

JUNE 2024

NEWSLETTER

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"I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carer

We have had a wonderful June, and the sunshine even came out! June has been filled with so many trips, visitors and events and I feel that the children have truly had some wonderful learning experiences, sometimes beyond the classroom.

The trip to the beach was enjoyed by all the adults and the staff and the weather was kind, not too hot but dry. The Year 6 children buddied up with the Reception children from St George's and Upper Arley and became responsible and kind partners. They enjoyed chatting to them and playing with them in the sand and all the children loved their chips and lollies!

The Year 1 children loved the visit to the farm picking delicious strawberries to take home and share with their families. I've never seen so many red mouths on their return to school!

The Nursery children were in awe as they saw so many animals at the Safari Park and they had to wait patiently for the giraffes to eat their food in front of the coach before they were able to move on.

It makes me so proud when visitors come to school and when children go on trips and the parents, staff and even members of the public contact me to praise the children's behaviour and manners when they are off site.

I would like to thank all the staff for organising all these wonderful events and experiences for your children, for their pre-visits and their thorough risk assessments which ensure that these trips are enjoyable but more importantly safe. The staff at St George's go over and above and often give up their own leisure time to facilitate these events. Miss Mills, together with Mr Harris and Miss Austin had an amazing experience with the children at the Gotta Sing Festival in Redditch. Although they were back at school very late, they were at school bright and early, with smiles on their faces the following day!

We continue to welcome new children to our St George's Family, and it is wonderful to see the current pupils on role supporting our new children with routines, language and modelling positive behaviours and the school rules. This will enable our new children to settle quickly and feel part of our diverse family at St George's.

It is a busy time of year, and I am looking forward to sharing your child's end of year report-they should be proud of their achievements this year.

We are awaiting some end of year statutory assessment data reports-these will be shared with you, together with your child's report. When you receive the report, we would welcome your parent comment slips to be returned to school and if you would like to discuss the content of the report, do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a suitable meeting/telephone consultation time.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at the Summer Fayre or during your child's sport's day.



Headteacher

Attendance June 2024

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

Attendance for the month of June was 93.5%. This is below our target so let's have a big push on attendance in July!

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.

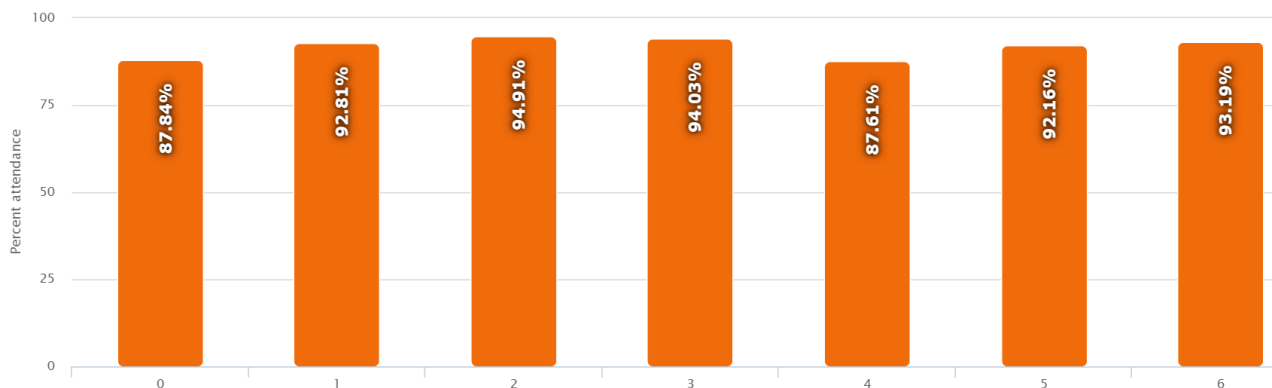
What are we doing to reward good attendance?

We want to celebrate 100% attendance and good class attendance. As part of this, we are rewarding each class with a certificate for meeting our 96% or above target. We will display each class's weekly attendance on a display for the children to see every day in the school hall.

Don't forget that we have two HUGE prizes to give away at the end of the academic year. We are giving away a prize to one child, drawn from a lucky dip, whose attendance has been 100% for the whole academic year. We will also be giving away a prize to one child who have received 100% for the Summer Term. The current prizes are family tickets for the Severn Valley Railway!

Well done to Year 2 for the best attendance in JUNE!

June Attendance



Please see below a table of attendance for each class for the school year so far:

	Summer Term Attendance to date %	Persistent Absence (under 90%)
Rec	90.4%	45.4%
1	94.8%	25%
2	94.6%	17.2%
3	93.5%	25.8%
4	91%	36.4%
5	94.2%	31%
6	93.4%	38%

Summer Reading Challenge!

