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NEWSLETTER



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C of E School

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Our value for the next Spring half term is 'Perseverance'.

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have been working really hard in the run up to Christmas and it has been particularly pleasing to see how many have been making fantastic progress with their phonics and reading. Thank you so much for all of your support with this at home – it is really making a difference! Please keep up the reading over Christmas too!

Everyone has been practising our value of **Caring** and demonstrating their **Marvellous Manners**. Well done to all the pupils and especially those that have received a certificate for modelling marvellous manners during the school day, we are very proud of you. Next term we will focus on the value of **Perseverance** and our visible consistency will be **'Ready to Learn'**. Children will be expected to be ready for their learning in class, not to waste a minute of learning time and transition from one lesson to the next smoothly.

Although we have some challenges with a number of staff and pupils being poorly this half term, it was so lovely that our Christmas Early Years and KS1 production, 'The Magical Jigsaw' could go ahead. It was a huge success and the children loved it.

This year we had our very first outdoor Christmas Fayre. It was magical! The forest was brought to life with lights and children were able to enjoy toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate around the camp fire. The Christmas trail in the forest was a huge success and the children had to find many items related to Christmas. Finding the sheep became a bit of a challenge but everyone had loads of fun. We were visited by the local police who joined us for coffee and mince pies and even posted a lovely message on Facebook about the success of our Christmas Fayre. It was so lovely to see so many past pupils attending the Fayre.

A huge thankyou to all the wonderful parents and carers and the staff who gave up their spare time to organise the Fayre. We raised a grand total of over £800.00 and this money will be used to buy resources for the children.

The Carol Service in church was really enjoyable. I am so proud of all the children's behaviour off school site. They sang beautifully and read with loud and proud voices. It is wonderful to see our school choir relaunched and children playing their musical instruments with such confidence to an audience. Well done to Ethan and Amelia for their performances with their violin and cello.

Congratulations to the children in Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 who represented the school in the past few weeks in Sporting tournaments. The Year 3 children played Boccia and won the bronze medal and the Year 5 and Year 6 children played football against six Worcestershire school and won the tournament. I must commend all the children for their marvellous manners and their impeccable behaviour-well done! We will be engraving the trophy and it will be displayed in the school entrance.

Finally, I would like to thank all the children and staff for their continued hard work this half term and yourselves for your continued support.

I will continue to monitor Government advice in relation to Covid-19 during the holidays and will update you if the need arises.

We all wish you a restful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Take care and stay safe.

Head of School

Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fayre



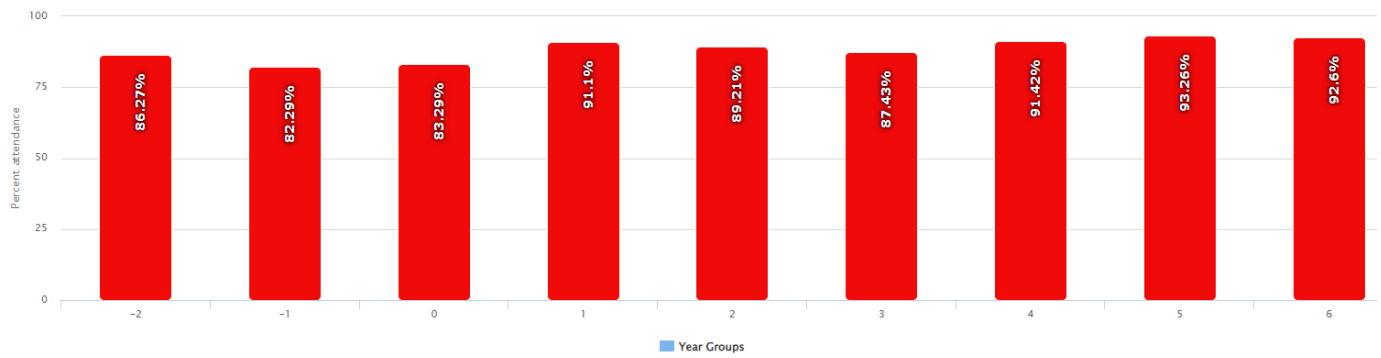
Attendance December 2021

The target this year is to ensure all children have at least 96 % attendance.

Attendance for the month of December was 89% %

Thank you to all Parents and Carers for ensuring that their child/ren attend school and are punctual for the start of the school day. Good attendance has a positive impact on your child's well-being and educational outcomes.

We do know that from time-to-time children are really too poorly to come to school. If this is the case, please ring the school office by 9.15am on 01562 824206 or email, if you prefer, office@stgprimary.org. Phones are manned from 8.00am but an answerphone service is available before this time. It is important that you inform school if your child is unwell.



