

Northam St George's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week it has been lovely to walk around the school and see the children in their Christmas jumpers. It has certainly felt very festive at St George's. Last Wednesday we had our school Christmas dinner. It was a delight to have all of the children in the hall at the same time pulling crackers and listening to Christmas songs whilst enjoying their food. Last Thursday the children from the Woodlands treated us to their wiggly nativity. I was really impressed with their singing and performing. Thank you to all the family and friends who turned up to watch the children perform.

In early December, we hosted a toy sale at St George's. I am pleased to announce that we raised £425 which will go towards enhancing the children's learning experiences across St George's and St Margaret's. Some of the unsold toys and books have been donated to local church groups. Some have been kept by the school and the rest have been kept for the summer fair. Thank you to all those people who donated toys and turned up to purchase toys throughout the sale.

This week, we have been treated to a Christmas performance from the children in Cherry, Juniper and Sycamore class. The children entertained us with their enthusiastic singing and retelling of the Christmas story. A big thank you to all the children involved and all the friends and family members who turned up to watch. We finished the year with our Christingle service today. This is always a very magical event and my thanks as ever goes to the parents who helped make the Christingles and who helped walk the children up to the church and back again.

Finally, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



School Diary Dates

Wednesday 10th January	Sycamore Swimming
Wednesday 17th January	Juniper Swimming
Wednesday 24th January	Sycamore Swimming
Wednesday 31st January	Juniper Swimming
Friday 15th March	School Disco
Thursday 28th March	Easter Service

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

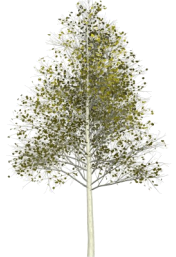
Around The Classes



The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)



What a first term we have had in the Woodlands!! The children have been amazing, they have settled well into the routines of school and all have a strong sense of belonging within the Woodlands. They have made lovely friendships and have been working on our emotional thermometer so we are starting to recognise what makes us feel sad or cross and how we might deal with that. Lots of children are bringing home reading books as they have begun to blend sounds in their phonics. Well done all!



Cherry Class

We can't believe it is the end of term already! Well done Cherry Class for a fabulous first full term in year 1. We are so proud of what all the children have achieved so far. The children have enjoyed a busy week with lots of creative crafts that they are looking forward to bringing home to share with you. Thank you to all the parents who walked with us to Christingle, we hope you all enjoyed it. It is always a lovely festive way to start the holidays. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break, and we will look forward to seeing you in January.



Sycamore Class

Sycamore Class have had a super term and have made so much progress in their learning. They have learnt so much about the continents and oceans and worked in pairs this week to create a world map with facts that they've learnt. This week the children were excited to perform their Christmas show to their families and we were so proud of how well they read their parts and sang the songs. We hope you enjoyed it too. The children were also keen to finish their Christmas cards with their moving picture and can't wait to bring them home. We hope you have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you in 2024.



Juniper Class

What a great final week! Junipers have enjoyed their final week for this term by rounding off all their learning, for example KS1 presented their Christmas performance this week which they worked really hard at! Well done everyone! Next, we completed our DT by creating cards with a moving part, whether it be a slider, pivot, or wheel, they all looked fantastic! Finally, in Geography we cut out and placed all the continents on blank paper to create our own world map, filling it with all the interesting facts and names we've learnt over this half-term. Well done Junipers, enjoy your Christmas and see you next year!



The Dunes Class

In the Dunes, we are all very excited for Christmas and have been making lots of decorations, snowflakes and cards! We have used different 2-D shapes to print reindeer, snowmen and Christmas trees. We loved our visit from Father Christmas, and really enjoyed our Christmas party. We hope everyone has a very merry Christmas!



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.

Aspen – 93.5%

Beech - 95.2%

Cherry - 87.0%

Sycamore - 83.0%

Juniper - 87.5%

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

The HAF website is now live!

The programme of events for Winter has now gone live in Devon

<http://devon.cc/haf-winter-23>

Please share far and wide!
Places are limited

Places are available for children who are accessing benefit related free school meals

<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>



Community Christmas Lunch
Christmas Day - 12-3pm
St Margarets School Northam

We would like to invite those in need of some company, friendship and support to our **FREE** Community Christmas festivities.
We are offering the gift of a warm welcome, tasty food, a present and smiles.

To join us on the day please reserve your seat with us now so we can ensure everyone is catered for.

To Book please contact:
Kelly Turner - 07710566560

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Christmas Trees

Christmas trees at St Margaret's Church decorated with decorations made by children at St George's.



A Wiggly Nativity



Christmas Dinner

