

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, a huge thank you to everyone who joined us at the church for our Harvest Festival. The children's singing sounded wonderful, and it was lovely to see our Navigators class lead us so confidently throughout the service.

Our new Reception children brought such enthusiasm and smiles to the celebration. They did wonderfully at their first school service, and we look forward to sharing many more special occasions with them.

We will continue to welcome food bank donations until the end of the week, when we will arrange for them to be delivered.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed. Your generosity puts our school vision and values into action, sharing the compassion of Jesus through respect and kindness, and helping to build others up in their time of need.

Urgently needed food items

tinned fruit
tinned & packet custard
Longlife Milk
UHT Fruit Juice
Instant Mash
tinned sponge puddings
small jar/packet instant coffee
hot chocolate powder



We've got plenty of

baked beans
soup
pasta
rice
cereal

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5 Star Food Hygiene Rating

We are delighted to share that our school kitchen has been awarded a 5-star food hygiene rating following our recent inspection by Environmental Health.

This is the highest possible rating and recognises the excellent standards our kitchen team maintains in food hygiene, preparation, cleanliness and safety.

A huge thank you and well done to our kitchen team for their hard work and commitment to providing safe, healthy and nutritious meals for our children every day. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and grateful to everyone who helps maintain these high standards.

Following the recent communication from our Senior Governors, I would also like to thank you for your continued support and understanding. Please be assured that our whole team is working hard to give our children the care, support and learning opportunities they deserve.

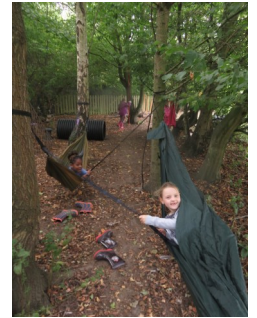
Wishing you a lovely weekend.

The St George's Team

Adventurers News

Adventurers Class were delighted to be the first class invited out to Forest School this year. The children have recapped their Forest School names, some deciding on new ones and share what they would like to do during each session.

The children have made independent choices about their learning outdoors and assessing risk through their activities. Some have chosen to put up hammocks or 'fly' down the zipline, all the while being keen to help put up the equipment, learning and consolidating skills along the way.

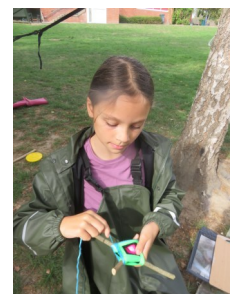


We have discovered blackberries growing on site and after a reminder of our 'No picking, No licking' rule, the children were allowed to add them to their mud recipes in the Mud Kitchen. We have seen mice nesting beneath the log circle and enjoyed using the microscope to take a closer look at insects and natural objects.



We have talked about the dry spell throughout the summer and why wild fires have spread. We are still on a fire ban at the moment so marshmallows will have to wait a while longer...

A fantastic start to Forest Schools and more yet to come!



This week's Stars of the Week

Explorers

Billy—For fantastic work in Maths this week, taking our class learning into 'Play To Learn' time. Well done!



Pathfinders

Evie McWilliams- For singing enthusiastically in the Church for our Harvest Festival.



Rafe—For enthusiasm in all of his Maths learning.



Adventurers

Elsie- For her patience and understanding towards all members of the class. She is such a good role model and encourages everyone to do their best.

Alicia- For her contributions during lesson input. She always has her hand up to share her ideas and answers questions eloquently.



Navigators

Bella- For sharing support and kindness to peers and for writing a great story!

Jenson- For being consistently polite and respectful and always showing determination with writing and maths.

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

Nmachi and Evie — For excellent problem solving when using the hammocks, working out how to swing yourselves and working together to build momentum.

Maisie, Jessica, Elsie and Imogen — For a very successful litter pick of the school grounds, to keep our environment tidy and safe.

Sophie and Ava – For your concentration and creativity, each making a beautiful God's Eye.



Dates for your Diary

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

Please make a note of the dates below.

FREE ACL PARENTING COURSES

Please see the Family Learning Timetable overleaf for details of free parenting courses from ACL. These offer practical tips and ideas to help you support your child's learning, development and wellbeing.



Free courses for parents & carers

5th - 16th October 2026

Gain practical **tips and techniques** you can use straight away.

Be around others that 'get it' in our **supportive and friendly** sessions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5th October	6th October	7th October	8th October	9th October
	Zones of Regulation Online Live 12.30 - 2.30pm	Understanding ASC in Children Online Live 6.30 - 8.30pm Managing Big Emotions Online Live 7.00 - 9.00pm	Understanding Children's Anxiety Online Live 7.00 - 9.00pm	Understanding Teens Anxiety Online Live 9.30 - 11.30am
12th October	13th October	14th October	15th October	16th October
	Family First Aid Online Live 7.00 - 9.00pm		Family First Aid Online Live 9.30 - 11.30am	



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19th - 30th October 2026

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19th October	20th October	21st October	22nd October	23rd October
Managing Anger in Young People Online Live 7.00 - 9.00pm	Separation Anxiety (Primary) Online Live 7.00 - 9.00pm	Separation Anxiety (Early Years) Online Live 7.00 - 9.00pm	Managing Conflict at Home Online Live 7.00 - 9.00pm	Building Better Routines Online Live 9.30 - 11.30am
26th October	27th October	28th October	29th October	30th October

Half Term Week! Visit [aclessex.com](https://www.aclessex.com) to see what's starting soon.



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