Home Reading/Phonics

I would just like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to our Year 2 children who recently completed the Year 2 Phonics Screening. The children did incredibly well and we would like to thank all of the parents who gave their child that extra 'boost' at home to get them through! Parents will be notified in the near future about how their individual child performed.

Mrs Short

Upcoming Events

Swimming: Year 5 will start swimming lessons in the New Year.

Forest School: Year 4 will be visiting the forest every Friday afternoon.

DanceXchange: Year 1 and Year 2 will begin their dance lessons with Dance Exchange on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that they have their school PE kit in school each week.

Dance Club: A Dance club will begin for Year1, Year 2 and Year 3 after school on Tuesdays- Details to follow.

NURSERY & TOTS

Welcome to Tots and Nursery!

We have been learning all about Christmas, making reindeer food, Christmas biscuits and Rice Crispy Reindeers.

In Tots we have made soup for the Reindeers, we developed our fine motor skills peeling the Brussel sprouts. We have been reading lots of books like Dear Santa, Peppers Wish and A Star So Bright.



In Nursery we have been reading books like Dear Santa and The Nativity. We wrapped presents and decorated the wrapping paper before putting them under the tree. The children have made lots of different tree decorations that are going home to decorate your homes.

Some of the children made a house for Santa to live in. They developed their gross motor skills and communication as they chose how to build it.



Thank you to those of you who have been uploading what your child gets up to at home to Tapestry! Remember you can upload pictures and videos via Tapestry to show us what you and your child enjoy doing together. Please do upload over the Christmas period to keep us up to date with all of the lovely activities you get up to 😊

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Miss Williams, Miss Hussain, Mrs Williams and Mrs Anderson.

RECEPTION

What a busy, fun-filled few weeks we have had, as our first term together draws to an end!

The children worked super hard towards their Christmas play and we were really proud of them all. I am sure you will agree, it was lovely to see the children performing in front of parents/carers and they did a superb job! Thank you to all that came along to watch.

Over the past few weeks, the children have really enjoyed writing letters. They have worked hard to use their Phonics knowledge to write their own letters and cards and the children have enjoyed writing letters to Santa. Our new Post Office role play has been popular with the children and they have enjoyed posting and delivering parcels and letters to each other.

Reception have also enjoyed being Santa's little helpers by helping to decorate the presents under the tree.



The children have worked really hard this term, settling into their routines, following the good listening rules, showing marvellous manners and developing their Phonics skills! We kindly ask over the Christmas period, that you continue to read with your child and look out for numbers everywhere you go; this could be on car numberplates, numbers on front doors or when in shops etc. This will really support your child with number recognition.

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Miss Austin, Miss Grant and Mrs Tidmarsh.

YEAR 1

What an exciting time we have been having in Year1!

We have been working really hard in phonics and can't wait to start our new groups in January! Keep reading over the holidays to practise all of the sounds you have learnt!

In English we have enjoyed 'Lost in the toy museum an adventure' by David Lucas! We got a letter from Bunting telling us that the toys had come to St. George's and have decided to play hide and seek in school! We went on a hunt to find them which was super exciting and then we have been writing our own story of what the toys have been getting up to!

In maths we have been continuing to practise our addition and subtraction skills including solving word problems!

We have taken part in our first school play! We are super proud of the children as I'm sure you are too! They worked so hard to learn their lines and the words to all of the songs that they sang in loud and proud voices!

We have been enjoying some Christmas activities too, like making our Christmas cards below! We did such a super job!



I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Keep safe over the holidays and we can't wait to do some more super learning in the new year!

