

Northam St George's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Growing, achieving and flourishing together in mind, body and spirit.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for the start of the Spring Term 2024. I hope that you all had a relaxing and fulfilled festive period. I have been really impressed with how the children have returned to school. The learning atmosphere around the school has been extremely positive and the children have been eager to tell me about what they have been getting up to over Christmas.

School uniform - Please remember that the children should be wearing the correct uniform to school (see picture for details). All shoes should be black school shoes (not trainers). On PE days the children can come to school wearing their PE Kits and trainers. At all other times the children should be wearing their school uniform. If you are having any problems sourcing correct uniform, please speak to a member of our school team.



At the start of 2024 I am pleased to share our new school vision with you—'Growing, achieving and flourishing together in mind, body and spirit.' This is the vision which will underpin all of our future school development work. My thanks to Rev Jules, the children and staff at St George's and the parents who have contributed to the construction of this new school vision.

Have a restful weekend,

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



School Diary Dates

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| Wednesday 10th January | Sycamore Swimming |
| Wednesday 17th January | Juniper Swimming |
| Wednesday 24th January | Sycamore Swimming |
| Wednesday 31st January | Juniper Swimming |
| Monday 5th February | 2pm FONS AGM Meeting St George's Community Room |
| Friday 15th March | School Disco |
| Thursday 28th March | Easter Service |

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| Spring Term | 2nd Jan—28th Mar 2024 |
| February Half Term | 12th—16th Feb 2024 |
| Non Pupil Day | 19th Feb 2024 |
| Easter Holiday | 29 Mar—12 Apr 2024 |
| Summer Term | 15th Apr—23rd Jul 2024 |
| Bank Holiday | 6th May |
| May Half Term | 27th—31st May 2024 |
| Last Day of Term | 23rd July 2023 |

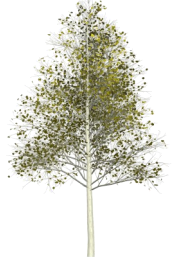
Around The Classes



The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)



This week in the Woodlands we have moved onto Phase 3 in Phonics. The children will be taking home their new phonemes, please practise these. We have been reading the book "Once there were giants" and talking about families, they could talk about what they used to do when they were babies. We had a lovely wet muddy time at Forest School well done to lots of children who were very resilient and independent in getting themselves changed!



Cherry Class

It has been lovely to all be back together this week after the Christmas break. We have enjoyed sharing our news of what we got up to in the holidays and catching up with each other. We are looking forward to the term ahead. This week in science we have begun learning about materials and what things are made of. In English we have been learning about Jane Goodhall. See if your child can tell you any facts about her. Can you find out anything about her at home together this weekend?



Sycamore Class

What a great first week back Sycamore class have had! The children have returned from the holiday with really good attitudes to their work and we've been very impressed with how hard they have been working. The children were excited to begin their new history unit for this term: the Great Fire of London. Some children were keen to tell the facts that they already knew. This week the children were learning about how, where and when the fire started. Maybe they can share what they learnt.



Juniper Class

It's been a fantastic first week back in Juniper class, where we have introduced lots of exciting new topics that we'll be focusing on this half term. In History, we predicted what might be happening in a selection of photos that showed some wooden looking houses burning down, we eventually figured out that it showed the Great Fire of London. This linked into our new English text, 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London', where we started to look at interesting words and widen our vocabulary. Finally, in maths this week we have started to focus on money and recognising different coins and notes. Well done for a great first week back Juniper's, see you all next week!

