

# Northam St George's Weekly News

Friday 19th January 2024

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## Headteacher's message

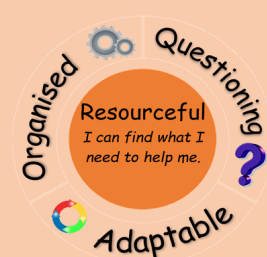
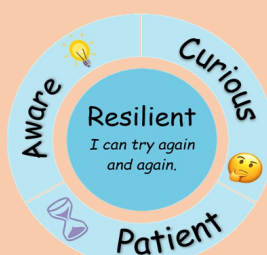
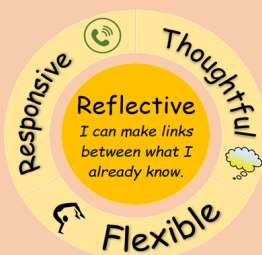
*Growing, achieving and flourishing together in mind, body and spirit.*

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another chilly week at St George's. Thank you to everyone for your understanding about the school closure yesterday. The safety of the children is our top priority and the road conditions yesterday were incredibly unsafe. Let's hope that we do not experience anymore of that freak weather in the near future.

Last week I sent you information regarding our new vision. This week I have attached an information sheet which explains how we arrived at our new vision and the work we have been undertaking around our school values and learning powers. We are using the values below in school to teach the children how to be lifelong learners and provide them with skills which create strong characters. The children may already be using this vocabulary at home. It would be great if you could further encourage the children to do so. Have they shown resilience when learning to ride a bike? Have they been responsible by tidying their bedrooms? Have they been relational by showing kindness to others?

Have a restful weekend,  
Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



## School Diary Dates

Wednesday 24th January	Sycamore Swimming
Wednesday 31st January	Juniper Swimming
Monday 5th February	2pm FONS AGM Meeting St George's Community Room
Wednesday 7th February	Sycamore 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

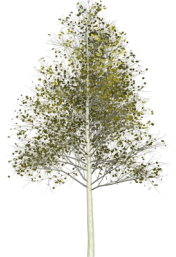
# Around The Classes



## The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)



This week in the Woodlands the children have loved exploring Bug's Bunny as part of Drawing Club and in Continuous Provision. They have learnt about the animals that live in the desert, used crayons to draw palm trees, made wanted posters to find Bug's Bunny and recreated their own deserts in the Small World area. In Maths we have been learning about capacity. The children have enjoyed weighing different objects and investigating which were heavier or lighter. Maybe you could explore weighing at home if you have any weighing scales. In the Creative area the children have enjoyed adding white to paint and explored how many different tints they could make.



## Cherry Class

It was another chilly but fun week in Cherry class. This week we have been working hard on our phonics and we are so pleased with the progress the children are making. Well done Cherries! In history we have been learning about the history of flight. We have been thinking about what life would be like without air travel and how it would impact our lives. Would we get to eat the same foods? Could we visit interesting places? Have a great weekend!



## Sycamore Class

Sycamore class had a really exciting start to their week with a visit from Thomas Farriner, the baker who owned the bakery where the Great Fire of London started! He told us all about how it started and what happened as the fire spread. He explained why the fire spread so quickly and why it was so hard to stop. The children learnt about how there wasn't a fire service so it was down to the people to try and stop it before the King finally brought along soldiers to help. He brought some artefacts and the children enjoyed guessing what they were and how they were used. What facts can you remember?



## Juniper Class

It's been a great week in Juniper class where we've tried new things and had a go at old things again! On Wednesday Junipers had their first swimming lesson! This was great fun, and the children were incredibly responsible with how they walked up, as well as how fantastic they all swam. Well done everyone! Next in RE, we looked back at something we did at the beginning of the academic year, we tried to remember what the 5 Pillars of Islam are, what they are called and what they stand for. The children were amazing at remembering all of this! Can your child tell you what 1 of the 5 pillars is? Well done for a brilliant week Juniper!

