



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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Newsletter - Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

A flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

WEEKLY NEWS

Welcome back, it was so lovely to see all the children again. We hope that you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable half term. Whilst we were away Mr Billy and Charlie were very busy improving our wonderful site. Our Year 1 and 2 toilets were completely refurbished. The new markings on the playgrounds are a huge success with the children who are enjoying playing 'Duck, Duck, Goose', 'Snakes and Ladders' and 'What's the Time Mr Wolf'. Various parts of the building were given a lick of paint and we are mid flow in having new fire doors put in. Your children, if they are in the juniors, might have also mentioned that we have a fantastic sports coach that has joined our team at lunchtime to organise games and sports, teaching the children new skills.

We started our week with celebrating all the wonderful achievements from last half term and recognising many of our children whom had displayed our school virtues and shown plenty of hard work, focus, commitment and enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum. We are all looking forward to another term of fun and challenge. This week, Reception have really enjoyed learning about and celebrating Diwali. They have made Diva lamps, drawn Rangoli patterns and written cards to their friends. They have loved singing and dancing whilst celebrating! Year 1 have been discussing COP26 and thinking about the things they can do to help our environment. They have decorated leaves and written promises to the World on them. eg: I promise to pick up rubbish from the ground even if it isn't mine, I promise to turn off the tap when I have finished using it and I promise to try to recycle things I don't use, or need any more. The leaves will be used to make a tree of Promises for the World and displayed in the corridor outside their classroom. Year 2 kicked the half term by beginning to look at the Nativity story in preparation for this year's Nativity. In Year 3 they have been researching the differences between geologists and palaeontologists and finding all about the geologist Romesh Palamakumbura and the palaeontologist Dr Suisie Maidment. In Year 4, the children have been reading the poems of Valerie Bloom, a Jamaican poet who writes about her hometown and her experiences of growing up in Jamaica. They have also been performing them (which they have really enjoyed) and analysing the poems to make sure they really understand the vocabulary and meaning behind each verse. As an introduction to their new DT topic of Bread, 5C took a trip to the local Tesco to carry out some market research. The children identified brands of bread, types of bread product, popularity of different items, unique ingredients and established gaps in the market. This research will help in the design process of their own bread over the coming weeks. 5B will have this to look forward to next week. This week Year 6 have been celebrating 'Parliament Week'. They have been learning all about laws, democracy and the Houses of Parliament and were delighted to receive a special message from Sir Bob Niell MP. Inspired by recent events at COP26 and the inspirational Greta Thunberg, the children finished the week by engaging in a debate over 'Whose job is to look after the environment?'. All of the children presented their arguments clearly and professionally and agreed that we are all responsible for caring for our planet. Enjoy your weekend - the St George's team.

Diary dates

Year 6 school journey  
8 Nov to 12 Nov

9 Nov	Open morning (prospective parents) Friends meeting 9am - school library
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
15 - 19 Nov	Anti-Bullying week
16 Nov	Open morning (prospective parents)
19 Nov	Friends' Quiz night at 7pm
20 Nov	Cross country competition - Crystal Palace: Ys 5 & 6
25 Nov	Friends' cake sale and 2 <sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale
26 Nov	Thanksgiving breakfast
3 Dec	Own clothes day - chocolate tombola
8 Dec	EYFS Christmas performances
10 Dec	Christmas jumper day Own clothes - bottle tombola
Y2 Christmas performances	
11 Dec	Christmas Fair
16 Dec	Christmas discos
17 Dec	Last day, early pick up

**The Friends of St George's:** Please make sure that you keep a constant eye out for all the fabulous events that the Friends are organising - the next big event is the Quiz night on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm (email sent out this week). A big thank you for organising the coffee morning this Friday for the Year 1 parents as it gave them the opportunity to reconnect and just have a good catch-up. Reminder that if you would like to get involved, please join the following WhatsApp group via this link : <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JIArNB4Nf1D9OdXAHxs7EU> All funds raised this year are going to enrichment activities, workshops and experiences for all the children.

**St George's Church:** Children's Church would like to extend the following invitation: Join us in the hall at 10.20 am every Sunday, for refreshments, before we share in our worship, prayer and activities centred around a main theme. We re-join the main service at 11.05 am. All ages are very welcome although they will need to be accompanied by an adult. To find out more or join our WhatsApp group, please email: [bickleychildrenschurch@hotmail.com](mailto:bickleychildrenschurch@hotmail.com)

**Online Safety:** We have updated our Online Safety policy. We attach it for your information and to read. Please also be aware that there is a free internet safety magazine for parents: link below: <https://parentzone.org.uk/free-online-safety-magazine-parents>

**Book Suggestion:** Inspired by the discussions on COP26, we have chosen books that promote environmental sustainability. In particular, 'The Last Tree' by French author Ingrid Chabbert, offers a poignant outlook on the critical importance of conserving our natural world and emphasises how we need to act now to protect our planet. Take a look at all of the texts here: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/environment>

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