

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

Well it's been a real scorcher of a week but we hope you have managed to stay cool and been able to enjoy the sunshine. Our football fans will be celebrating Liverpool Football Club being crowned Premier League champions – or not as the case may be! We have managed to squeeze in a few more children to our EYFS, Y1, Year 6 and key worker bubbles. In addition, we are really looking forward to welcoming back 2 small groups of Year 5 children next week which will make our total 220. Sadly, we have reached our maximum limit and it breaks our hearts to say we are unable to welcome back more children despite the social distancing rules being relaxed to 1m. We simply do not have the space required. However, we totally understand how difficult this makes it for our families who are undertaking the arduous task of home schooling, trying to work or simply deal with life. Please do contact us via the class email boxes and admin if we can help in any way. Mrs Georghiades can offer a listening ear and Mrs Sawyer is a trained ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and has a plethora of bereavement support experience too. The children who have been in for their 'motivational chats' have also said that popping in to see their teachers has been uplifting and helped them to alleviate the fears and anxiety they feel about returning after such a long time. Please make sure you make an appointment to come in if you have not already done so.

**Practical Wellbeing for everyone:** Why not try this simple diary exercise expressing gratitude? Focusing on what's wrong makes us unhappy and unhealthy. While focusing on what's right, boosts mind, body and spirit. 1. Write down three things each day that went well for you. 2. Repeat daily for a week 3. Reflect on how this process has made you feel. Better? Worse? The same? Gratitude is an extremely powerful emotion and tool you can use for free to become more joyful.

**Pause for Prayer:** Remember catch up with Fr Richard (wearing his Santa hat!) and his Pause for Prayer message this week where he teaches us about the birthday of St. John the Baptiste.

<https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgebickley/videos/886324695213693/?vh=e&d=n> He is looking forward to seeing you in person when he is allowed to welcome you to mass on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Have a lovely weekend – from all of the St George's Team

### Home schooling

Our teachers have enjoyed reading about all the learning that you have been doing at home and have been pleased by the lovely things that been happening here in school too. We appreciate that it is hard to stay motivated, so please be kind to yourselves and do whatever you can, 'a little a day, goes along way'. The teachers would like to acknowledge the following children: Ms Freeman would like to celebrate Aria as she always tries her hardest and her smile is infectious! She is a delight to teach. Mr Kenny's super star this week is Annah for always trying her hardest with her learning and for always spreading joy to her friends and teachers, with her bubbly smiley personality! Mrs Hatton and Mr Motton would like to thank the children in their 'bubbles' for their infectious enthusiasm for all their learning. They have had a real adventure learning about Pirates! Mrs Powell would like to celebrate Sam and his history project finding out about hover technology. Mrs Satulenko is impressed with Malachi's Zumba moves, James's fabulous learning attitude and Lara's smile, positivity and hard work. Miss Callaghan is impressed with Isla for her well-researched biographies on different historical figures and Henry for his wonderfully creative Harry Potter themed literacy work. Miss Newnham is impressed with Dean for maintaining a positive attitude and doing some amazing home learning and Naska for producing a wonderfully informative powerpoint on Spain. Mrs Williams nominates Betty, for all her hard work at home in literacy and maths that she has brought in to show her this week. Mrs Murphy said, 'I would also like to nominate Joshua and Shaneyna who have also been working extremely hard at home, completing work in all areas of the curriculum'. Mrs Coyle nominates Paulo and Semoy for being respectful and polite and Mrs Chambers gives her shout out to James for being an exceptionally kind friend to his peers. Mrs Ardern had a giggle with Georgie, Jude, Saffron, Ailie, Mihalis, Georgina, and Isaiah when they taught her a new game. No matter how big or small we want to hear about the things you are doing so please keep in touch via the email boxes.

### Book corner

**Mrs Sawyer recommends** Ruby's Worry. Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry. At first it's not such a big worry and that's all right, but then it starts to grow. It gets bigger and bigger every day and it makes Ruby sad. How can Rub get rid of it and feel like herself again. Read it and find out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=moM-v4dvPz8>



### Art Challenge of the Week!

This week's challenge is a bit dotty! Using the technique of pointillism have a go at creating your own dot design using cotton buds and paint. Simply start with a circular shape in the centre of a square, add dots of colour and shapes to create an individual design. Have fun!

