

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,

What a cold week it has been! We have all had to wrap up a bit warmer this week to make the chilly mornings slightly more tolerable. Please remember that if the children are coming to school with gloves, hats and scarves that these items need to be named.

We have hosted a number of visitors at St George's throughout the week looking at different aspects of the school and the developments that we have made. The feedback from these visits has been overwhelmingly positive. The Woodlands Early Years provision has been singled out for particular high praise in terms of children's interactions and high quality learning outcomes. Other comments included 'the focus and engagement of children in lessons is very high', 'the children display amazing learning behaviours' and 'the atmosphere around the school is extremely calm and purposeful'.

Finally, in other good news, our Christmas raffle has raised nearly £700 to contribute towards new playground equipment. Thank you to all those who donated prizes and purchased tickets.

Have a restful weekend,

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



School Diary Dates

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| Monday 15th January | Year 2 Story Teller Visiting |
| 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 |

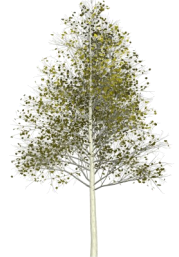
Around The Classes



The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)



This week in the Woodlands we have been diving into the world of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have added water to porridge and investigated the results with our hands ! We have measured each other by drawing around ourselves and comparing height. Lots of children have used their phonic knowledge to write in speech bubbles from the different characters of the story. We have been experimenting with colour mixing and made a range of coloured bears using sponges.



Cherry Class

We have enjoyed another super week in Cherry class. In English this week the children have worked hard to create group presentations sharing facts all about Jane Goodall. We enjoyed presenting them to the class, recording them and watching them back. The children have really impressed us with all the amazing facts they have remembered about her. Next week we will move on to a different person to learn about. Hopefully your children will come home and tell you more amazing facts! This week we have begun reading a chapter book together in class. We are reading 'Esiofrot' by Roald Dahl. The children have been so enthusiastic and are so excited for us to read the next part each day. It is such a delight to see their love of reading developing. Have a great weekend.



Sycamore Class

What an exciting week Sycamore class have had! We had a lovely art session on Monday where we were studying the artist LS Lowry. The children enjoyed looking at some of his artwork and were able to use pencil to copy their favourite. We were very impressed with how well they did with this. On Wednesday it was our first swimming lesson. Although some children were initially nervous they all did amazing and it was lovely to see them enjoying playing with their friends in the pool at the end of the session. What did your child enjoy at school this week?



Juniper Class

In Juniper class this week we kicked it off by looking at a new artist, we have started to look at Lowry's work who used pencil, pen, and charcoal to create sketches, and we attempted our own based on one of his works. Next, we continued to look at the Great Fire of London in History, specifically how and when it started. We were fascinated by this, and the children were so inquisitive! Finally, this week, in PSHE we talked about setting achievable goals, and we created our own poster detailed with goals we've achieved. Well done this week Junipers, have a great weekend!

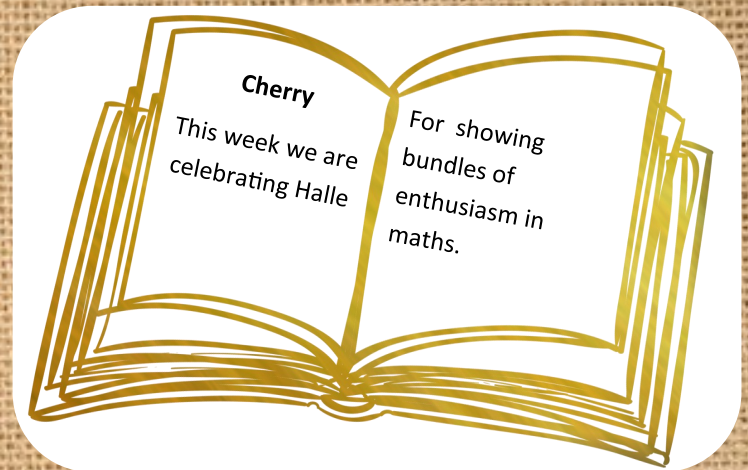
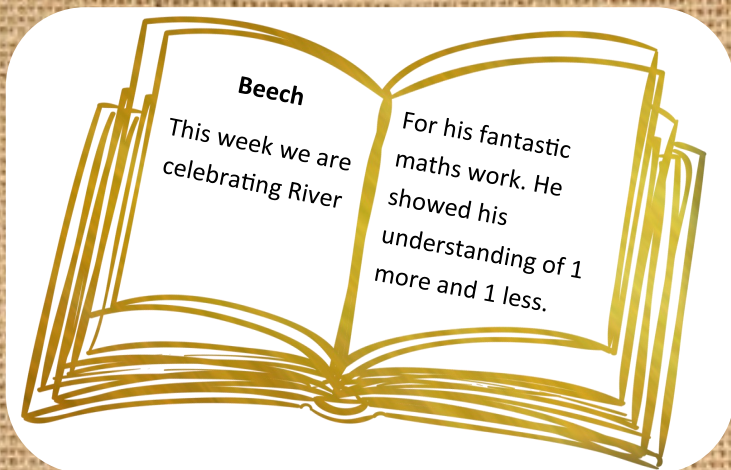
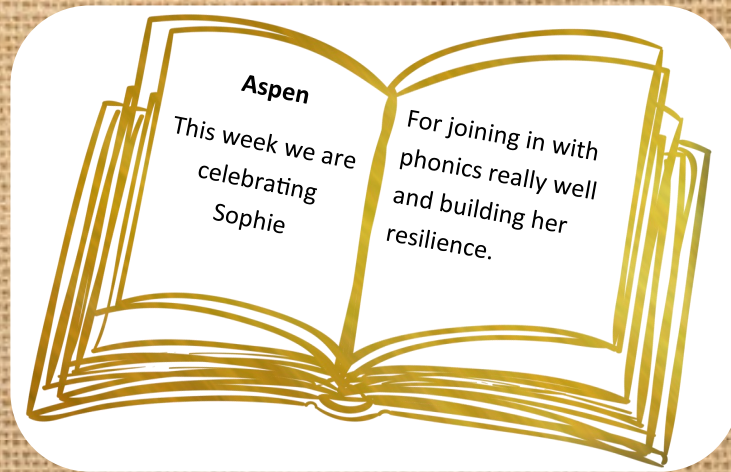


The Dunes Class

In the Dunes this week we have continued to learn about the Great Fire of London. We have looked at images of buildings in 1666 and discussed why the fire got so bad. We have enjoyed lots of sensory activities, especially making slime from cornflour and water. We have also made some salt dough creations!



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 - 94.44%

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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 - 97.51%

Sycamore - 97.33%

Juniper - 96.83%