

Northam St George's Weekly News

Friday 6th October 2023

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the weather has felt very autumnal, which has been really fitting for our harvest service. The children have been practicing their songs, prayers and poems all week. It has been a joy to listen to the children's singing both in their classes and as a collective in the hall. A big thank you to all of those who could join us for our harvest service in the church today, it was lovely seeing so many of you coming to support. I would also like to thank the parent volunteers who helped walk with us to and from the church. Without your support, experiences like this would not be possible.

Keeping with the theme of Christianity, I have spent some time contemplating our whole school vision. I would really appreciate your help in crafting this. Please could you spend 5 minutes completing this very short form by [clicking here](#). I will use your feedback to help shape what our vision will be moving forward. St George's has always endeavoured to be a fully inclusive school and as such we offer opportunities for children from a range of religious and non-religious backgrounds. I would be really interested in having a discussion with a selection of parents about how we improve our inclusivity further. If you have any views on this, please contact the office and arrange an appointment to speak with me.

Finally, this week we have officially joined Ventrus Academy Trust. Over the next weeks and months we will be changing a number of our internal systems, so please bear with us during this transitional period.



Have a restful weekend,

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)

School Diary Dates

w/c 16th October	Parent Consultations Information to follow next week
Friday 3rd November	St George's Disco
Tuesday 7th November	Nasal Flu Vaccination More information to follow
Friday 15th December	Christingle Service St Margaret's Church

Autumn Term	6th Sept —15th Dec 2023
Non Pupil Day	20th Oct 2023
October Half Term	23rd –27th Oct 2023
Spring Term	2nd Jan—28th Mar 2024
February Half Term	12th—16th Feb 2024
Non Pupil Day	19th Feb 2024
Summer Term	15th Apr—23rd Jul 2024
May Half Term	27th –31st May 2024

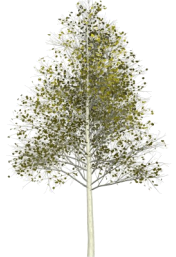
Around The Classes



The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)



This week in the Woodlands we have been talking about 'ourselves', who is in our family and what we look like. We have been drawing pictures of our families. At home can you look in a mirror and talk about hair colour and eye colour ready for our 'self-portraits' next week? We have been reading the book Goldilocks and the three bears and will be doing some porridge testing next week! In our phonics we have learnt the sounds 'c', 'o', 'g', 'k'. Please google "Little Wandle sounds phase 2" and there is a very handy video of a little boy saying the sounds correctly!



Cherry Class

This week in Cherry class we have enjoyed writing our class version of 'Dear Zoo'. We have had fun swapping the animals around and retelling the story in our own way. Perhaps you could ask your child to tell you it at home? In science we have continued with the theme of animals, and we have been learning about the 5 animal groups: reptiles, amphibians, mammals, birds and fish. We have enjoyed learning the differences and similarities between animals and talking about our own favourites. Have a great weekend!



Sycamore Class

We've had a really fun week this week in Sycamore Class. We started the week with following instructions to make a woolly mammoth out of a milk bottle. The children worked hard in pairs to read and follow the steps and the finished mammoths looked fantastic. The children talked about what made the instructions easy to follow and then wrote their own set of instructions. In our history learning we have been learning about the Apollo 11 mission. We found out that it took 4 days for them to travel to the moon. We also read a story about a Russian dog that went to space. Can you find out if this really happened?



Juniper Class

Juniper class have had a wonderful week this week. We have been writing instructions for how to create a woolly mammoth this week and have learnt to include lots of exciting things such as adverbs and imperative verbs. In Maths we have been learning about fact families, learning to write number sentences in different orders. Finally, we have been preparing for our Harvest service at the church by singing lots of songs, creating Harvest pictures and discussing what Harvest means to us. Good job this week Junipers, have a lovely weekend.