We had a great assembly from Worcestershire Libraries about a summer reading challenge taking place. You can visit any Worcestershire library to get involved including Kidderminster!

Here is a link to all the information you need!

[Summer Reading Challenge | Worcestershire County Council](#)

THE READING AGENCY

2024

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summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Starts Saturday 6th July



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iRock

We had a fabulous 'musical wow' from iRock! The children got to sing and hear some instruments being played live! Some of the children even got to have a go just like they would if they signed up for lessons and they picked it up really quickly! We are hoping to start our own rock band after the summer holidays but we still need a few more children to sign up! Please see below for more details!

Miss Mills 😊



WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO JOIN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND?

iRock

Book now online
Visit www.irockschool.com/enrol

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Bookings are now open for your child to join their own rock and pop band at school! Enrolling is straightforward, and iRock offers a **first lesson money-back guarantee**

Discover the benefits of band lessons: Not only are they fun, but they also play a significant role in enhancing children's life skills. Lessons focus on boosting confidence, supporting well-being, developing social skills, and even improving academic performance.

How it works:

- There is no experience necessary to join, and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.
- Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar, or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their bandmates in 30-minute weekly lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches, who will guide your child through every session. *Some sessions may take place straight after school.*
- Lessons are available from Reception to Year 11, with children grouped by age. Children can choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.
- Band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, providing a great way to showcase just how far they have come.
- Children in Years 2, 4, and 6 will be enrolled in a Group Performance qualification by RSL.
- Access the iRock parent portal to view your child's band memories, song choices, manage your subscription and much more!

You can subscribe to iRock through our monthly subscription plan, which spans 11 months with no payment required in August. We offer full flexibility, allowing parents to cancel their subscription at any time. By subscribing, you're guaranteed a minimum of 33 lessons throughout a full academic year.

For availability and cost please visit: www.irockschool.com/enrol and search for your school. For any helps please call 0330 174 2655

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin
Founder
iRock School of Music

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“ My daughter is so excited when it's iRock day at school! She loves playing in the band ”
Google Review



Redditch 'Gotta Sing'

On Thursday 13th June choir performed at the Palace Theatre in Redditch for the 'Gotta Sing' event where lots of school and other children's choirs as well as solo performers get a chance to perform. We have been working hard to practise our songs and we took to the stage in front of an audience alongside our friends in the Upper Arley choir. Our friends from The Orchards choir were also there so it was a good night for the Black Pear Trust schools! I was so proud of the children as they sang their hearts out and they behaved well when they were in the wings and watching other schools perform too. It was a great night, and I would like to thank Mr. Harris, Miss Austin and Mrs. Edgington who gave up their evenings to help me chaperone the event!

Unfortunately, we were unable to take pictures of the event but parents of the children who attended should have received password protected links to the video of the performance and photographs of the event too. As per the email you received these are not to be shared with anyone and this includes social media in order to safeguard all the children involved. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Miss Mills 😊

Severn Trent

On Tuesday 25th June Severn Trent came into school and did a whole school assembly to tie into our 'Cool Earth Week'. The children (and adults!) learnt lots of new information about water and we can't wait to welcome them in again. Following on from the assembly Year Three and Year Four also took part in workshops learning about the water cycle building on their science knowledge. Please read the class pages for further information!

Miss Mills 😊

Wonderful Wellbeing After School Club

In wonderful Wellbeing, the children have been learning how to relax and practise simple yoga and Tai Chi exercises, for a healthy body and healthy mind.

We have also been making lots of different mindful crafts; including our Zen Gardens. The children made their own snails to place in their gardens, using marbles and air-drying clay. We have done so many activities whilst relaxing!



NURSERY

We have had a lovely term in Nursery welcoming new children into our class. The children went on a trip to the West midlands Safari Park and experienced a bug encounter. They were given the opportunity to hold a large cockroach, stick insect and a chinchilla.



We visited the dinosaurs - they were huge! We also went around the Safari Park on the coach the lions were the children's favourite animal. A very cheeky giraffe stood in front of the coach and wouldn't move until he had eaten his food .

The children were exceptionally well behaved and at the end of the day one of the children said "that was amazing!"

Nursery have enjoyed completing their Cool Earth Week Passport, litter picking around the school grounds and going on a rainbow walk collecting natural materials eg. red, purple, pink flowers yellow and green leaves to make our own colourful rainbow. We planted sunflower seeds; every child has taken one home to care for and watch it grow. The children have also recycled their own t- shirts by sewing a pear and beads on.



