



ST GEORGE'S GOOD NEWS

INSPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE



Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16

Friday 9th October 2026

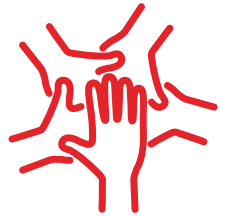
Dear Families,

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.

Preschool Staffing Update

As many of you will already know, Mrs Allinson-Sheldrake left St George's following a very swift house move over the summer holidays, the move made the daily commute extremely difficult for her. She will certainly be missed, and we wish her and her family every happiness in her new home and new role, where she will continue working with children.

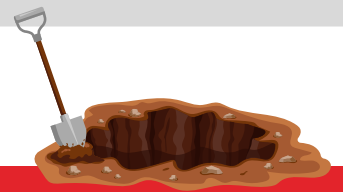
On a positive note, we are delighted to welcome Miss Talmer (Coach Hayley) to our Preschool team. Many of you will already know Miss Talmer through her work with Club Sport. She will continue her work with Club Sport supporting wraparound care provision.



OPAL- Outdoor Play and Learning Waterproof clothing reminder

As part of our school uniform expectations, all children need to have a pair of wellington boots and a full set of waterproof clothing in school. This means waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat or jacket. We are incredibly proud of our outdoor play and learning provision. We are an all-weather outdoor play school, and our children go outside throughout the year, whatever the weather!

It has been an absolute joy to watch the children embracing our outdoor play opportunities. From being pushed around in wheelbarrows to digging in the sandpit, building dens, exploring with sticks and getting wonderfully muddy, the children are developing their creativity, imagination, resilience and teamwork through play. Having the right clothes is essential to take part!



COMMUNITY

COMPASSION

COMMITMENT

COURAGE

LOVE



Diwali

Diwali will be celebrated on Sunday 8th November, I hope that everyone celebrating has a fabulous time with their loved ones and thoroughly enjoy their festivities. I will be sharing the Hindu story of Rama and Sita with all the children and celebrate the powerful message of light over darkness-good will always prevail over bad.

Harvest

A reminder we are collecting donations for the food bank at St George's Church. 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.](#)



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. Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered.



School start time

Our start time of 8.30am has been really positive, and I would like to thank all our families for their support ensuring children arrive promptly.

Just a gentle reminder that 8.30am is the time children should be in their classrooms, ready to learn, not the time to arrive at school.

Our school gates open at 8.25am, allowing families time to arrive and children to be ready to enter their classrooms. The whistle blows just before 8.30am, and we aim to get everyone inside swiftly so that learning can begin promptly.





PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

5 MINUTES

late each day in one
school year

= 3 DAYS

of lost learning time

Community Challenge

We are pleased to launch this year's community challenge which was sent home this week. This challenge award is a great way of helping your child demonstrate our school value of community, by learning about ourselves and our place in school, in our family and in the wider community. We look forward to seeing the children complete each challenge to earn a sticker and celebrating completed awards in our celebration worships through the year.



Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to those parents who have already made a voluntary contribution this term. Regular or occasional contributions - however modest - allows us to plan with greater confidence and ensure that all pupils benefit from a broad and enriching curriculum.

If you feel able to support the school through a voluntary contribution, we would be very grateful. Donations can be made online via [School Money](#). Please select the option 'Termly Voluntary Contribution'. The amount you see is merely a suggestion; some families choose to give a little more, others a little less - every contribution is appreciated and helps us to continue offering a rich and varied experience for all pupils.



SchoolMoney

Stewardship and Sustainability

Eat up your pumpkin! Each year £41.3 million of tasty pumpkins end up in the bin. Why not trying to decorate it rather than carving it? This way it stays fresher and you can have some tasty pumpkin delicacies!

[Click here for pumpkin recipes!](#)

If you are interested in participating more on making St George's more sustainable, join our parents' Whatsapp group by clicking the Whatapp logo.



