



ST GEORGE'S GOOD NEWS

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Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16

Friday 25th September 2026



Dear Families,

It was lovely to see many of you at the recent meet the teacher and open classroom events. We hope they were useful and informative.



Safeguarding updates

Please see below a few important health, safety and safeguarding reminders to help us keep everyone in our school community safe.

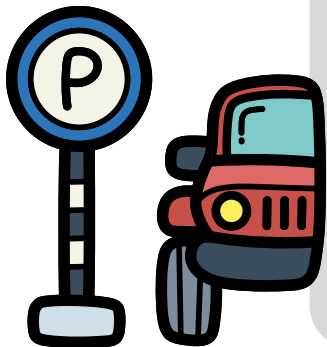


Car Park and Pedestrian Access

Our car park barrier is currently broken following an incident involving a delivery lorry. This means that the vehicle entrance is temporarily open.

Please do not use the car park entrance as a pedestrian entrance. We have staff vehicles, visitors and delivery drivers entering and leaving the car park throughout the day, and we have already had some concerning situations where pedestrians have been walking through at the same time as vehicles.

All families must use the pedestrian gate when entering and leaving the school grounds.



Bikes and Scooters

Our gates open at **8:25am**. If your child arrives on a bike or scooter, please ensure that they **do not ride around the car park**. Drivers entering the site may not be expecting a child to suddenly appear on a bike or scooter, and the consequences could be extremely serious.

Once children have passed the bike rack and the two yellow lines, **bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the school grounds or playground**. We appreciate that siblings travelling on to Woodside may need to bring their bikes or scooters through, but these must be walked or carried.

At busy times we have young children, toddlers and many adults sharing a relatively small space, so this rule is essential for everyone's safety.



COMMUNITY

COMPASSION

COMMITMENT

COURAGE

LOVE



Packed Lunches and Allergies

Please also remember that we have children and adults in school with **significant food allergies**, some of which have the potential to cause a life-threatening reaction.

We are finding that some shop-bought items are being removed from their original packaging and placed into containers or wrapped in cling film. Unfortunately, once the packaging has been removed, staff cannot check the ingredients or allergen information.

Please therefore ensure that everything in your child's lunchbox complies with our packed-lunch and allergy guidance and that any packaged food where ingredients need to be checked remains in its **original labelled packaging**.

We encourage simple, healthy packed lunches such as a **sandwich or other suitable main item, fruit and vegetables**, in line with our healthy-eating approach and packed-lunch policy.

Alternatively, school lunches are a great option. There is a wide choice and variety available, and the school can manage dietary and allergen requirements through the appropriate processes.



Birthdays and Sweet Treats

A reminder that **sweet treats should not be brought into school for birthdays**. We make sure birthdays are celebrated in school with a sticker, a birthday song in Collective Worship and, most importantly, making the child feel special on their day.

There is therefore no need to send sweets, cakes or other treats into school.



PTA Cake Sales

Finally, following consideration of allergy and cross-contamination risks, our PTA will be looking at alternatives to our traditional cake sales.

We will **no longer hold cake sales**, as we cannot reliably verify ingredients or possible traces of allergens from food prepared at home. The PTA will instead look at other fun and inclusive fundraising ideas that everyone can safely enjoy.



Thank you, as always, for your understanding and cooperation. These expectations are there for one reason: to keep our children, families and staff safe.

KS1 Harvest Festival

The Key Stage 1 staff are delighted to be planning our outing to St George's Church on the morning of **Friday 16th October**. This involves the KS1 children walking to St George's Church, enjoying a Harvest Service led by Rev Vic and then walking back to school. To enable this to happen safely, we rely on the kindness of helpers to support the children with walking to and from Church. [If you can offer this help, please complete this form](#) and save the date of Friday 16th October from 8.30 to 10.30. Unfortunately, we cannot accept help from parents bringing younger siblings as this affects our adult to child ratios. Please note that if we do not have enough helpers, we cannot safely go.



