

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those who attended this week's class meetings. I hope you found them helpful. Please ensure you have connected with your child's teacher on Seesaw/Tapestry and that you have read the half-termly class letter which was sent home last week.

Home-School Agreement

This week, your child brought home an envelope containing this year's Home-School Agreement and associated documents. Please ensure you have read these carefully. Positive working relationships between families and school staff enable everyone to work together in the best interests of the children. One copy of the Home-School Agreement should be signed and returned to school by Friday 25th September, please. The three documents related to our Relationships and Behaviour Policy are also very important reading. They explain our whole-school approach to supporting children to regulate, get on with others and learn, which underpins everything we do here at St George's.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me via the School Office.

Online Safety

Please see the final page of this newsletter for lots of links to useful articles and resources. All the links are related to Artificial Intelligence (AI), which is becoming more and more widely-used. It is really important that, as parents, we try to keep informed about the rapid changes in technology so that we can support our children to stay safe online and to think critically about the information they are presented with.

Big Friends, Little Friends

One of the most anticipated roles for children as they move through the school is that of Year Six 'Big Friend' to our new Reception children. As always, the Year Six Big Friends have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know their Little Friends, showing them how St George's works and helping them at lunchtime. It is lovely to see these relationships blossoming and to see the Year Six children taking their responsibilities so seriously.



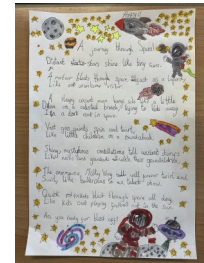
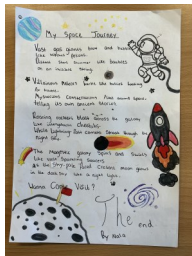
Mrs Keitch and the St George's Team

Navigators News



This week in Navigators Class, we have blasted off into the solar system to the music of Holst and Debussy and set ourselves up for an unforgettable journey to the edge of the known universe. The engagement of the children has been excellent, and all around the classroom can be seen books on planets, stars, rockets and all other things space related.

In English, the children have taken inspiration from Philip Gross's 'Dark Sky Park' poems and written and published their own beautifully described poems about wonders of our galaxy.



Maths lessons have dealt with very some large numbers, and have been interspersed with musings and observations about the appalling scale of the universe and how many stars there are in it.

Following on from last week's story skits for Holst's 'Mercury', 'Mars' and 'Jupiter', and Debussy's 'Clair de Lune', the children have had the opportunity to try their hand at playing the above songs on an online keyboard. They have also succeeded in composing musical themes of their own—some dramatic, some delicate and some fun and upbeat—as well as variations on those themes.



Our journey to the stars may only have just begun, but Navigators Class have proven themselves a fine crew of astronauts thus far.

Pupil Achievements

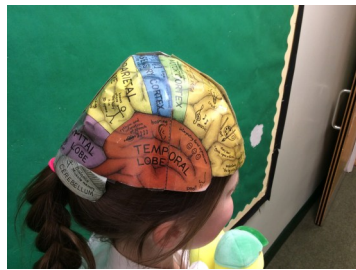


Well done to **Ella-Rose (Navigators)** who had great success in the craft contests at her local Flower Festival. She not only won 1st and 2nd place for all her entries, she also won a trophy and medal for best craft exhibit for her Titanic model.

Congratulations, Ella-Rose!

Well done to **Alayna (Adventurers)** who entered her first ever Dog Show over the summer! She took part with such confidence in front of a large crowd and came 2nd place in the Young Handler class where there were 18 other children.

Be proud, Alayna!



Violet and Lavender (Adventurers) were very excited to show me their paper model of the brain, which they made at the weekend. They explained to me all about the functions of the different areas of the brain and related it to the work we have been doing in school as part of 'My Happy Mind'.

Congratulations to Kiyra (Adventurers) for achieving her Stage 4 Swim England qualification over the summer holidays!

We love to celebrate the children's talents, hobbies, interests and achievements outside of school so please do contact us with anything you'd like to share!



Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge



Well done to everyone who took part in the Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge this year. In order to receive their certificate and medal, the children had to read and answer questions about six books.

Congratulations!

This week's Stars of the Week

Explorers

Explorers Year Ones—for a fantastic start back at school, and for being amazing role models to the new children in Explorers



Pathfinders

Leila—for a wonderful start to your time in Pathfinders!

Dovas—for being a wonderful role model

Freddie—for trying lots of new activities in Pathfinders



Adventurers

Freddie P—for getting stuck in and thinking of others around you

Lily —for a great start to Adventurers



Navigators

Lucas—for being a responsible prefect and improving an excellent poem

Poppy—for showing amazing creativity and super teamwork skills



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.

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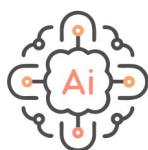
Introducing the Year Six cohort for 2026-27!

Last week our new Year Six children were presented with their Year Six badges, which they proudly wear to school every day. They are relishing their new roles and responsibilities, including prefect duties around the school. We have been very impressed with their positive, proactive and mature approach to their final year of primary school.

Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Wednesday 30th September	2.00pm Harvest Festival Service in Church Parents welcome to attend
Tuesday 20th October	Flu Immunisations You will be contacted directly by the NHS
Monday 2nd November	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 4th November	School Photographs (individual)
Friday 13th November	Children In Need Day—details to follow
Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th November	Parent Consultations We will let you know when bookings open
Thursday 3rd December	2.00pm Reception children Christmas Singalong performance—details to follow
Friday 4th December	Christmas Discos—details to follow
Tuesday 8th December	6.00pm Year One and Two Nativity performance Details to follow
Tuesday 15th December	2.00pm Christmas Carol Service in Church Parents welcome to attend
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



New Online Safety resources: Artificial Intelligence



I have recently added a series of new Online Safety links to the [Online Safety page of our school website](#), focusing on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

[Internet Matters](#) have a whole page dedicated to AI, providing articles and resources for parents to support their children in this area.

The [NSPCC website](#) has lots of tips and guidance on supporting children's safe use of AI.

The Government has published [a report](#) on the impact of screen and AI use on children, which found that 98% of children are using digital screens on a daily basis by the age of two.

This [Common Sense Media guide](#) provides advice on children and young people's use of ChatGPT.

[Here](#) is another parent guide to ChatGPT from Internet Matters.

Please ensure you are informed so that you can help your child to stay safe online.