RECEPTION

Reception have had a fabulous start to the second summer term. We have enjoyed revisiting and consolidating our learning on the four seasons; identifying the changes in weather and our outdoor environment, as well as how we can keep ourselves safe in the warmer summer months.

As part of their topic 'What's special about Summer?', the children have also enjoyed learning about the beach. We have noticed and discussed similarities and differences between going to the beach in the past and the present, as well as discussing how we can keep ourselves safe at the beach ahead of our exciting school trip!

We had an absolutely brilliant time at the beach and all were really well-behaved. They certainly made St. George's proud! The children enjoyed building sandcastles, eating chips and ice lollies, as well as playing beautifully with their peers. Here are some photos from our trip!



In writing we have been reading the 'Three Little Pigs' and the children have enjoyed retelling the story with their friends, using repeated refrains like "then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down' and using the construction blocks to build the little pigs houses. Our next text is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and already the children are becoming very familiar with the story, writing about the different steps on the journey to the cave.

We have lots of exciting things coming up over the next couple of weeks, such as the summer fayre, transition morning and sports day. Please can you ensure PE kits are in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Reception Team

Miss Austin, Mrs Brettle, Mrs Hoult and Mrs Jahan 😊

YEAR 1

Year1 have had such a fabulous June!!!

We are all really proud of the children as they have been working really hard on their phonics including getting ready for the Phonics Screening Check. The results will be included in your child's school report.

In Writing we are currently looking at the story of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' and we have enjoyed writing questions to ask the elf as well as describing some beautiful shoes that we designed! Before that, our text was 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and we enjoyed writing instructions on how to plant a bean! (We got to plant beans too!)

In Maths, we are currently looking at fractions! It sounds scary but we are looking at halves and quarters. We know that halves have to have two equal parts – you can't just cut it into two!

We really enjoyed our strawberry picking trip to Bells Farm Shop and Pick Your Own! We got to pick a whole punnet of strawberries each and we got to take them home too! Earlier in the year we learnt about food coming from plants and we got to see this 'in the wild' which was a great experience! We had to hunt under the leaves to find the best strawberries!



We have also been enjoying 'Cool Earth Week' this week! We have made bird feeders, had a 'no paper' day and looked at the effects of an oil spill to name just a few activities we have taken part in! We also used some reused pop bottles to make penguins!



YEAR 2

Year 2 have worked so hard this year and it is really paying off! This half term we really deepened our understanding in maths, writing and reading.

In Writing we have been looking at the book 'Nibbles' and we definitely were in for a treat when Nibbles ate parts of our story so we had to write the rest of the story. He also ruined our school library so we worked very hard to correct this by writing Nibbles a set of instructions which were woven into the school's visible inconsistencies.



In Maths we have been looking at all four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and we have looked at this in terms of measuring in centimetres and metres as well as mass in grams and kilograms. We explored the vocabulary- lighter, heavier, equal to and balance.



In Art, we have been super busy looking at sculptures by Antony Gormley. We explored 'The Angel of the North'. We then explored different properties such as metal, glass, paper and clay to discuss the purpose for each. We then began to create our own sculptures out of clay



I am so proud of how far this class have come this year and how hard they have worked with transition from Year 1 to Year 2. I can't wait to hear all about how they get on in Year 3.

Thank you from the Year 2 Team- Mr Carrette, Miss Steward, Miss Grant and Miss Rogers

YEAR 3

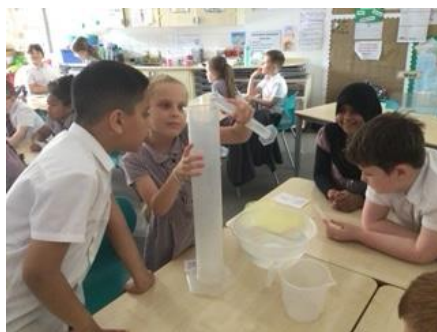
Year 3 have been super busy this half term. In Reading, we have just finished reading *The Queen's Nose* by Dick King-Smith. This has been a firm favourite for a lot the children and they were very enthusiastic about recording their book review this week.

We have been getting creative in art and D.T. In Art, we have been using plasticine and clay to make Egyptian pinch pots and in D.T we have started to make our Egyptian collars. The children have enjoyed practising their running stitch and cross stitch to add applique to their collars. Take a look at some of our fabulous sewing skills below:



In Maths, we are looking at time and although we might be finding it a bit challenging, we are still enjoying practical element of our maths lessons. Over the next few weeks, we will also be looking at statistics and shape.

