

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,

Another week at St George's draws to a close and we are rapidly approaching the end of the Spring Term. We have finished the week by raising money for Comic Relief. I really enjoyed seeing all of the whacky, crazy hair styles around the school. Thank you for all of your kind donations, we have raised £85.60 for charity.

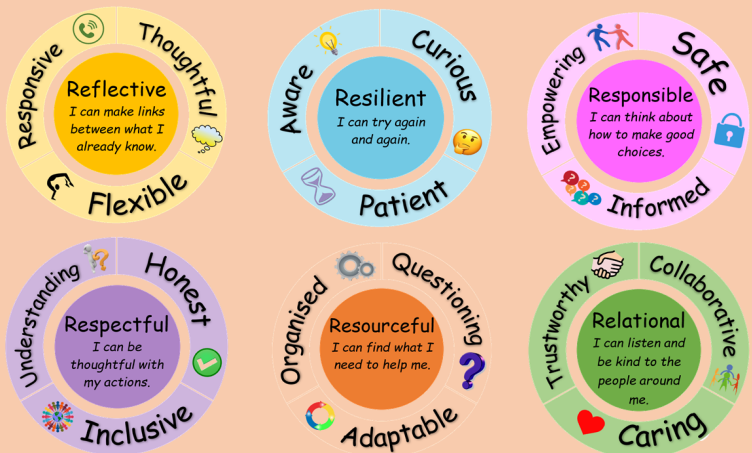
This week we have focussed on 'compassion' in our collective worship time. The children have reflected on how to be kind and caring towards all living creatures. The children may be able to retell the story of the beautiful, black horse.

Just a polite reminder that we encourage the children to drink water at school in their bottles. However, we do appreciate that a small number of children might need juice in their bottles. If this is the case, please discuss this with your child's class teacher and can I request that any bottles containing juice are not transparent.

Finally, I want to thank all those who have donated to the Bag2School scheme. If you haven't done so yet, you have until May to offload any old clothes you no longer need.

Have a restful weekend,

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



School Diary Dates

Wednesday 20th March	Juniper Swimming
Monday 25th March	Year 2 Eden Project Trip Year 1 Skern Lodge Trip
Wednesday 27th March	Sycamore Swimming
Thursday 28th March	10.45 –11.30 Easter Service— St Margaret's Church

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

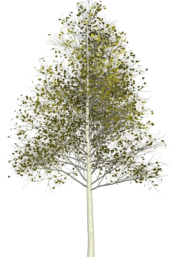
Around The Classes



The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)



This week in the Woodlands we have been reading the book "Where the Wild Things Are". The children have been busy painting forests and wild things. They have made crowns and been Kings of all the wild things. They have made islands and thought about different ways to get to the island outside and inside. All the children are working really hard in their phonics and using this to help them to read. Well done for remembering book bags, the children can now independently get their own book bag ready for reading. In maths, we have looked at putting two numbers together to make a whole number up to 9 and 10. During Forest School we had a 'rumpus' in the wilderness. Ask your child what this means!



Cherry Class

This week in Cherry Class we have enjoyed another fun cricket session. The children's skills are getting better and better every week. In our Geography we have been learning how to use an Atlas to look at different countries around the world. We have enjoyed finding countries we have been to on holiday and finding where we live in Devon. Thanks so much to everyone who has sent in cardboard tubes and boxes for our DT lesson. If you have anymore over the weekend, we would be very grateful for them on Monday. Have a great weekend!



Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have had another lovely week. The children have been enjoying our DT unit about structures and this week they were working in teams to create a table to support the weight of the remote control. It was great to see the children building on what they had learnt over the last few weeks in order to make their structures stronger and more stable. In our Science this term the children have been learning about living things and their habitats. They enjoyed going out to the wilderness of Thursday afternoon to explore microhabitats. What microhabitats do you have around your home and garden?



Juniper Class

What a fab week it's been in Juniper class! We kicked off the week by designing and creating our own table in DT. We had to think about the structure and supports while building, and as a result we had some fantastic, strong tables. Next this week, we had our second lesson of Cricket! We played some fun games and began to learn the rules to cricket! Special shout-out to Jack who hit the ball incredibly far, but also to Henry for catching said ball! Well done boys! Finally, the children all went to the wilderness on Thursday in search of microhabitats in order to create their own one. Everyone had a fantastic time exploring the outside areas. Good job this week Junipers! Have a lovely weekend.