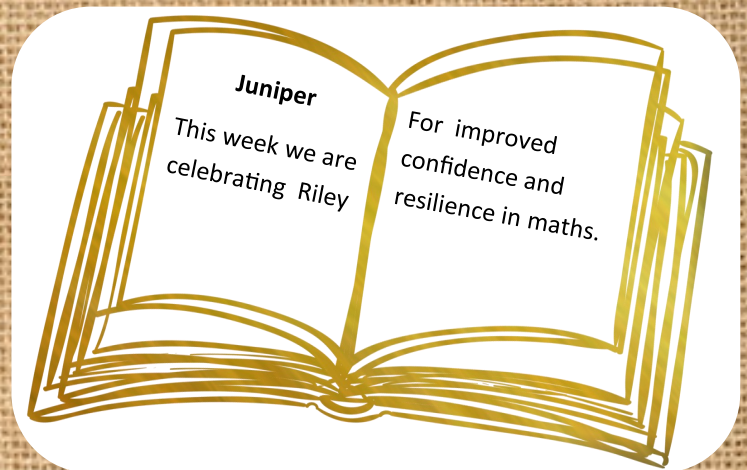
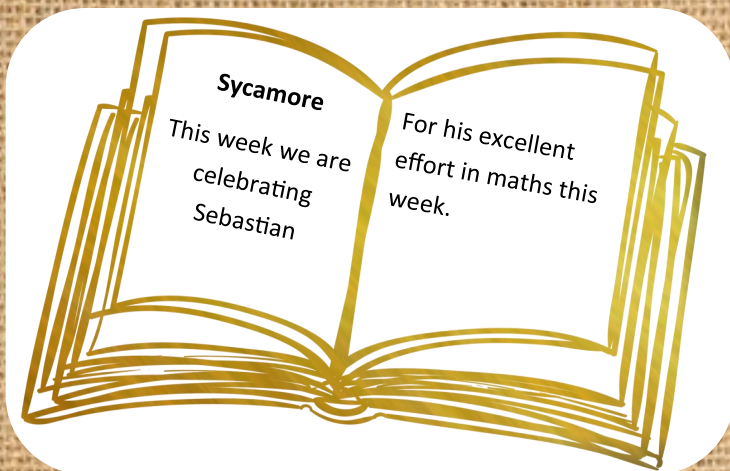
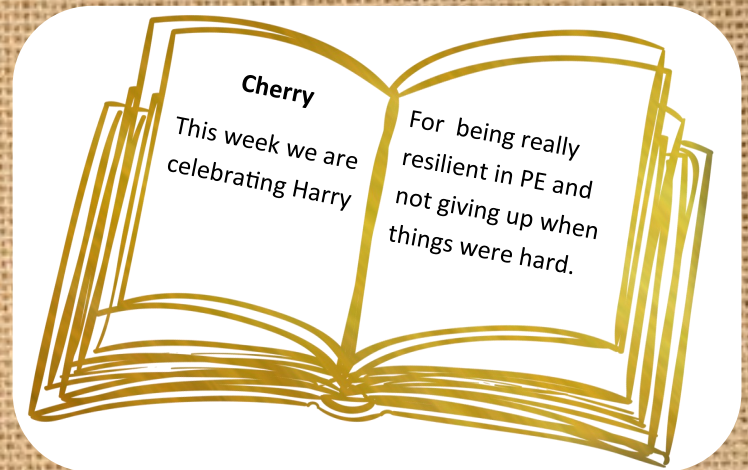
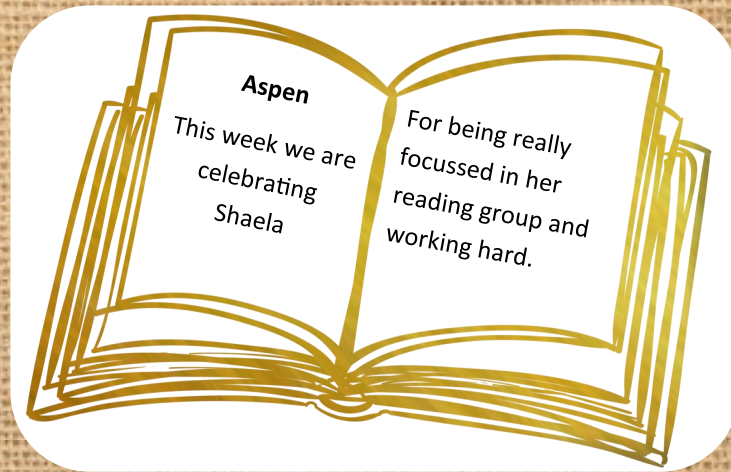


The Dunes Class

Well done to all the children in the Dunes for settling back in so well after the Christmas holidays! This week, we have focused on getting back into our routines and thinking about what we would like to achieve in the new year. We are still enjoying all the mud and water at Forest School, especially now there are so many puddles! We started our learning on the Great Fire of London, by thinking about why the houses looked so different from ours and what material they might have been made from. We have also made carrot muffins!



Golden Book



Notice Board



Weekly Attendance



Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

That's why school attendance is so important and why the Government is committed to tackling the issues that might cause some children to miss school unnecessarily. *The Education Hub Blog 2023*

Our weekly class attendance below.

Woodlands - 95.24%

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| 0 days of school | 100% | Perfection |
| Equates to 2 days off school each year | 99% | Excellent |
| Equates to 5 days off school each year | 97% | Good |
| Equates to 10 days off school each year | 95% | Slight Concern |
| Equates to 20 days off school each year | 90% | Concerned |
| Equates to 30 days off school each year | 85% | Very Concerned |

Cherry - 96%

Sycamore - 94.29%

Juniper - 92.35%