



At St George's we are proud to be one family of lifelong learners who know that they are special to God. Our family is built upon a strong sense of belonging and mutual respect. Our community gives our children the freedom to flourish and succeed.

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A flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

**Weekly News  
STEM WEEK**

It has been a wonderful week here at St George's, the sun is shining, and spring is here. As it is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week the children have taken part in a plethora of lessons based around this year's theme - growth. They have been thinking about growth in three main areas: growth of ourselves, growth of plants and growth of the planet. Exploring life cycles of animals including humans and plants, they enjoyed matching the baby/toddler photos to the staff members and observing and classifying bulbs for 'The St George's Big Grow'. Each child has planted their own mystery bulb around the school site and predicted what they think will grow. It is now their job to track each bulb's progress observing the changes over time and ensuing it has everything it needs to grow. The children are very excited and wondering what their bulb will grow into. Thank you very much to Mr Billy and Mr Charlie for their back breaking work preparing the beds. On Wednesday, we had a special visitor from Veolia to talk to the children about becoming 'Recycle Heroes' and the importance of sustainability. We all made three pledges to reduce, reuse and recycle at home and in school. It was amazing to see how many children are already environmentally aware and keen to do a bit more. Inspired by the talk, some children have been using recycled materials to make their own plant pots and their designs are very creative. Many children have designed a poster to enter the national STEM week competition - fingers crossed we will have a winner!

Yesterday, Year 2 took part in a History enrichment day to enhance their significant people from the past topic. The interactive workshop brought the times of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale to life. Thank you to the Friend's for funding this event. Thank you to all the people who donated to and brought from the cake sale, the money raised will go towards other enrichment learning opportunities for the children.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend with your families.

Mrs Peyton and the St George's team

**Diary dates**

21 Mar	Easter Experience Y4
22 Mar	Easter Experience Y3 To the One I love - lavender bags coming home £1 donation on gateway (Friends)
	Y4 having Bromley Y Workshops - friendships
23 Mar	World Maths day
25 Mar	PE Enrichment day Y2
28 Mar	Crystal Palace trip Y1
29 Mar	EYFS & KS1 Charlie and the Chocolate factory drama workshop
31 Mar	Y4 visiting Bromley Baptist church Rock Steady concerts: 2.15pm & 2.45pm
1 April	Easter holiday - Half day: 1.30pm finish

The Friends are organising an Easter trail afternoon on Fri 1st April too. St George's Life Savers' Bank will be opening up after the Easter Holidays so that all our amazing Year 5s are trained up prior to opening.

We understand that some of our children may be finding the news of the War in Ukraine challenging to understand. Therefore, we wish to offer some age-appropriate resources to support our children with understand conflict and refuge. For our older readers, we would like to share a book list of some brilliant texts which can be used as a stimulus for thinking and talking. This can be found here: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2022/march/books-about-war-for-older-readers-picked-by-michael-rosen/> For our younger readers, we would like to share another booklist, made up of some brilliantly illustrated picture books, which sensitively cover challenging topics through simple story and illustration: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/w/war-and-conflict/> Finally, to support both parents/guardians and children understand what's happening, First News have published a special edition of their newspaper, with a simple and helpful 'Q&A' section about the current War in Ukraine: <https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/ukraine-special-report-free-access/> Thank you for your donations and support for our Ukrainian families, it is very much appreciated. School council are discussing what we can do in order to support further so watch this space.

**Book Recommendation**

Inspired by the scientific activities the children have been doing all over St George's as part of our STEM week, we would like to share a book list of some wonderful texts that celebrate science! Our favourite, 'The Big Book of Blooms' by Yuval Zommer, is a beautifully illustrated fact-filled text which brings the plant world to life in a creative way. Don't forget to look out for this book in our school library!

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