures! Thank you to Morgan Barford and Sally Harman for coming along and helping on the trip.



Children's Parliament Elections

On Wednesday, we held our very own St George's elections! Eleven candidates delivered their campaign speeches and then the children in Year 2—6 voted for their two preferred candidates, in special voting booths.

Congratulations to Alice (Year 5) and Alexander (Year 4) for being elected as the MP and Deputy MP for St George's! They were 'sworn in' during Thursday's Celebration Assembly.



Penny Race Fundraiser

On Tuesday, all the children took part in the PTA Penny Race fundraiser. The classes worked together to create long lines of coins, making sure there were no gaps. The winning class was Adventurers but it was very close indeed. We were very impressed with the teamwork on display, including during the great coin clear-up! Thank you very much to Steph Lockett for organizing this event and to the parent volunteers who helped on the day. It was a great success and the children had lots of fun. We hope to make this an annual event—so get collecting those coins! The total raised was **£228.17** which is a fantastic achievement. Please find a poster attached to the email.



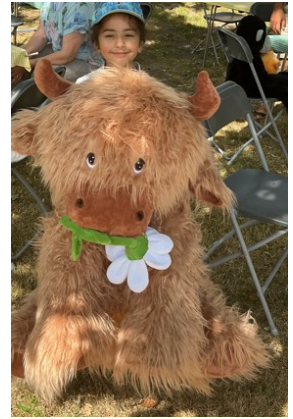
iRock Concert

On Tuesday morning, we were treated to the iRockers' termly concert. We currently have four St George's iRock bands and each performed a different song for us, under the direction of their iRock tutor, Seb. We were all very impressed with the progress the children have made—they played with confidence and kept time really well. Rock on!



Summer Fair

On Friday, we held our rescheduled Summer Fair and Vicar's Tea Party in conjunction with St George's Church. A wonderful time was had by all! The total raised was £482.60, which will be split between church and school. Thank you for your support. Huge thanks to Loretta, Jane and their team of helpers for all your



NIGHTINGALE FOREST SCHOOL AWARDS

Explorers Class—You have been a pleasure to teach at Forest Schools this year and have grown to love nature and the outdoors as much as I do!

Every one of you has shown care and concern for our school environment and living creatures we find each session.

Well done!



Year Six Leavers' Service

This morning the Navigators children went to St George's Church for the Year Six Leavers' Service, led by Reverend John. During this service, every child was presented with a beautiful wooden holding cross, a gift from St George's Church. They were also given a bookmark from Amanda, and the Year 5 children read the poem "Let No one Steal Your Dreams" by Paul Cookson.

It was a lovely way to start their final day at St George's. Thank you to Jenny Nicholls and Rev John for your continued support and friendship.



Goodbye and Good Luck, Year Six!

Half-termly Awards: Summer 2

READING AWARDS

Explorers

Ronnie—for outstanding progress in Phonics and reading

Pathfinders

Hallie—for making fantastic progress and enjoying reading!

Adventurers

Tom—for fantastic effort and achievement in reading

Navigators

Holly—for a lovely book review, and many genre colours in your reading record

LUNCHTIME AWARDS

Explorers

Billy—for lovely manners and sitting nicely in the lunch Hall

Pathfinders

Evie—for being a kind and caring friend

Adventurers

Sophie—for playing nicely and being a good friend

Navigators

Lucas—for being polite and respectful

MYHAPPYMIND AWARDS

Explorers

Rory—for brilliant personal goal-setting

Wren—for persevering to achieve your goals

Pathfinders

Elsie—for setting yourself up brilliantly for Year Three

Nola—for always trying your best and being a great role model

Adventurers

Alexander—for being a great role model

Alicia—for showing kindness towards others

Navigators

Zachary—for playing fair and being a good teammate

Alice—for always being there for your friends



This week's Stars of the Week

Explorers

Mia—for making phenomenal progress this year—you are a superstar!

Leila—for an amazing year in Reception. You are a great role model to others



Pathfinders

Kiyra—for growing in confidence and showing us what a kind individual you are

Imogen—for being an outstanding Pathfinder!



Adventurers

Freddie—for making amazing progress throughout Year Three!

Zak—for being a true Adventurer and never giving up



Navigators

Lily W—for going above and beyond with your Maths

Lilly J—for being a superstar!

Nala—for being fab (and knowing it!)



Well done, Leo!



Last weekend, Leo took part in his first jujitsu seminar! He was presented with a certificate and earned the first stripe on his belt.

Congratulations, Leo!

St George's Alumni

Congratulations to the following ex-St George's pupils for receiving awards at the Manningtree High end of year Awards Ceremony:

Caleb - Language champion

Elana - compute coding

Maddie - Language champion

Fred - Art

Amelia - Spanish

Ben - Construction

Izzy - Media studies

Ellie - History & RE

Oliver - Music

William - Computer Science

Connor - Joint Head teacher award for being in the football team and winning the Essex Cup.

Matthew - School Prefect

Freya - Dawn Cox special recognition award

Reuben - French



Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

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
Monday 2nd November	Non-Pupil Day
Friday 18th December	Last day of term
Monday 4th January	Non Pupil Day
Mon 15th-Fri 19th Feb	February Half Term
Friday 25th March	Last day of Spring term

Class meetings Autumn Term

We are holding class meetings for each class early next term. These meetings are an opportunity to find out about the classroom arrangements, expectations and curriculum for the year ahead.

We would like all parents to attend these meetings, please, whether your child is moving to a new class or remaining in the same class. Important messages will be shared which are specific to the year ahead and relevant to all.

Friday 4th September:	Mrs Powell	Explorers	Year 1s
Monday 7th September:	Mr Johnston	Navigators	Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 8th September:	Mr Brunsden	Adventurers	Years 3 and 4
Thursday 10th September:	Mrs Elliott	Pathfinders	Years 1 and 2