Miss Mills 😊

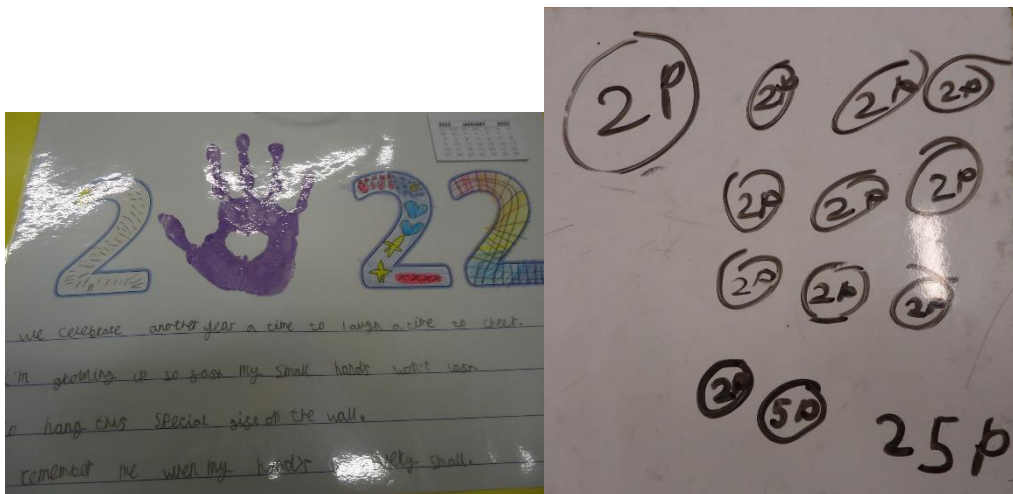
YEAR 2

Wow! What a busy term!

The children have worked hard so hard. Despite lots of illness, the children were able to perform incredibly well in their school performance of 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw'.

They have also started work in maths on money- so any extra practise at home will help them greatly! In English, they have written reports based on Hansel and Gretel and completed cross curricular writing on the Christmas Story.

We have also been making some special calendars and cards that they can bring home and share with you- we hope you like them 😊



YEAR 3

Year 3 have enjoyed a very busy end of term. All of the children enjoyed their, somewhat cold, trip to Lower Smite Farm at the end of November and they have come back to school to consolidate the learning that they did on the farm. They classified different rock types by carrying out simple experiments as well as investigating and creating their own soils. They also were able to go out into the field and use augurs to observe the layers in the soils and look for bedrock. Here are just some of the photos from our visit to the farm...



In English, we have completed a diary entry based on the character in the book *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura and in Maths we have been using the formal methods for addition and subtraction and using the inverse to find answers as well as exploring the skill of rounding. We have started to use our expert tips in reading as well as starting a book by Anne Fine, one of our two key authors in Year 3.

Learning how to play the violin is going well, and the children are becoming more confident with the instrument. Unfortunately, our time in forest school is coming to an end but the children have loved going into forest school and it has been a pleasure to see the children bringing their learning outside, with some digging huge holes to try and find bedrock 😊. We have enjoyed, digging, den building, using the hammock, sawing and being creative as well as lighting fires to make toast and smores washed down with a hot chocolate. Again, here are a few images from



our time in forest school...



The children have worked really hard this term and so all that we ask over the festive period is that they continue to read at every opportunity as this will help them access all areas of their learning, be it reading the poster at the bus stop or the menu when they are out with family members, please encourage them to read as much as possible.

Next term we already have an educational visit booked to go to the carpet museum (letter to follow in the new year, but there will not be any cost to this trip) as this will tie in with the geography that we have learnt this term as to why people live in Kidderminster. We will also be starting dance lessons as part of our PE curriculum.

Thank you for all of your support this term, wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4

This half term, Year 4 have really enjoyed a variety of new learning opportunities. We have been very busy in all of our core subjects as well as getting stuck in and messy with our science experiments.

In English, we have completed a narrative to go with the short film, 'The Dream Giver'. We looked at using relative clauses in our work as well as improving sentences by adding more description with adjectives, verbs, adverbs and prepositions. We are getting more confident with using a dictionary and can even use a thesaurus to find synonyms to stop repetition.

