

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 busy first week back! It has been lovely to see the children arriving enthusiastically back to school. On Wednesday, I attended the pool in Northam to watch Juniper Class swimming. It was lovely to see the progress the children are making especially with their confidence in the water.

I am so pleased that we are beginning to once again re-establish links within the local community. Children in Year 1 and Year 2 have begun visiting the library in Northam. They will continue to do so throughout the Summer Term. We will put the dates in the table below and send a reminder text message the day before. This has always been a great way for the children to see how a real library operates and how books are catalogued and organised.

Finally, we have introduced the children to the last of our learning powers (Reflective) which we will be focussing on throughout this term. We have introduced the language to the children and started to unpick what the words mean. I wonder if the children will be reflective over the weekend?

Have a restful weekend,

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



School Diary Dates

Monday 22nd April	1.15pm Sycamore Library Visit
Tuesday 23rd April	12:30 Year 1 Beach School
Wednesday 24th April	Sycamore Swimming
Monday 29th April	1.15pm Juniper Library Visit
Tuesday 30th April	12:30 Year 1 Beach School
Wednesday 1st May	Juniper Swimming
Saturday 4th May	Northam May Fair
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 23rd May	St George's Sports Day

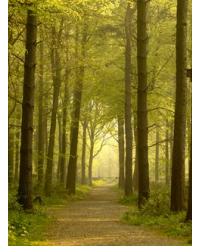
Autumn Term	6th Sept —15th Dec 2023
Non Pupil Day	20th Oct 2023
October Half Term	23rd –27th Oct 2023
Spring Term	2nd Jan—28th Mar 2024
February Half Term	12th—16th Feb 2024
Non Pupil Day	19th Feb 2024
Summer Term	15th Apr—23rd Jul 2024
May Half Term	27th –31st May 2024

Around The Classes



The Woodlands

This week in the Woodlands we have been absorbed in pirate world. We have read the book "The Night Pirates" and have been re-enacting sailing to an island. We have made flags and telescopes and have been 'tough girl' pirates around the Woodlands. We are looking at maps and making some of our own for a treasure hunt. In maths we are working at numbers beyond 10 and counting on from 10.



Apple Class

It has been really lovely to welcome the children into Apple class this week. They have all settled into their new class and adapted to the new routines very well. We have had a wonderful week and the children have shown an excellent attitude to learning. Our English text this half term is The Tiger who Came to Tea (Judith Kerr) and we have been thinking of questions we might ask the characters. Our maths learning has been based around place value and number structures. During Art the children have developed their collage skills and created some amazing artworks based on Matisse's 'Snail'. I am so proud of each and every one of the children. Well done!



Cherry Class

It was lovely to welcome all the children back to Cherry class this week. We have enjoyed sharing our news and telling each other about what we did in the holidays. On Monday we enjoyed a walk up to the library. The children have all brought a book back to school that they have been reading in the classroom. It has been so nice to finally have some sunshine. We did our PE session outside on Thursday and this term we will be practising our bat and ball skills. Have a great weekend.



Sycamore Class

What a positive first week back in Sycamore Class. The children have come back to school all showing the school rule of being ready to learn and for this they have earned lots of class rockets! On Tuesday the children were very excited to discover a disgusting sandwich with a note inside. The note was from a badger who was leaving the sandwich to catch slugs. He told the children all about a book which told of the adventure that the sandwich has been on. We found the book in our reading area and there was another note from the badger! He is now setting the children a series of writing challenges and if they complete all 10, they will have a sandwich party!



Juniper Class

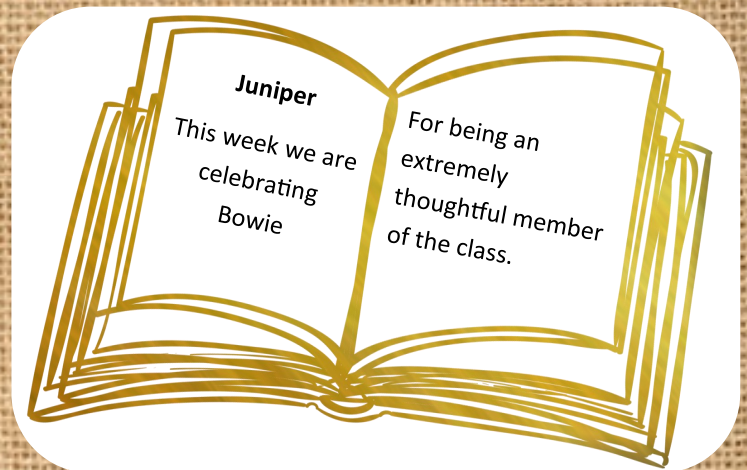
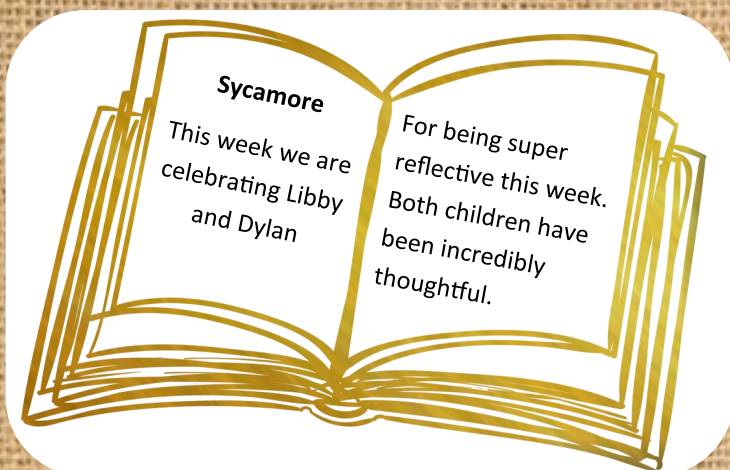
What a great start to the new term it's been in Juniper class! It was amazing to see everyone's happy, enthusiastic faces on Monday morning. We kicked off the new term by looking at our new history topic where we are focusing on Rosa Parks, we discussed who she is and why we remember her today. The children were incredibly curious, and everyone joined in with the discussions. After that, we received a mysterious challenge from a badger, who we later found out was from the book The Disgusting Sandwich, which is our new text in class. We have been told that we must complete some challenges in order to win a sandwich party! Well done Junipers to a great first week back!



The Dunes Class



Golden Book



Notice Board



Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that FONS has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for FONS

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for FONS, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <https://bag2school.com> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you still have more room in your bag then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

BAGS TO BE DROPPED AT ST GEORGES FRIDAYS ONLY AND NO CHRISTMAS JUMPERS PLEASE.

Bag2School will be collecting from St Georges School on **22nd May 2024**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to St Georges and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully

FONS



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.

Beech - 97.39%

Apple - 92.06%

Cherry - 92.31%

Sycamore - 94.2%

Juniper - 92.06%

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

Forms can also be collected from St George's school office.



Northam May Fair Medieval and Viking Fancy Dress and Hat Competition Saturday 4th May 2024

We are holding a Medieval and Viking themed fancy dress competition for children aged 12 years and under, and a Medieval and Viking hat competition for both children and adults.

To be held 4th May 2024 at 9.30am and entrants can take part in the May Fair Parade.

Please pick up an entry form at the Town Council offices at Windmill Lane or from our website:

www.northamtowncouncil.gov.uk

All entry forms to be returned to Northam Town Council Offices, no later than Friday 26th April.



Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying

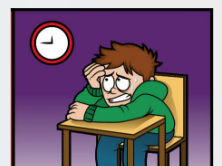


Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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