SHINING MOMENTS

Recent learning at St George's



Year 1 Visit to Amersham

Year 1 had a wonderful time walking to Amersham Lifestyle Centre as part of their local area learning. The children enjoyed exploring the park and using their map-reading skills to sketch their own maps. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn outdoors and put their geography skills into practice!



Year 2 Orienteering

Year 2 had a fantastic time taking part in an orienteering event at Amersham School. The children enjoyed a range of exciting activities and challenges, developing their teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills along the way. They even took part in a blindfolded activity, which required plenty of trust and cooperation. Well done, Year 2!



Preschool learning

Preschool have been enjoying some wonderful autumn learning! Inspired by The Scarecrow's Wedding, the children have been exploring scarecrows and even created their very own. They have also continued to investigate the colours and changes of autumn by creating a beautiful autumnal tree. We love seeing their creativity and curiosity shine through their learning!



Reception learning

Reception have been busy exploring the themes of harvest and autumn. The children have enjoyed counting conkers, developing their mathematical skills through hands-on activities, and making delicious pumpkin soup. These exciting experiences have helped them explore seasonal changes, investigate new ingredients and learn more about the world around them. What a lovely way to celebrate autumn!



World Mental Health Day

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Hello Yellow Day in recognition of World Mental Health Day! It was wonderful to come together to raise awareness of mental health and the importance of looking after our emotional wellbeing. We have already raised an amazing £200+! Thank you for your generosity! If you would still like to contribute, you can [donate using this link](#).



DONATE ❤️



Happy Children Brighter Futures



Working together to keep all our children safe, happy and thriving.

Children thrive when they feel...

- ♥ safe and secure
- ♥ loved and valued
- ♥ listened to
- ♥ supported to make good choices
- ♥ treated with kindness and respect



Positive discipline helps children to...



- ✓ understand what is expected
- ✓ learn from their behaviour
- ✓ build confidence and resilience
- ✓ feel secure in their relationships
- ✓ develop into kind, respectful and responsible young people

A gentle reminder



We know that parenting can sometimes be challenging and that all families have different experiences and approaches. In England, children should never be physically hurt or left with marks. Physical punishment that causes injury, such as bruising or cuts, is a serious concern and can be a form of abuse.



Stay calm and take a moment

It can be difficult when children are upset. Taking a break can help everyone stay calm.



Use positive and consistent boundaries

Clear routines and consistent expectations help children feel safe and understand what is expected.



Focus on praise and encouragement

Notice and celebrate good behaviour. This helps children build confidence and learn from their mistakes.

Need some support?

If you would like more information, ideas or support with managing behaviour, please speak to us. We are always happy to help and can share useful resources and guidance.



We're in this together

Our aim is to support all our families so that every child at St George's feels safe, happy and able to reach their full potential.



Kind children • Respectful families • Stronger futures



BRIGHT HORIZONS



coming up at St George's

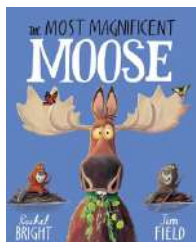
Diary dates

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.



Upcoming Storyteller Visit

On **Thursday 15th October**, we will be welcoming professional storyteller Liz Frost to St George's for a very special storytelling experience for children in Reception to Year 2. Liz will be bringing to life the wonderful story The Magnificent Moose, written by Rachel Bright and illustrated by Jim Field. We know our children are going to love joining Liz on this storytelling adventure! There is also a very special opportunity for families to pre-order a copy of The Magnificent Moose, which will be signed by the author and presented to your child by Liz on the day of her visit. If you would like to order a copy, [please follow this link.](#)



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.](#)

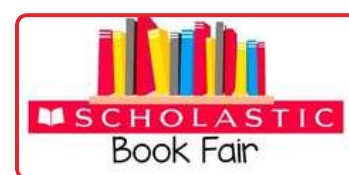


PTA toy and book sale

On **Friday 16th October** the PTA will be holding a toy and book sale on the playground from 3pm, the sale is after school so there is no need for children to bring money into school.

Book fair returns!