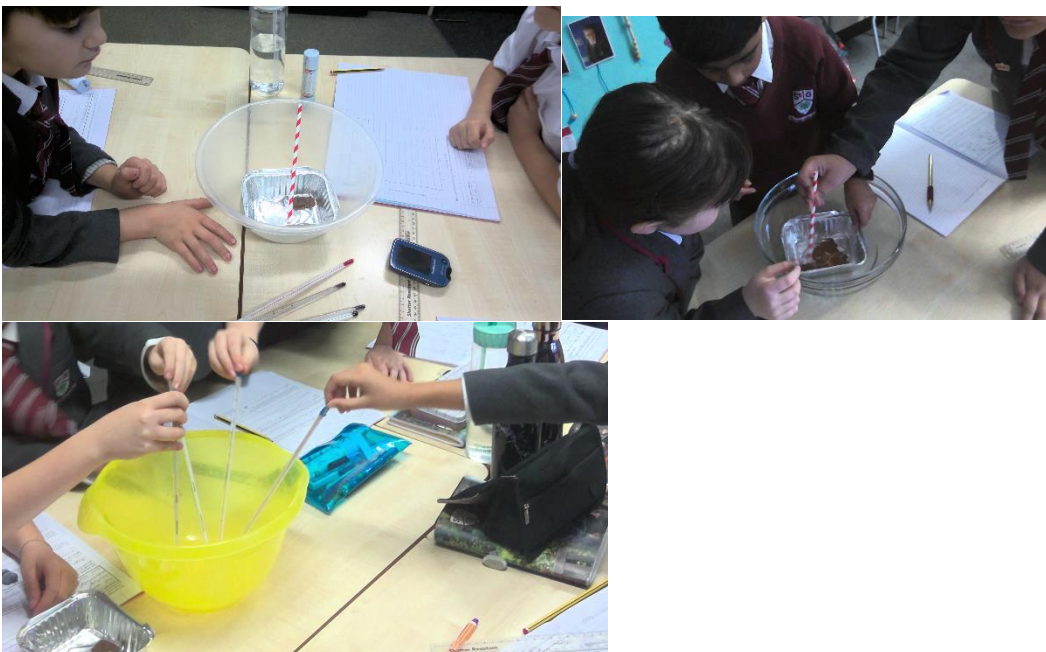
In our Maths we have been multiplying and dividing by 10's 100's and 1000's where we had to remember our place value to see how much greater or less the number was when the numbers shifted to the left or right. We have also been preparing for the Year 4 timetable test which will be upon us before we know it and the children have all been eager to become Times Table Rockstars.

Year 4 finished their amazing dance sessions with Camilla who is front Dance Xchange. Their final performance was a variety of teamwork and choreographed moved to help themselves to feel powerful and strong.

Next term we have already booked 'The Electricity Man' to come and teach us all about circuits, how electricity is made and scientific discoveries through history. I am very excited for the children to meet an external guest where they can deepen their scientific knowledge further.

I want to say a huge thank you to all the support you have given this term to the children and the adults as we try to fill the gaps that we have missed during the lockdown periods.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



The Year 4 Team.

YEAR 5

Y5 have worked exceptionally hard this term and I'm so proud of all of the wonderful work they have produced over the past few months.

In English, the children have been using modal verbs and time adverbials to explain how Santa's sleigh flies.

In Maths, the children have explored multiplication and division, including finding multiples and prime numbers.

Unfortunately, Year 5 completed their final dance lesson with Camilla this week. Their final performance was based around the class itself and how it represents the Black Pear Trust values, which portrayed a powerful message through movement. The class performed professionally and had to use their understanding of listening to the beats to stay in time as a group.

Next term we will be going swimming (letter to follow in the new year) so it is advised to use the Christmas break to ensure the children have suitable swimwear.

Thank you for all your support this term, Miss Wellman has thoroughly enjoyed her first term with you as an ECT.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Year 5 Team! 😊

YEAR 6

The thoughts of a few of the Y6 children...

Throughout this term I have enjoyed being in choir and making new friends – it has given me the opportunity to sing and we are looking forward to the Christmas performance. I love being in Y6 and all the teachers have helped me a lot!

Christmas week has been fun (I especially loved the party day). We were all given a present (I love my new book). Christmas fayre was quite nice, Y6 sold wrapping paper. Merry Christmas!

Throughout this term, some of Y6 have enjoyed being part of choir as we have made new friends and we have enjoyed the opportunities to perform for the residential home as well as the Christmas Church service. Y6 is very enjoyable working with Mr Modley, Mrs Smith and Miss Jones.

Christmas week has been especially fun, on party day we danced until we dropped and received presents. We have made Christmas decorations and cards. At the Christmas fayre we sold wrapping paper, which was hand made by Y6, which we are very proud of. Merry Christmas!

This term Y6 have enjoyed swimming – we, have learnt different strokes and we have all improved, our last session was very exciting as we all enjoyed playing games in the water.

We have been lucky to go to Forest School this term, where we made wood-cookies, candle lighters and set fires safely. On the campfire we toasted marshmallows. It was great to be in the fresh air outdoors!

Happy Christmas from Y6!