ATTENDANCE
MATTERS



10 DAYS
ABSENCE



50+ HOURS
LOST LEARNING TIME

**Harvest donations**

We will once again be collecting donations for St George's Food Hub, supporting families within our local community. The Food Hub operates all year round, so please don't feel that donations are only needed at Harvest time. However, Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves of the importance of giving and supporting others. If you are able to donate, please bring in your items into school by **Friday 16th October**. [Click here to see the list of suitable items.](#)

Stewardship and Sustainability

As the Autumn days get shorter and colder, we start using our lights for longer and turn our heating on. The electricity we use at home in the UK is mostly produced from burning petrol or gas, a process that pollutes the atmosphere and is causing our planet to heat up. Alongside your children, investigate what you use electricity for. Can you do something to reduce how much you use? How can we produce cleaner electricity? This will help towards one element of your child's community challenge award so watch this space!



SHINING MOMENTS

Recent learning at St George's



Fairtrade week

This week, the children have been learning all about Fair Trade and why it is important to make fair and responsible choices. Across the school, they have taken part in a range of activities to explore where our food and products come from and Year 1 even baked some fairtrade banana muffins!



Year 1 Cheerleading Festival

Our Year 1 children had a fantastic time taking part in a Cheerleading Festival at Amersham School. They had the opportunity to learn a new routine, practise their moves and perform alongside children from other schools. It was a fun and energetic experience, and the children did a brilliant job!



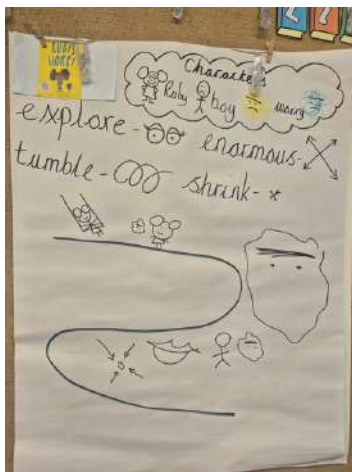
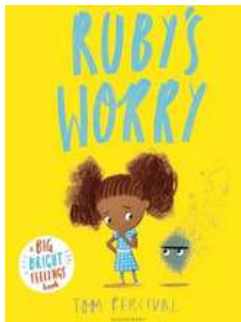
Preschool learning

Preschool have been learning about The Colour Monster and exploring different feelings through the story. During their welly walks, they have also been looking carefully for the first signs of autumn. The children collected natural treasures such as leaves and twigs and used them to create beautiful autumn collages.



Reception learning

Reception have been busy looking at the story of Ruby's Worries, exploring the characters and creating a story map of the plot. In Maths, they have been investigating the difference between big and small. As part of the 'Magnificent Me' topic, the children have been using mirrors to draw self portraits.



Meet the teacher slides

Please see below the slides from the recent meet the teacher events. These are also available on [the year group pages on the school website.](#)

[Preschool](#)

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)



BRIGHT HORIZONS



coming up at St George's

Diary dates

We have lots of exciting dates and events planned throughout this term. Please keep an eye on the diary attachment for further information. Here is additional information about the up and coming events planned over the next few weeks.



School photographs

Our school photographer, Danny Higgins, will be taking individual school photographs on **Friday 2nd October**. Please ensure all children make a special effort to look super smart that day!

KS1 Harvest service at St George's Church

As mentioned above, KS1 children will walk to St George's church on **Friday 16th October** for a harvest service led by Reverend Vic. Due to capacity at the church this event is for the children only. However, if you would can volunteer to help walk the children, you will be welcome to stay for the service. [Sign up here.](#)



Family Liaison Event

Book your place on our first family liaison event of the year which will take place on Friday 2nd October at 2.15pm. We will be introducing and sharing all we do at St George's to support children through our nurture based approach. It will also be a great opportunity to meet with other parents and share any questions you may have

All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

[Please use this link to book your place now.](#)

REGISTER HERE



Black History Month

October is Black History Month. This year's theme is 'Honouring Our Communities'. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any books or additional information that you would like your child to share with their class about this topic.



