

Northam St George's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week I sent out an invitation for families to join us for the community Christmas service at St Margaret's Church on Saturday 2nd December. If you would like your child to take part we have a few spaces left. I will leave the form open until Monday 27th December. Everyone who has already completed the form has got a place. We will confirm this via text message on Monday when the final few places have been taken. To complete the form, please [click here](#). We will have a quick rehearsal on Thursday 30th and Friday 1st next week after school in the school hall. From 3.15—3.30. Please join us to familiarise yourself with the songs.

We have quite a busy programme of things happening over the final few weeks of term. I have put together a brief overview so that you can see what the children will be doing and when. We will finish our year with a Christingle service at St Margaret's Church. This has always been a magical event and we hope that you will be able to join us to share in this pre-Christmas celebration.

I am pleased to let you know that we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor at St George's. There is more information about this on the notice board below. If you feel like you have some spare time to help support our school, please complete the form by [clicking here](#). If multiple people express an interest then we will have a vote. If you are interested but would like to find out more information, please come and speak with me.

Finally, today we say a fond farewell to Julie Green who has been an part of our Breakfast Club and an MTA at St George's for 28 years! We are all so very grateful for her dedicated service to children at lunch times. Julie is looking forward to her retirement and spending more time with her grandchildren. We wish Julie the best of luck for this next stage in her life.



Have a restful weekend,

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)

School Diary Dates

Thursday 30th November & Friday 1st December	2.30-4.30pm Toy Sale at St George's
Wednesday 6th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 7th December	Woodlands Performance 2.30pm and 5pm letter 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

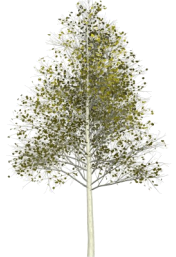
Around The Classes



The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)



This week in the Woodlands the children have been looking at the story of the Gingerbread man. We used our drawing club sessions to become inspired and creative about the story. The children really enjoyed the sessions and had great fun creating their own characters. In phonics this week, we have been learning our new graphemes and phonemes, sh, th, ng and nk. The children have been developing their number skills and deepening their understanding of the numbers 4 and 5. We have been busy learning our songs and practising for our upcoming nativity. The weather has been kinder to us this week and most of the children managed to keep dry as they enjoyed a lovely afternoon in the wilderness. Well done to everyone on an amazing week, Have a lovely weekend!



Cherry Class

This week in Cherry Class we have been busy learning all about the 4 seasons. We learnt that because the earth orbits the sun, our weather changes throughout the year. We are continuing to record the weather and predict what changes might happen over the next few weeks. In English the children have come up with their own version of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Our version is 'Nosy Jack and the Three Cheeky Monkeys'. Ask your child if they can retell it to you. They have been amazing story tellers in school this week!



Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have really been enjoying their DT this term. They have been investigating different mechanisms and how to use these to create a moving part to a picture. This week the children put together all that they have learnt to begin planning a card design. It was lovely hearing all their individual ideas and we are looking forward to seeing the designs come to real. I wonder if they can show you how they made their mechanisms?



Juniper Class

This week in Junipers we have been planning to create so much! We started off in English where we have begun to think about our own stories based on Augustus and His Smile, changing it to our own animal and events! There has been some wonderful ideas and it's been great to use our imagination. Next, in DT we have begun planning to make our own cards using one of the mechanisms that we have practiced over the recent week, I'm looking forward to what is created over the next few weeks! Finally, in Geography, we created our very own compasses to help us understand the map of the world! It's been brilliant to see how creative Junipers can be. Well done everyone