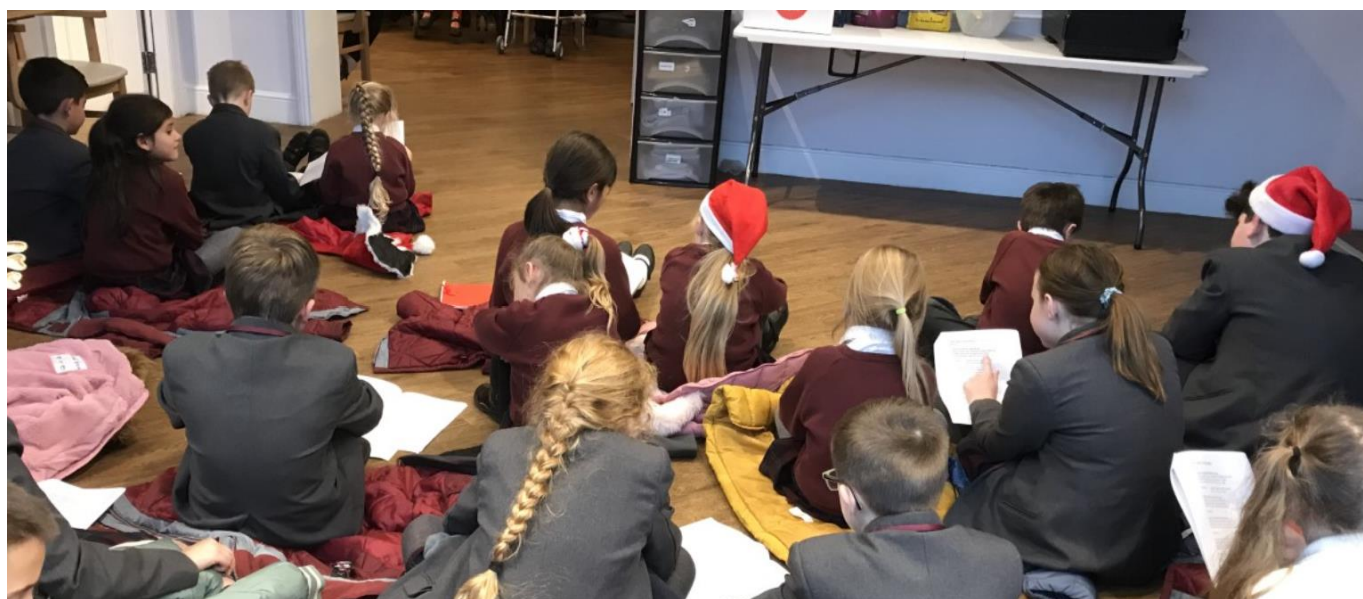
School Choir Update

On Thursday 9th December we were lucky enough to be invited to sing carols with the residents of the Shrubbery Nursing home.

We all had great fun singing both traditional carols and some fun songs such as Jingle Bells!

The choir were very proud of their singing as they realised, they had given the residents such a happy afternoon.

Before heading back to school, we were treated to mince pies, cake and chocolate biscuits.



December Foodie Friday!

For Foodie Friday this month, we would like to challenge you to design or create a festive dish! This could be linked to Christmas, Hannukah or Diwalil. Once you have designed or created your meal, take some photos to share with us. You could even share the recipe for others to give it a go! The STEM ambassadors will judge all entries and the winner will be announced in next month's Foodie Friday bulletin. Have fun cooking, we look forward to hearing all about your new festive creations!

Please email entries to office@stgprimary.org



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If you feel a child is at risk of immediate harm and needs immediate protection, phone the police and the Family Front Door on **01905 822666**.

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School Term Dates September 2021 to July 2022
Please note the change to the school dates. Due to our extra bank holiday, we will be closing the school on Thursday 21st July not Friday 22nd July 2022.

HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSURES ON	SCHOOL TED DAYS	SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON
CHRISTMAS	Friday 17 th Dec 21	N/A	Tuesday 4 th Jan 2022
SPRING HALF TERM	Thursday 17 th Feb 22	Friday 18 th Feb 22	Monday 28 th Feb 22
EASTER	Thursday 7 th April 22	Friday 8 th April 22	Monday 25 th April 22
SUMMER HALF TERM	Thursday 26 th May 22	Friday 27 th May 22	Monday 6 th June 22
END OF SUMMER TERM	Thursday 21 st July 22	N/A	N/A



We are offering an '**after school provision**' throughout the week at St George's for the **all the children**. Your child/children will have the opportunity to do some **creative and engaging activities** and will be provided with a **hot snack** if they choose to stay for the **later slot**.

- After school club starts at **3.00pm**.
- There will be two slots available for the '**Little Pears**'.
- The first slot will run from **3.00pm-4.30pm** at a cost of **£5.00**.
- The second slot available is from **3.00pm-5.45pm** at a cost of **£6.50**.
- If your child is staying until **5.45pm**, they will be provided with a hot snack. Hot snacks e.g., 'beans or cheese' on toast.

If you would like your child/children to attend '**Little Pears**' after school club, please contact office@stgprimary.org or ring on 01562 824206.

Please contact us as soon as possible, so we can ensure that we can facilitate your wishes.