

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

We hope that you are keeping well, safe and managing to take one day at a time without worrying what the future might look like. Over the bank holiday weekend, we saw the country celebrate and commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE day. Just like then, it is a time to dig deep, draw upon our resilience and reassure each other to hang in there. We were delighted to move our keyworker provision back to St George's this week, the children and adults alike said it felt like returning home. We hope that this is just the beginning step in welcoming our children back to school. The recent suggestion that we might be able to begin a phased return to school after half term is certainly giving us plenty to consider and reflect upon. We are busy behind the scenes using our imagination to imagine a future that does not yet exist. In consultation with the Aquinas Trust and our school community we are gradually crafting a picture of what a return to school will look like in these uncertain times. We are receiving daily Government guidance and prior to opening our doors we will ensure that our environment is as safe as it can be. Please be assured that we are giving plenty of consideration to how we can gradually bring parts of our community back together safely, how to recover lost ground, build shaken relationships and tend to the emotional and mental well-being of those in our care. We would like to reassure you that our children's safety and well-being are at the heart of all we do. Meanwhile, Father Richard has continued to record his virtual home collective worships, 'a place to pause' which he invites you to attend on his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/watch/stgeorgebickley/1316174732104832/> where he teaches us about our virtues of thankfulness and hope. Remember to join him for spiritual guidance every Monday. Have a lovely weekend from all of the St George's team.

Home schooling

Please do not worry if you have not had a chance or have been unable to email us as we know lots of amazing things have been going on behind the scenes. However, we would like to acknowledge the following children: Mrs Marsh is thrilled that Ella has written her own book and painted some beautiful still life pictures. Isabel watched her very own caterpillars turn into butterflies and she released them into the garden. Mr Kenny would like to celebrate Olivia in RK, for sharing her great phonics work and her beautiful drawings of butterflies, one with a rainbow pattern! Along with Mrs Goodacre, he would also like to wish her a very big happy birthday for Monday! Mr Motton was impressed with Zahari for writing clear instructions to make a honey sandwich. Alina for making a super, bug hotel in her garden. Elliot for improving his transport building and Spiderman art skills. Mrs Hatton remarks, Emily has produced a fabulous slide show about Minibeasts and says, "Happy Birthday" to Emily, Rosie and Kaan. Mrs Powell was delighted to hear of Adelaide's kindness, baking shortbreads and delivering them to doctors at Lewisham hospital and that Nell won a painting competition at Foal Farm rescue centre. She also did a fundraising challenge donating the money to the farm. Mrs Lynch gives a special mention to Naomi for her innovative way to learn her 4 times table, and inventing 'Lartracy' by combining art and writing. Mrs Statulenko admired Edward's knowledge of cities and countries of the world and their location. Miss Yielding loved Amber's creative outdoor fairy and bug houses. She has also been learning to sew and bake too. Miss Thorn heard that Jasmine has released her butterflies. She sent a lovely picture of her and Issy holding them. Holly has been doing some DIY in her bedroom, putting up a mirror and some shelves and Georgia made some rainbow pancakes for her sister's birthday. Miss Callaghan enjoyed reading about Izzy's scientific investigation on whether fidget spinners promote focus and improve learning! Miss Newnham applauded Finley for an amazing information text about reptiles, becoming a chef extraordinaire and building a robot puppy.

Also Henrique's great attitude and how he helped the younger children at the key worker school.

Mrs Miles was excited to see Clara's amazing timeline and fact file of Mary Queen of Scots. Mrs Murphy is impressed with Inas, who has been working tirelessly on her literacy and maths and is feeling more confident as a result. Also Joshua, for his well-written prayer that really showed how he had reflected on the current pandemic, and Marley, for her book review and hard work on life cycles. Mrs Williams was pleased to hear Leah and Mikey have been refining their baking skills. She is also impressed with Freya for working so diligently through the home learning grids and sending in weekly emails with photos to share her progress. Mrs Coyle is proud of Nina and Mica for managing to still work collaboratively, despite obvious challenges, to write and perform a rap about Covid-19 for a competition. Mrs Chambers celebrates Waliat for her amazing hard work in maths and her fab recipe recommendations and Dabira for her beautiful artwork. Well done everyone, we love hearing and seeing what you have been up to. Keep the emails coming!

Book corner

Check out the Hay Festival Digital on 18th –22nd May. <https://www.hayfestival.com/home> Aimed at inspiring creative reading, this programme has been developed for children to access with their parents. Each film will include a recommended activity to do at home.

Mrs Sawyer recommends: Radio Boy 1: A laugh out loud story of a boy with an extraordinary secret radio show, broadcast from his garden shed. The Once Upon a Time Map Book: This beautiful unique book features six, fold out maps or your favourite Fairy stories. The Heart and the Bottle – explores the themes of love and loss and that there is always hope.

