

# Northam St George's Weekly News

Friday 22nd March 2024

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## Headteacher's message

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

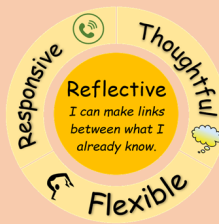
I cannot believe that it is Friday once again. This week has sped by and with its passing, the last full week of this term. Next week we finish on Thursday as next Friday is Good Friday.

This week we have been focussing on forgiveness in our collective worship time. We have discussed how holding on to anger or ill feeling can hurt you more than the person who has upset you. I have challenged the children to practise being forgiving the next time they fall out with their friends.

Next week is particularly busy with the visits to the Eden project and Skern lodge and then to St Margaret's Church for our Easter service. As always we appreciate your help and support with our visits. If you are able to walk with us to the Church on Thursday, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Have a restful weekend,

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



## School Diary Dates

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

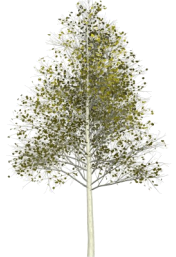
# Around The Classes



## The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)



This week in the Woodlands we have watched Bagpuss which is 50 years old! The children have been busy weaving using a loom with Miss Boyne! We have made worry dolls, some children found this difficult so they had to be really resilient- one of our school learning powers. In maths we have been looking at 3D and 2D shapes. Can your child name some of these around the house? We looked at a cube, cuboid, sphere, pyramid and cone. This week was our last Forest School. We look forward to warmer and drier weather after Easter!



## Cherry Class

A big thanks for all the help collecting items for our DT lessons. The children have made some fantastic vehicles with moving wheels. They have all seemed to really enjoy building them. In our science this term we have been learning about the 5 senses and this week we have had a great time tasting, smelling and feeling different objects and trying to guess what they are without using our sense of sight. The children are all super excited for our trip on Monday - fingers crossed for some sun! Have a great weekend.



## Sycamore Class

This week in Sycamore class the children have been making magic potions in maths. The children had to follow a special dragon's recipe which encouraged them to explore volume and capacity. They have learned how to measure out different volumes of liquids. In English we have started to write our own version of George and the Dragon. We have focussed on including noun phrases and conjunctions at the beginning of our sentences. Sycamore class really enjoyed making songs in ICT, thinking about how to make patterns with notes and how to adjust the tempo to suit their tune. We are all really looking forward to our trip to the Eden Project on Monday 25th March! Next week is our final week before we break up for Easter, we have our Easter service on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March to look forward to.



## Juniper Class

It's been a great week for Juniper class this week! We started the week by beginning to create noun-phrases based on a picture of a dragon from a new book we had not read! It was amazing to hear some of the sentences the children created about this dragon! We later read our new books of George and the Dragon, and George, the Dragon, and the Princess. Next, excitingly in maths, we have been looking at measurements, specifically using millilitres, where on Thursday we had to measure out ingredients in order to make a magic potion! The children had a great time and their measurements were spot on! Finally, this week in computing and music, we created rhythms on computers to represent animals whilst their partners guessed what animal the music was about. Well done Junipers for another great week, one more to go!

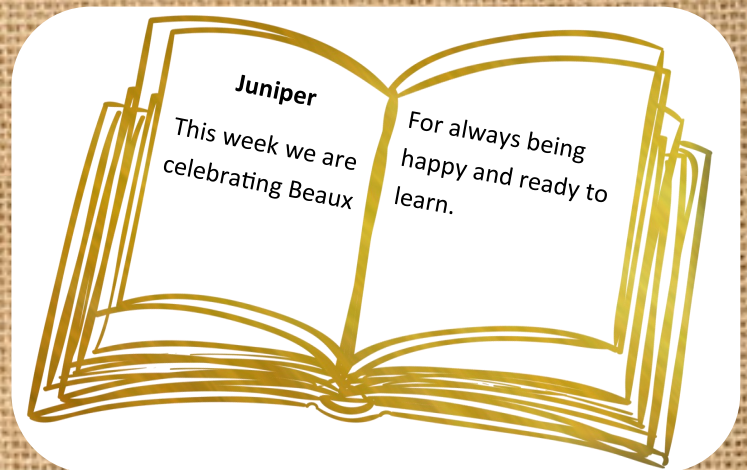
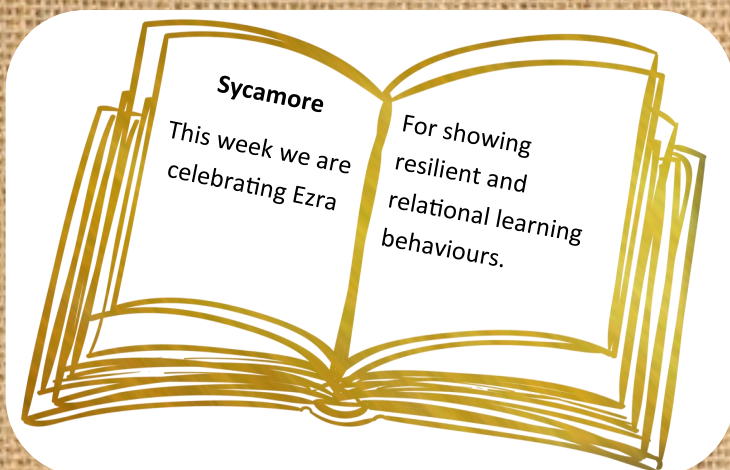


## The Dunes Class

This week in the Dunes, we have continued to learn about habitats. We created our own microhabitat and are waiting to see if any creatures make it their home. We learnt about the three most diverse climates- polar, desert and equatorial, and made a poster to show what animals and plants live there. In DT, we started to learn about structures and have experimented with how to make things stronger and more stable.



# Golden Book



# Notice Board



Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that BAG2School 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 **22<sup>nd</sup> 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



Limited spaces available for our Ofsted registered Easter holiday club run by Our Happy Place ltd at St Georges School, Northam.

Open daily Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

We run sessions from 8.30 – 4.30 for £35 per child or 8.30 – 12.30 for £20 per child.

We offer 10% discount for siblings.

## Easter Holiday Club

Each day we have a selection of craft, toys, activities, outdoor play, and LOTS of fun. Maybe even an Easter egg hunt!!

Snacks and drinks provided throughout the day.

You'll need to provide a packed lunch for your child and suitable clothing and footwear.

For registration forms contact Jemma at: [ourhappyplacelt@hotmail.com](mailto:ourhappyplacelt@hotmail.com)



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## Year 2 D&T



Year two have been learning about structures and have been investigating how to make tall and long, self supporting structures. The children are now using what they have learnt to design their own structures.

## 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 –96.67%

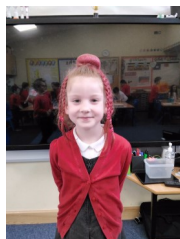
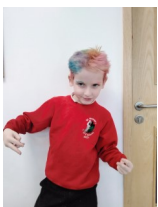
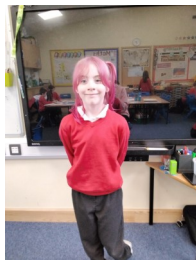
Cherry - 100%

Sycamore - 94.44%

Juniper - 88.89%

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

## Bad/Good Hair Day for Comic Relief



## Disco Time

