

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

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the half term holiday and were as thankful as us for the lovely sunshine. We were delighted to welcome back some of our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 children this week. All the staff were excited and nervous at the same time, as we know the children and parents were too. However, it has been brilliant to see the children embracing the new 'normal' and learning the rules and routines that we have had to put in place, to ensure that the school is a safe place for the children to learn and socialise with their friends. Thank you so much for all the kind words and supportive feedback you have given us. It has been really reassuring to hear. There have been some tricky decisions to make and copious amounts of planning prior to opening our doors to a wider range of our community. However, we were so pleased that arrangements have worked well, albeit needing a bit of tweaking in a couple of areas. Please be assured we are remaining vigilant and reviewing our procedures all the time in line with new guidelines, as they are released. Many people have enquired as to when will we be able to welcome more year groups back and the honest answer is, we do not know and can only plan on a day by day or week by week basis, at this present time. This does not mean that we have forgotten about the rest of our families. Home learning grids for the next 2 weeks are being sent today and there is an expectation that work will be sent to the class email boxes so that the teachers can review work and provide feedback. Teachers are also offering face to face 'motivational chats' (at a social distance of course) if you indicate that you would like one via the class email boxes. Following the launch of the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, the UK Space Agency has created space related resources for home schooling at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/space-related-educational-resources-for-home-schooling>.

Also go to <https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/wellbeing-calendar-for-june/> for June's well-being calendar.

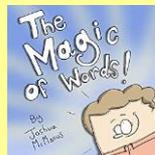
Some exciting landscaping news; the gardeners have also been busy laying new astro-turf around the gazebo, creating a new picnic area in the middle playground and a pathway on the slope that the children refer to as the 'bank'. This will allow wheelchair and buggies access to the middle playground without having to negotiate the steps. We can't wait for you to see the improvements.

Have a lovely weekend from all the staff at St George's.

Home schooling

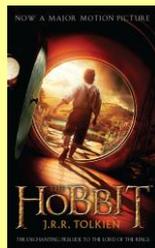
Our teachers have enjoyed reading about all the learning that you have been doing at home and would like to acknowledge the following children: Mrs Marsh is bowled over by Maxwell, he has come back to school with a big smile and such a positive attitude. He is a ray of sunshine and certainly brightens up her day! Mr Motton is delighted with all the children in his class for coming back, settling in so well and being amazing, he gives a special mention for Dolcie-Mai who has been on fire with her work. Mrs Hatton thanks all her lovely children who returned to school this week with such a positive, and sensible attitude towards all the changes and strangeness of coming back to an environment that is familiar, yet completely different to the one they left in March! They have shown incredible resilience and she is VERY proud of them! She would also like a special mention for Emily Skitini who has been working so hard throughout the lockdown and produced some wonderful work. She was especially impressed with her design of a car for the future. Well done Emily! Mrs Powell is impressed with Thomas for all his hard work and dedication he is continuing to put into his home learning. Miss Yielding was impressed with Joseph's creativity because he has asked her to set up a Times Table Rock Star challenge that included the whole class. Miss Thorn congratulates Holly for her fantastic power point all about London, using transitions and sounds, pictures and a range of well researched facts. Mervyn has also been a burst of positive energy in her keyworker bubble. He made everyone laugh during the game of Grandmother's Footsteps and has had a very positive first week back into school. Miss Callaghan enjoyed reading Zachary's super informative and well-researched biography on Queen Victoria. Mrs Murphy is impressed with Aslan who has worked incredibly hard on a project about the history of 'Crime and Punishment', including a chronological study beginning at the Roman Era and going through to the introduction of the Metropolitan Police. This was a very comprehensive project that we can use to inform other pupils next year, as it was so detailed and informative. Mrs Williams and Mrs Lynch can't wait to try Mikey's step-by-step recipe and instructions (with photos) for making a pineapple upside down cake- it looks delicious!

The Year 6 team are nominating all the Year 6 children that have returned to school for their resilience, adaptability and positivity. Well done everybody



Book corner

Mrs Sawyer recommends: The Magic of Words. Words hold a magic power and the perfect words can mean so much to others. A lovely illustrated picture book, with heaps of humour that guide you through with exciting rhyme to discover the true magic a word can bring.



Mrs Browne recommends: The Hobbit. The enchanting prelude to The Lord of the Rings. A fantasy story full of imagination which lets your mind just

Challenge of the Week!

This week's challenge is to create a book sign. I wonder what your favourite books are. Which books would you signpost people to and encourage them to read? Can you design your own signpost similar to this?



You could even make it with your grown up.