

# Northam St George's Weekly News

Friday 3rd May 2024

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## Headteacher's message

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a very up and down weather week it has been this week. Still, the wet weather has not stopped us from getting out and about! On Tuesday the Year 1 children enjoyed their second session of beach school and despite the rain, the children had a great time. Mrs O'Sullivan has asked me to put some pictures of the turtle enjoying the amazing shelters that the children built.

A reminder about mobile phones. I would kindly request that you do not use your mobile phones when on the school site at drop off or collection times. I also request that mobile phones are not used when supporting school trips and events. There are occasions throughout the year when you are permitted to take pictures of the children (church services, sports day and Christmas plays). A member of staff will always say when you can take pictures. If in doubt, please ask before using your device. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

I have been asked recently by parents about children wearing earrings in PE lessons. To clarify, children are not permitted to wear dangly earrings or hoops to school. If your child does have pierced ears, they are only allowed to wear a small stud. The children can wear studs for PE lessons as the risk of injury is very low. The biggest risk comes from if they get hit in the ear by a ball. Our advice to parents is to wait until your child is old enough to be able to take out their own studs before getting their ears pierced. If your child can take out their own studs and you are concerned about the risk of injury in PE lessons, please send a box for your child to put them in on PE days and speak with your child's class teacher.

Have a restful weekend,



Phil Lewis (Headteacher)

## School Diary Dates

Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	12:30 Year 1 Beach School
Wednesday 8th May	Sycamore Swimming
Thursday 9th May	Ascension Day Service—children only as both schools attending
Tuesday 14th May	12:30 Year 1 Beach School
Wednesday 15th May	Juniper Swimming
Wednesday 22nd May	Bag2School Collection
Thursday 23rd May	St George's Sports Day

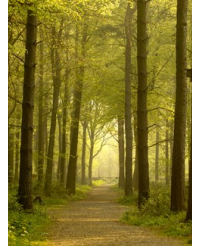
<b>Autumn Term</b>	6th Sept —15th Dec 2023
<b>Non Pupil Day</b>	20th Oct 2023
<b>October Half Term</b>	23rd –27th Oct 2023
<b>Spring Term</b>	2nd Jan—28th Mar 2024
<b>February Half Term</b>	12th—16th Feb 2024
<b>Non Pupil Day</b>	19th Feb 2024
<b>Summer Term</b>	15th Apr—23rd Jul 2024
<b>May Half Term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

# Around The Classes



## The Woodlands

This week in the Woodlands we have been looking at the cartoon Fraggles - The Terrible Tunnel. The children have been making tunnels and testing out different objects in our various tunnels. They have loved playing in the small world with the castles and the knights and re-living the fate of the brave knight from The Terrible Tunnel. In maths we have been looking at the teen numbers and using the language of 'tens' and 'ones'. We have continued our work on growing and our broad beans have begun to sprout. We grew them in a bag and stuck them on the window, please feel free to come and have a look at them!



## Apple Class

We have had a great time in Apple class this week and the children have worked hard across all areas of their learning. We have started to learn about Florence Nightingale in our History lessons, I wonder if your child can tell you anything about her. The children have been developing their writing skills and have written a short narrative based on The Tiger Who Came To Tea. Despite the weather, the children were very excited for beach school this week and had a great time building shelters and homes for a "lost turtle" that Mrs O'Sullivan found. Hmm...I wonder how it got there?



## Cherry Class

It has been another fab week in Cherry Class. We had another slightly soggy but fun beach school session. In PE this term we are practising our racket and ball skills and practising our races ready for sports day! In Science we are continuing our learning on plants, we have been learning about the difference between wild-flowers and garden flowers and to name and identify some common ones. Can you spot any when you are out and about this weekend?



## Sycamore Class

Sycamore Class have been working really hard this week. In English they have continued to work hard on Badger's challenges. This week they have been writing our class story about a revolting ice-cream. They worked hard to use lots of description and think about interesting word choices. In maths we have been continuing with learning about fractions. We have been impressed with how well the children have been applying their knowledge in these sessions. It has also been great to see so many children bring in fraction work that they had done at home! In science this week we were learning about how different plants are found in different parts of the world and how they are adapted to live there. Can they tell you what they learnt about this?



