

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,

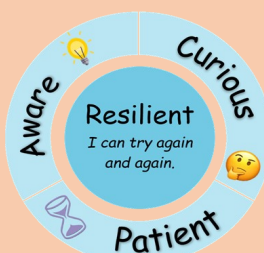
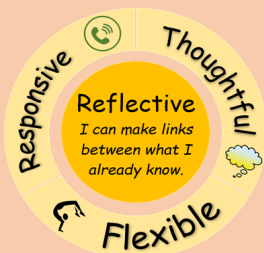
Apologies to those of you who have not been receiving the newsletter recently. In the last month we have changed our MIS system which is responsible for the majority of the admin tasks across the school. Whilst this has mainly been a positive experience and an upgrade on our previous system, we have experienced some teething problems. Hopefully this issue has now been sorted. Please contact the admin team if you experience any further issues.

We have recently sent out details of our next round of parent teacher consultation meetings. These will commence week beginning the 5th February 2024. We hope that you will use this opportunity to discuss your child's progress and attainment with their class teacher. If you cannot attend the dates given, please speak to your child's teacher or contact the school office to arrange an appointment for a different day. If you are having issues accessing the online booking, please contact the school office. Remember that if your child has two teachers, you only need to book one appointment.

This week I have been **curious** when adapting new policies for St George's. Which learning power have you used this week?

Have a restful weekend,

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



School Diary Dates

Wednesday 31st January	Juniper Swimming
5th February - 8th February	All year groups Parent Consultations - Links sent, contact the office if not received
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

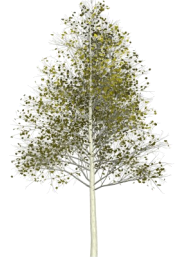


The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)

This week in the Woodlands we have been reading the story, "Mr Wolf's pancakes" ask your child what happens. We have created pancakes, written recipes, made our own shop, raced with frying pans!

In PE this week, we have been using the equipment to go over, under and through. There are many brave children who have been jumping off the high tables.

The shaving foam has been a big hit this week and caused a lot of excitement when it turned red and then pink!



Cherry Class

It has been another enjoyable week in Cherry Class. The children have been developing their ball skills in PE, specifically rolling a ball to hit a target. I wonder if this is something you can practise at home together? We have been really impressed at their aim so far! We are still very much enjoying our whole class reading, we have now moved on to 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl and the children have been loving it! Have a lovely weekend.



Sycamore Class

Another great week in Sycamore Class. It has been so lovely to see so many children show kindness and thoughtfulness towards friends and the adults. The children enjoyed their second swimming lesson and we were so impressed with their attitudes and willingness to have a go. It was also lovely to have so many parents accompanying us for this - thank you. In science this week the children were learning about animals and their offspring. In history they were continuing learning about the events during the days that the Great Fire of London burned. What can your child remember?



Juniper Class

This week Junipers have been hard at work which was obvious by the amazing learning that they did. In RE this term, we have been focusing on Islam and specifically this week we discussed one of the five pillars, Hajj. The children were fantastically able to recall all the five pillars, their names and what they stand for, perhaps your child can tell you one of the five pillars? Specifically, though, we looked at Hajj, and how Muslims must go on a Pilgrimage once in their life to Mecca. Secondly, in Science this week, we finished identifying different groups of animals, as well as finding out why some baby animals look like their parents, and some do not. We followed this up by looking at whether this has anything to do with being born in an egg or not. Finally, in PSHE we discussed what values you need to be able to achieve goals that you might set yourself, using our learning powers as guidance when deciding. We carried this out by creating a picture of ourselves completing a particular goal, and the learning power that was used alongside it.

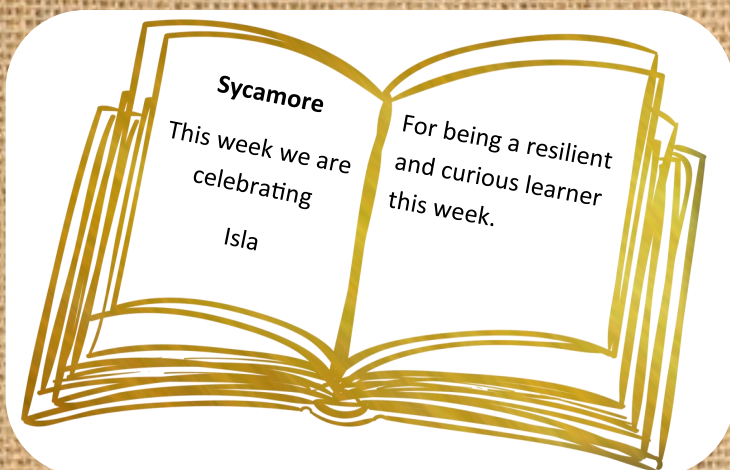
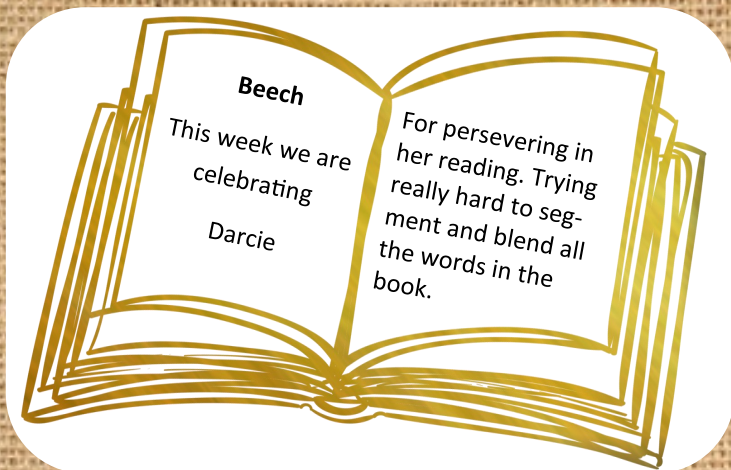
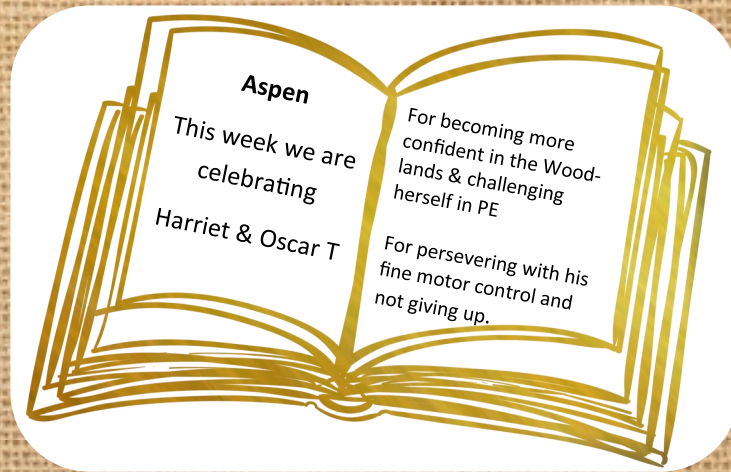


The Dunes Class

In the Dunes this week, we have started our new Science topic 'Animals including Humans'. We started by thinking about what is alive, not alive, and used to be alive. We made collages of Tudor houses and added flames to represent the Great Fire of London. We started to learn about why Samuel Pepys was an important historical figure. We also began constructing our own 3D Tudor houses!



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 -92%

Cherry - 89.3%

Sycamore - 96.48%

Juniper - 99.21%

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