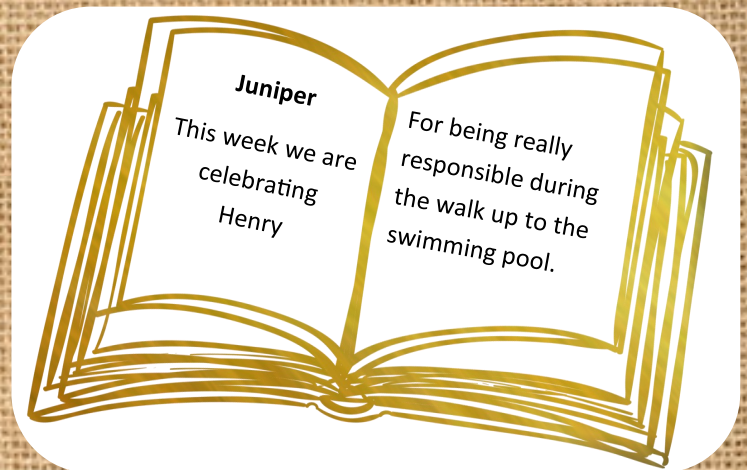
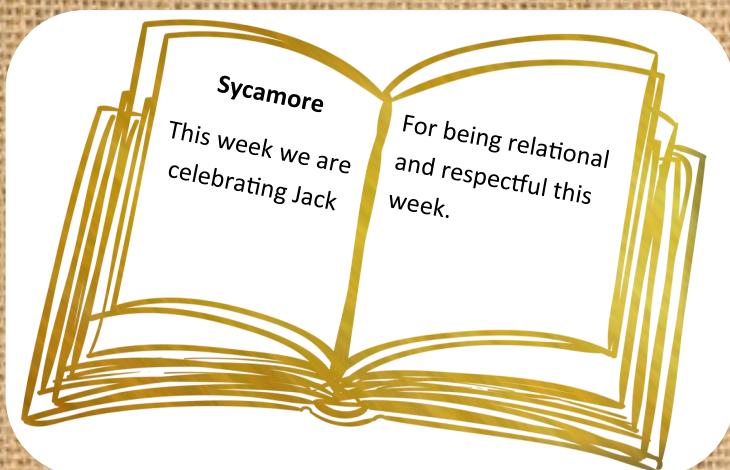
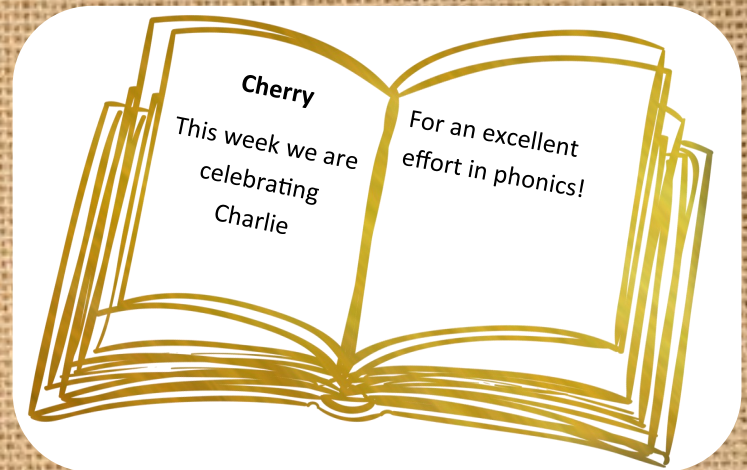
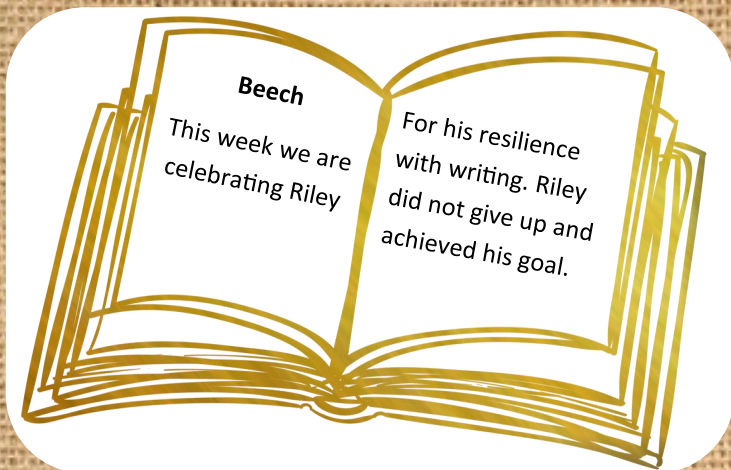


## The Dunes Class

This week in the Dunes, we explored printing with paint using different objects. We have made a timeline of the key events of the Great Fire of London and found out how the fire started and why it stopped. In PE, we started to learn the rules of 'bench ball'. We have also made soda bread!



# 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 - 96.94%

Cherry - 95.87%

Sycamore - 94.39%

Juniper - 95.43%

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



## Story Teller in Year 2



This week the children in year 2 were treated to stories by Thomas Farinner! The children were captivated by the stories which brought their learning in History to life.