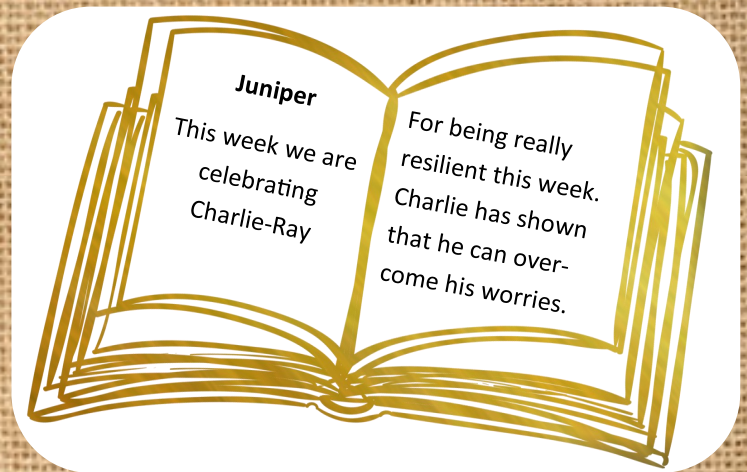
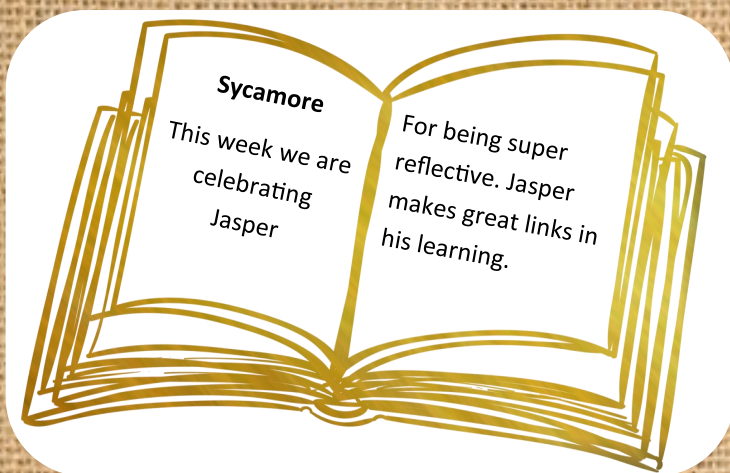
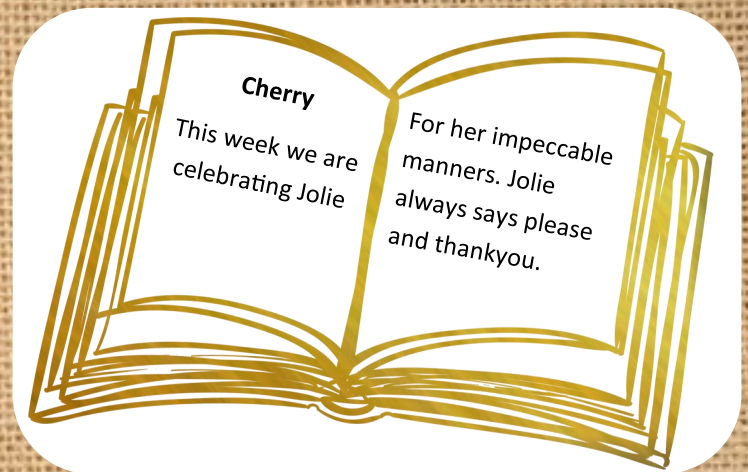
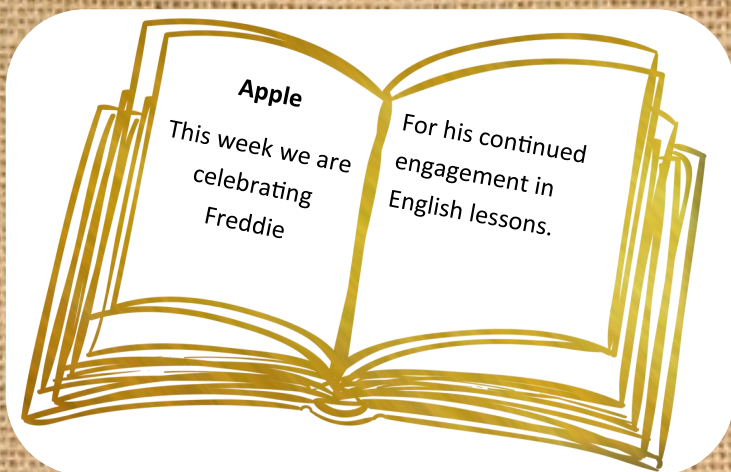
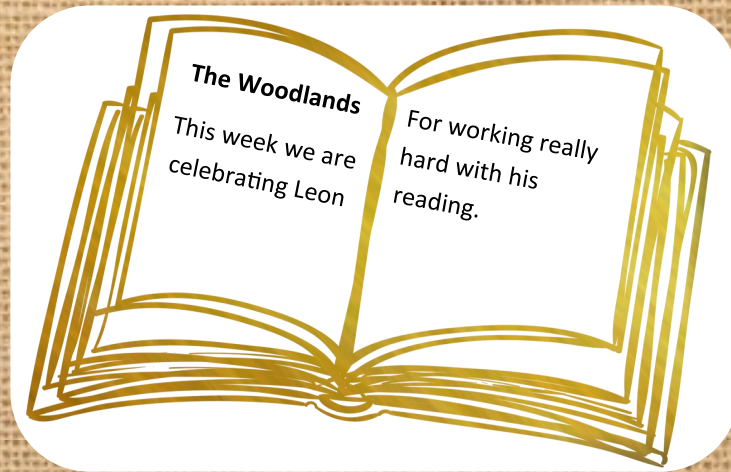
## Juniper Class

Juniper class have had a good week this week, continuing lots of learning and exploring exciting topics even further. In maths we have been continuing with fractions where we have looked at how 2 quarters is the same as a half, and also if the numerator and denominator of a fraction is equal, that it makes a whole. In Science this week, we have been looking at how plants, from all around the world, adapt to their environment. Finally, in English, we have started to write up our text after we changed parts of it, and it has been amazing to see lots of interesting things added such as noun-phrases. Good job this week Juniper, have a lovely weekend!





# Golden Book





# Notice Board



## Sewage Pump

Please do not let your child(ren) stand or play on the sewage pump either before or after school. Thank you.



## 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 - 79.74%

Apple - 92.06%

Cherry - 99.57%

Sycamore - 97.58%

Juniper - 95.24%

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



## Year 1 Beach School



This week we found a turtle on the beach and worked together to build a shelter for it. It looks like the turtle enjoyed trying out the different shelters!





# 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



## Growing in the Woodlands



This week the children in the Woodlands have been growing broad beans. They have just started to sprout. Please come and see them at drop off and pick up times.

## BIDEFORD HOLIDAY CLUBS

### MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CLUBS

5 - 12 YEAR OLDS  
7:30AM - 5:30PM\*

28TH - 31ST

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