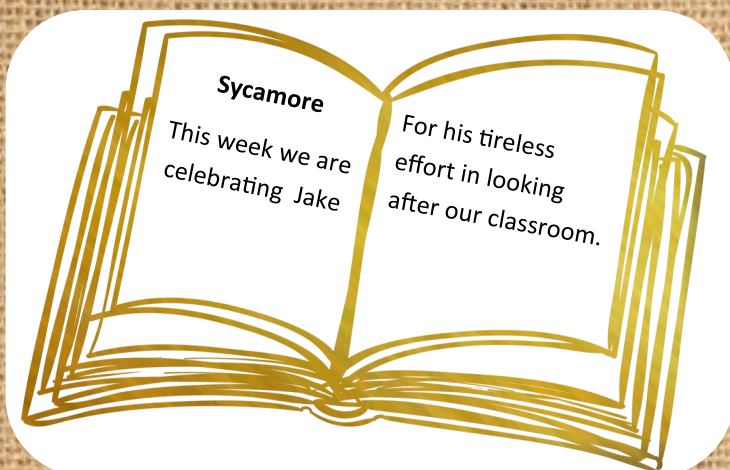
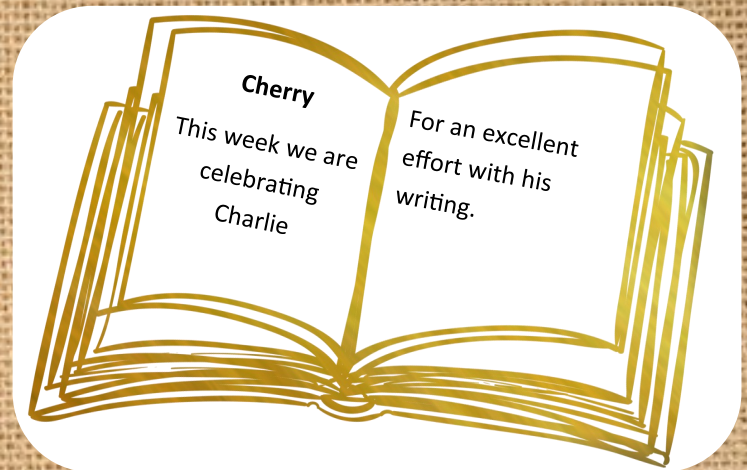
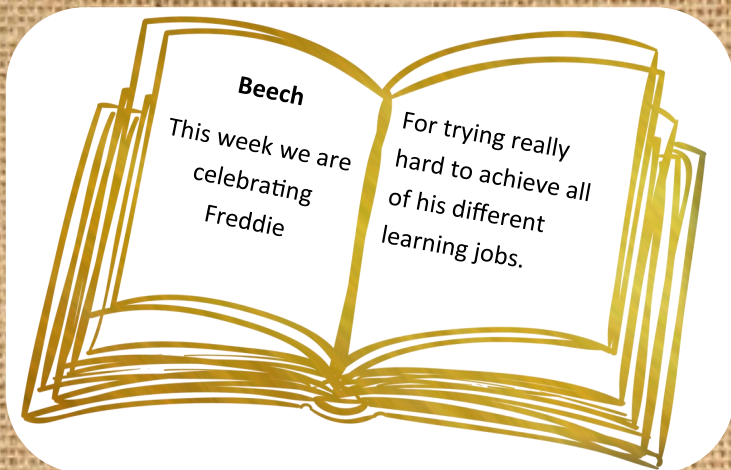
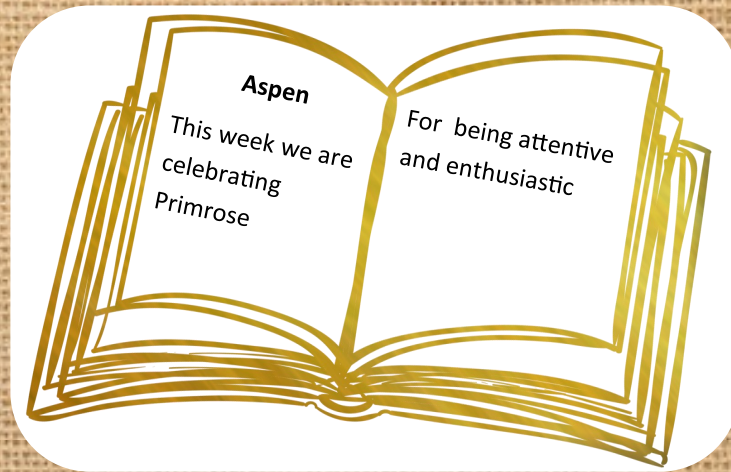


The Dunes Class

In the Dunes this week, we have continued to learn about the continents and oceans. We worked together to label the five oceans, you could try and test us to see if we can still remember all the names! We have enjoyed spending lots of time outside, in Forest School and riding on bikes and scooters. We worked hard together to complete our model in Lego Therapy, and we all took turns playing with it!



Golden Book



Notice Board



Weekly Attendance



Being around teachers and friends in a school or college 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 –89.7%

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

Beech - 92.3%

Cherry - 91%

Sycamore - 92.5%

Juniper - 92%

TOY DONATIONS WANTED



Having a pre-Christmas clearout? Any unwanted toys please bring into reception between now until 28th November ready for our Christmas Toy Sale starting on the 30th November.

Thank you for supporting Fons x



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Multi Academy Trust

Want to make a difference in your community and to the education experience of local children?

St George's C of E Infant and Nursery School - part of Ventrus Multi Academy Trust - is looking to recruit governors.

You do not need to be an expert in education; we would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of schools.
- Can give a few hours of their time each month during term-time.
- Has an inquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school.
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgments.

A full induction and associated training will be provided. If you are interested, please get in touch for an informal chat by contacting the Headteacher: phil.lewis@ventrus.org.uk or telephone 01237 477262



Notice Board



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>

MERRY XMAS



Calling all children to come and visit..

'Santa's' Gift Vestry

Sock Snowmen

Children's Craft Chapel

... at *Holy Trinity Church*
on *Saturday 25th November*
from *10am til 12pm*

This is part of our ...
Christmas Coffee Morning
so bring your parents with you to enjoy the cake, craft and other stalls, raffle etc over a great cup of coffee!
There will be a £3 charge towards craft costs



Christmas Craft Day 2023

This is the club for your children.
Running 8am - 6pm on the 2nd December 2023.

A day to drop your children off with us, knowing they are happy, cared for, and entertained while you do what you need to do. We will be creating, making, cooking, playing, glittering and making everything sparkle ready for Christmas.

This will cost £45 for the day with 10% sibling discount available. We accept tax free childcare payments, BACs and Cash. Payment at time of booking to secure your place.

Email Jemma for registration forms and bookings.

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CHRISTMAS
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**@ST GEORGES SCHOOL HALL ON THE
30TH NOV & 1ST DEC FROM 2.30PM**

Christmas



Christmas jumpers - children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper throughout the month of December. This is **not** a non-uniform day and the children will still be expected to have the rest of their uniform on.

Northam Council Christmas Service - this is at St Margaret's Church on Saturday 2nd December 3.00pm (invitation only)

Christmas dinner day - this will be on the 6th December

Woodlands' Christmas Performances - this will be on Thursday 7th December at 2.30pm and 5.00pm

Class Christmas parties - these will be WB 11th December more details to follow.

Christingle service - this is on the 15th December at 10.30am at St Margaret's Church. Everyone is welcome to join us.