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Year 1 Visit to Amersham

Next week, on **Tuesday 6th October**, Year 1 will be heading out on a walking trip to Amersham. The children will be putting their road-safety skills into practice as they explore our local area and community.



Year 2 Orienteering

On **Wednesday 7th October**, Year 2 will be taking part in an exciting orienteering event. The children will be developing their teamwork, listening and map-reading skills as they navigate their way around the course. We are looking forward to an active and adventurous morning!

World Mental Health Day

In support of World Mental Health Day and Young Minds on **Friday 9th October**, the children are invited to wear something yellow for a voluntary donation of £1. This could be as simple as a yellow pair of socks or a yellow hair band. Other than the item of yellow clothing, the usual school uniform applies please. [In an effort to become a cashless school, we invite you to donate for this event using our Hello Yellow Page.](#) Thank you in advance for these donations.

YOUNGMINDS

Hello Yellow

DONATE

COMING
SOON

Community Challenge Launch

Keep an eye out for our 2026/2027 community challenge launch where the children will be able to work towards their award over the course of the year.



Safeguarding

Q: Who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) at St George's?



A: Miss Harjette, Mr Griffiths, Mrs Yendell, Mrs Castling, Mrs Barber, Miss O'Mahony, Mrs Monger and Mrs Van Loosen



Thank you

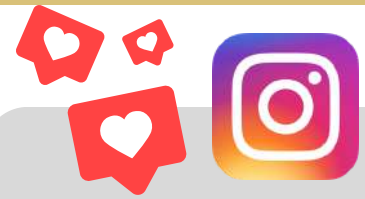
We continue to be really grateful to all who support the school by purchasing items from our [Amazon wish list](#). Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.



The Entertainer

Remember that if you are purchasing items from The Entertainer, [please use this link](#).

Every purchase made via this link pays a commission to our school. Thank you for supporting St George's.



Social media

Please continue to check our [Facebook page](#) and Instagram [@stgeorgescofe](#) for updates about what's going on at school. Thank you to those who like and share our posts.

Sibling? Family member? Friend? Reception 2027



Let their light shine,
starting here at St George's...



**Book onto our Reception 2026
Open Days now!**

**Monday 12th October
Monday 16th November
Thursday 7th January**

Let your light *shine*
Matthew 5:16

REGISTER NOW



Thank you for your continued support.

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Autumn

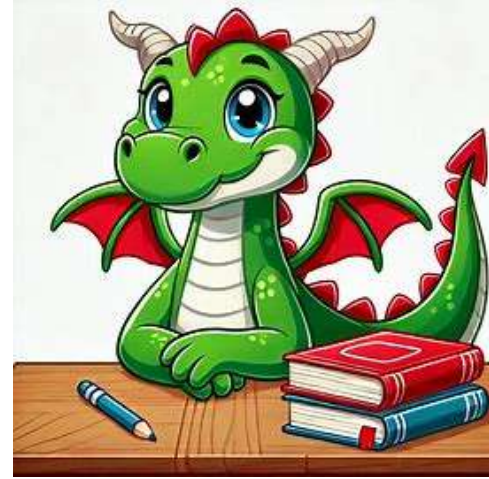
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Quote of the week

With the first day of Autumn, nature unveils its most stunning palette.

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LITTLE DRAGON LEARNING ZONE



The Mindful Monsters activity, which is designed to support children's mental health and well-being, is linked to **creativity** this week.

Silly Shape Drawing

- Grab a piece of paper and draw a random squiggle or shape.
- Ask your child to turn it into something fun - a creature, a scene, or an object.
- Talk about what they made and give it a funny name.

The link below is from the Maths games website
lovemaths.me

This game is called '**Estimate and check**' and helps children to estimate and then count. Year 2 have been playing this in class this week, but it can be adapted for all ages.

PLAY

CLICK HERE 

Sounds around!

Choose a scene, listen to the sound and see what made it.



CHIT

CHAT

CHOMP

What was the best bit about your week?

If your new classroom had a secret door, where would it lead to?

Support your child's oracy skills - learning to talk, through talk.