Just in time for early Christmas shopping, we are hosting another Book Fair after school, 3pm-3.30pm from **Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November**. Any books bought at this fair earns our school free books. What a great way to celebrate reading and support our school!



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Christmas Card Design

On **Friday 16th October** the PTA will be sending home the Christmas card template, which must be returned by **Friday 6th November** to ensure your delivery of Christmas cards.



Read Write Inc.
Phonics



Phonics parent workshop

On **Monday 2nd November at 2.15pm**, Mrs Castling will be leading a phonics workshop aimed at Reception parents and any Year 1 or 2 parents who missed the workshop in previous years. It is a great opportunity to find out how you can best support your child's reading journey at home.

Vision day

We are looking forward to our upcoming Vision Day, when the children will take part in a range of exciting activities linked to our school vision, "Let your light shine," and our motto, "Inspire, Believe, Achieve." It will be a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our school values and think about how we can let our light shine in our learning, friendships and wider community. We will also come together for a special whole-school collective worship on **Monday 2nd November** to celebrate our shared vision and values.

LET YOUR
light
SHINE



Half term

A reminder that St George's closes at 3pm on **Friday 16th October** for half term. Wishing you all a fabulous week of rest and fun! School and Preschool reopens for all children on **Monday 2nd November at 8.30am**.



Safeguarding

Q: How can I report a safeguarding concern outside of school hours?



A: Use your local authority's children's services contact number 01296 383962 - this report can be anonymous.

[For more information click here.](#)



Diwali Celebration

11am to 4pm Saturday 17 October

The Festival of Lights returns with an even brighter celebration!



"Absolutely amazing event, thoughtfully curated activities for all ages and perfect venue. Such a beautiful day seeing the community come together to celebrate Diwali." Chiltern Open Air Museum Visitor



A welcoming and inclusive event for all generations to enjoy

Lively dancing and music workshops

Captivating storytelling sessions

Creative arts and crafts

Traditional dress-up experiences

...and mouthwatering South Asian food



Tickets are available in advance via our website or on the day - book online and save ££



Dog Friendly



Disabled Access



Food & Drink

Chiltern Open Air Museum
Newland Park, Chalfont St Giles,
Buckinghamshire, HP8 4AB

www.coam.org.uk



Scan for more info



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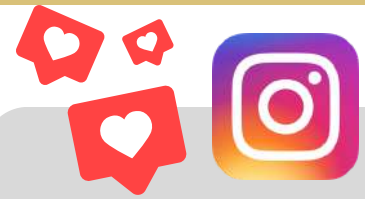
We continue to be really grateful to all who support the school by purchasing items from our [Amazon wish list](#). Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.



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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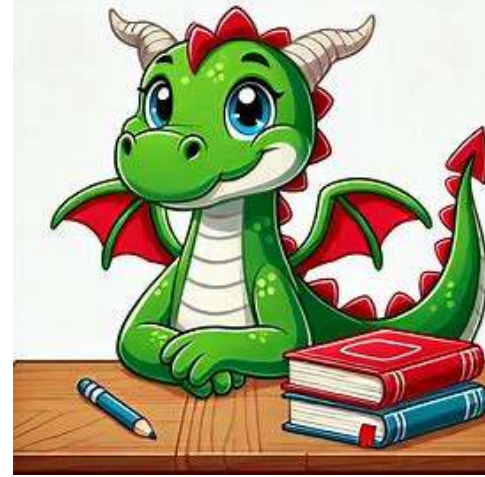
Quote of the week

Autumn... the year's last,
loveliest smile.

William Cullen Bryant

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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 **positivity** this week.

Happy memory jar

For each day of half term, write or draw one happy memory on a piece of paper. Keep them in a jar to read through before you return to school.

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

This game is called '**Lego barrier**' and helps children follow instructions and problem solve.

PLAY

[CLICK HERE](#)

Foam phonics

What words can you make using your phonics?



CHIT

CHAT

CHOMP

If you could build a blanket fort big enough for the whole family, what would you put inside?

What is something you've learnt this term that made you proud?

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