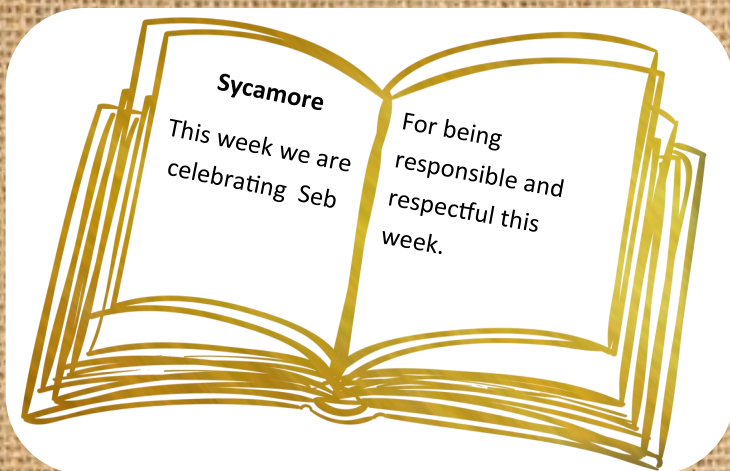
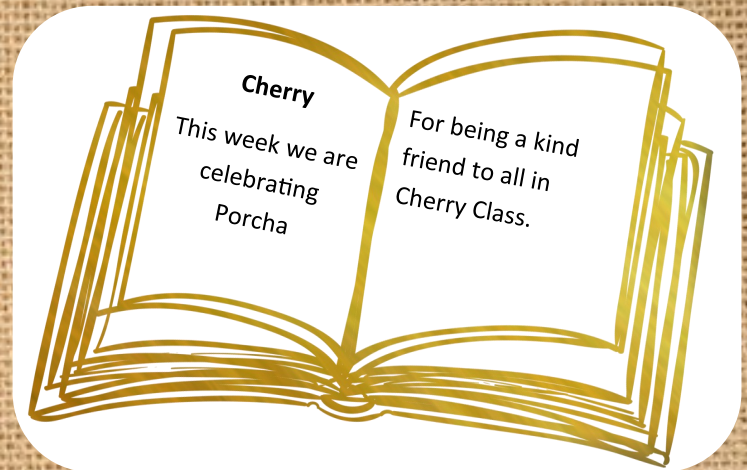
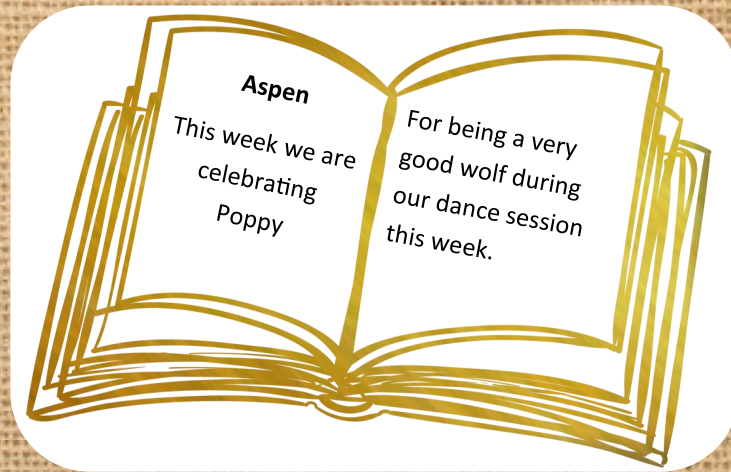


The Dunes Class

In the Dunes this week, we continued to learn about habitats. We compared ocean and woodland habitats and learnt what kinds of animals and plants live there. In Geography, we learnt about three different climates - polar, desert and equatorial. We are learning about money and learnt the values of different coins. Have a great weekend!



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

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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 - 89.63%

Cherry - 98.72%

Sycamore - 97.69%

Juniper - 92.86%

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

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