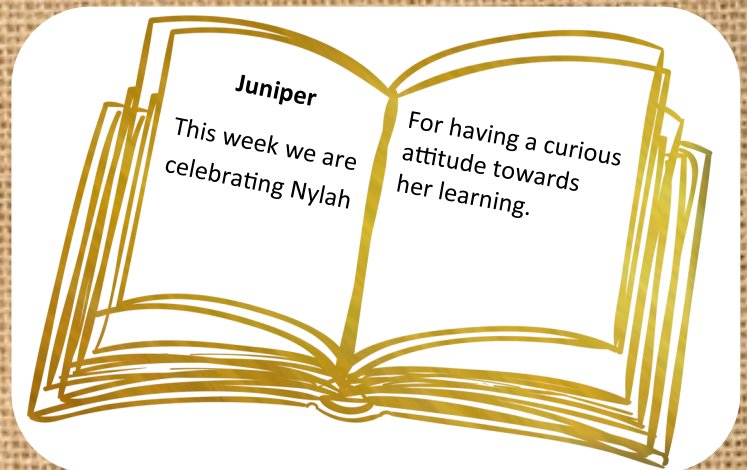
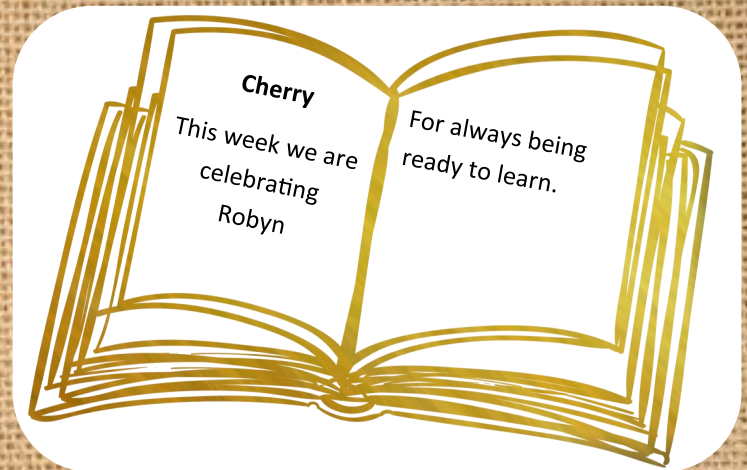
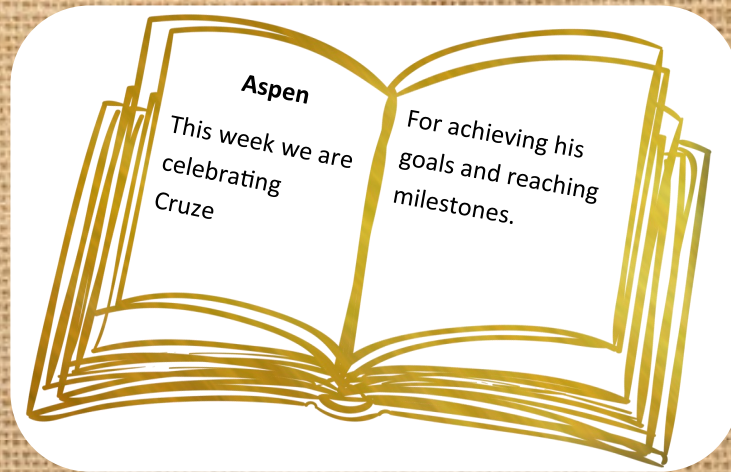


The Dunes Class

This week in the Dunes, we learnt about the main events of the Moon Landing, and created a picture sequence to show this. We made the United States flag to represent Neil Armstrong being the first man on the moon. We continued to learn about materials, working out which ones are waterproof/not waterproof and flexible/not flexible. Today we made mini Vegetable Frittatas!



Golden Book



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Weekly Attendance

'Poor attendance often starts at primary school, and children who fall into this pattern are likely to underachieve at secondary school. Friendships can be affected by persistent absence, too: it can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates.' *The School Run - Parents' Guide To School Attendance*

Our weekly class attendance below.

Aspen - 91.8%

Beech - 93.8%

Cherry - 95.5%

Sycamore - 92.7%

Juniper - 96%

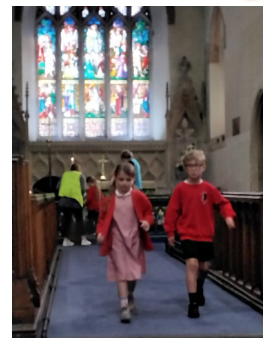
0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Year 2 Mammoths



Year 2 children created mammoths out of old milk bottles by carefully following instructions. Good job team.

Harvest Festival



UNSTOPPABLE!

23RD, 24TH, 25TH OCTOBER!

9 am-12 pm

Holiday Club for children aged 4-10 years.

**@Westward Ho! Baptist Church
booking required**

email:

families@westwardhobaptist.co.uk

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Headteacher Commissioning Service



You are warmly invited to the Commissioning Service of

**Mr Sam Malyn – St Margaret's C of E School
Northam**

&

Mr Phil Lewis – St Georges C of E School Northam

**Monday 30th October - 4pm (refreshments from
3.30pm)**

St Margaret's Church Northam

The is a wonderful opportunity to welcome both



October Dates

Tuesday 3rd - Morrison's Supermarket Café, Bideford from 10:30am.

Any questions please contact Natalie: **07966910527**

Friday 13th – St John's Garden Centre Café, St John's Lane. (Next to Tesco)

Any questions please contact Bonnie: **07377625276**

Tuesday 17th – Lemon Tree Café, Holland Walk, Barnstaple from 10am

Any questions please contact Janice: **07869436621**

Thursday 19th – Online Specialist Education and EHCP support session.

Any questions and to book a place contact Tracey: **07921220840**