



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life

25th September  
2026



CONTACT US:  
01206 230305  
admin@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk  
www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,

### A wonderful week across our school

It has been another busy and enjoyable week, with a fantastic range of learning taking place in every classroom. Explorers and Pathfinders have created wonderful self-portraits, each one showing the children's individual ideas and creativity. Adventurers have been thinking carefully about how we can look after our planet and have made posters encouraging others to help protect it. Navigators have brought science to life with their rocket launching experiments, making observations and discovering what happened with each launch. It has been lovely to see so much curiosity, care and enthusiasm across the school.

We have also shared some memorable moments in whole-school collective worship. We were delighted to welcome Amanda, who used experiments to help the children explore the words of the Lord's Prayer. The demonstrations gave us a fresh way to think about words that may be familiar to us and prompted some thoughtful discussion.

As Harvest approaches, we have spent time reflecting on why we celebrate it. The children thought about being thankful for the food we have, the people who help provide it and the importance of sharing with others. This links closely to our Golden Rule: **treat others the way you wish to be treated**. Whether we are including someone in a game, offering help or sharing what we can, small acts of kindness make a real difference to our school community.

### Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival takes place on **Wednesday 30th September at 2.00pm** at St George's Church. As always, parents are very welcome to attend. The children are enjoying practising our Harvest songs and the church will be decorated for Harvest.

At Harvest time, we encourage the children to think of those who struggle to provide food for their families in these difficult economic times. We invite you to bring food and household items to be donated to the local Foodbank, run by The Trussell Trust. Next week, the children will be told all about this initiative and will find out about the work of food banks and the difference their donations can make.

Please bring donations to the School Office by **Friday 2nd October**.

Thank you for your support

#### **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

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch and the St George's Team

# Pathfinders News

Wow, what a start to the year Pathfinders have had! The children are blowing us away with their enthusiasm, engagement and eagerness to learn. They have been busy exploring every area of our classroom and enjoying a wide range of activities, both through our classroom provision and in adult-led lessons.

A firm favourite this week has been playing nursery rhymes on the xylophones and glockenspiels, following their Junior Jam lesson earlier in the week. It has been wonderful to hear the children practising their tunes together!

In our Dimensions topic, *Mobile Mystery*, Pathfinders have loved discovering how technology has changed over time. Airianna even brought in some old cassette players, which fascinated the children—and made Mrs Elliott feel very old! We have also explored how sound travels. On our sound walk around school, the children listened carefully and noticed sounds that were quiet and sounds that were loud. Our school bell was particularly loud!

The children then made their own string telephones and had great fun putting them to the test. They especially enjoyed role-playing Alexander Graham Bell's famous first telephone message: "Mr Watson, come here, I want to see you."

**Well done, Pathfinders! We can't wait to see what you discover next.**



## This week's Stars of the Week

### Explorers

- ★ Teddy—For a positive start to Year 1. You come in with a smile and are
- ★ Enjoying extra-curricular activities.



### Pathfinders

- ★ Everly—For being fantastic tech support to your peers.
- ★ Austin—for working hard to produce some amazing writing.



### Adventurers

- ★ Freddie H—For your effort in Dimensions. You even put your hand up
- ★ to share with the class!
- ★ Sophie—For your hard work across all areas of learning and your
- ★ consistent positive attitude towards learning.



### Navigators

- ★ Toby—for participating in a charity walk and painting a beautiful planets
- ★ window.
- ★ Teddy—for scoring a great goal and designing a fantastic rocket.



★ DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR PARENTMAIL EMAILS - IF YOUR CHILD IS  
★ BEING AWARDED STAR OF THE WEEK, YOU WILL BE INFORMED THE DAY

## **NIGHTINGALE FOREST SCHOOL AWARDS**

- ★ Frank—For learning a new skill: How to put up a hammock using the straps. Well done!

- ★ Imogen—For your imagination and creativity in the forest, using chalk to decorate, and natural materials to set up a mini forest school, with fire pit and hammock.

- ★ Arthur— For a fantastic first session! You immersed yourself in the experiences and even jumped in muddy puddles! Well done!



### Dates for your Diary

|                                            |                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 30th September                   | 2.00pm Harvest Festival Service in Church<br>Parents welcome to attend          |
| Tuesday 20th October                       | Flu Immunisations<br>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<br>18th November | Parent Consultations<br>We will let you know when bookings open                 |
| Thursday 3rd December                      | 2.00pm Reception children Christmas Singalong performance—<br>details to follow |
| Friday 4th December                        | Christmas Discos—details to follow                                              |
| Tuesday 8th December                       | 6.00pm Year One and Two Nativity performance<br>Details to follow               |
| Tuesday 15th December                      | 2.00pm Christmas Carol Service in Church<br>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                                                         |