This week we have loved participating in Cool Earth Week. We enjoyed a lovely assembly and workshop from Severn Trent and have learnt all about how we can help our environment by reducing the amount of water that we use.



On Wednesday, we absolutely loved when the Harriers came in for a penalty shoot-out. We are so proud of all the children that participated!



Miss Powell, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Edgington 😊

YEAR 4

Year 4 have continued to busy themselves with all their learning as we move towards the last few weeks of term. In Reading, we have just finished reading *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo where the children loved the plot twist at the end of the story. In our English lessons we have been writing our own version of the ending to the book 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan and sharing them with each other before finding out how the author finished his story. In Maths, we have completed our unit on fractions and decimals, where we looked at dividing by tens and hundreds and saw how this affected the place value.

In Science, we have continued with our unit on sound and how it can be made louder and quieter and how it travels through the air. In art, we have completed a class piece of art in the style of Keith Haring where every child added their own character. We decided to make the piece around the theme of friendship, and it has made a super display in our intervention area outside the classroom (see photo below). In PE, we have looked at athletics in preparation of sports day and thought about how runners are able to pass the baton successfully in relay races and we have just started to look at the game of cricket.



In Music, we have come to the end of our violin lessons, and we have been using up to three fingers to play a piece of music at different speeds and finishing at the same time. We have also completed our units on Ancient Maya in history and learning about food in our French lessons.

In other areas of our learning, we had a great day out at the Royal three counties show in Malvern where we saw lots of animals getting ready to go into their competitions as well as a bird of prey display and some stunt motorcycles – fortunately the weather was not as bad as they had forecast and we only really had two showers that did not dampen our spirits. More recently we have taken part with the whole school in Cool Earth Week where we completed lessons about renewable energy with a focus on solar energy and we completed an activity each day which focused on Earth and how we can look after it or celebrating what a wonderful place it truly is. Photos below show some of the art we created after a scavenger hunt and things we found out on walks in nature. They also show us doing some of our geography work and maths and English during no paper day and other activities. During this week we also had a visit from Severn Trent and after a whole school assembly we completed a workshop about water consumption where we had to measure out different family's water consumption. We also learnt how we can reduce our water usage by things such as turning off your tap when you brush your teeth, or half filling your bath when you use it to wash. (see photos below)



We have so many exciting things to do over the coming weeks which include the summer fayre, sports day, and leavers assembly so some afternoon lessons could be moving around to accommodate all of these things. Please can PE kits remain in classrooms for the duration of the term, and we will continue to monitor reading at home, which should be at least 5 times a week.

We thank you for your continued support this month and remaining few weeks ahead. If you have any issues or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us at the classroom door or contact us via the school office.

From Mr Roberts and Mrs Smith. 😊



YEAR 5

Year 5 are continuing to work hard and make fantastic progress with their learning.

In Writing, we have been reactivating our history knowledge about the Anglo-Saxons by looking at artefacts found in the Staffordshire hoard. We used our sticky knowledge and research to create museum descriptions with a grammatical focus on relative clauses.

The children worked incredibly hard and persevered to write at length during this topic; this is something that they should all be really proud of!

For our current reading lessons, we have been exploring a wider range of texts and practising how to break down questions to start to support the class with their SATs in Year 6.

We have had multiple opportunities to explore poetry, which included *The Listeners* and *Last Night, I Saw The City Breathing*, the class have enjoyed exploring the vocabulary used in the poems to create clear pictures and sometimes even a sense of mystery.

The class have also started to break down SATs reading papers, it has been good for them to see and practise the questions styles and types that they will come across next year. In our DEAR time at the end of the day, we have still been enjoying texts written by our Year 5 authors as well as *Warrior Cats* texts chosen by the class.

In Maths, we have been working extremely hard again to prepare for Year 6. Most recently we have been learning about the properties of polygons and 3D shapes. During this topic, the class enjoyed getting the 3D shapes out to help them find the faces, vertices and edges.

We have now started our statistics topic exploring coordinates, translating and reflecting. During maths, the class continues to have lots of opportunities to explore solving word problems giving reasons for their methods and answers.

This week we have had Cool Earth Week which the class have thoroughly enjoyed! The children have been engaging in their learning about renewable energy and have used this knowledge to create a green city made from recycled materials. We have also been completing tasks for our Cool Earth Week passports and on Wednesday we enjoyed a no paper day as we ventured outside with whiteboards and chunky chalk.

I have been really pleased with their engagement for Cool Earth Week and I hope the class have had as much fun as I have!



Please ensure your child is reading **5 times a week** and their reading diary is signed and coming into school with them. Please can you ensure they are writing what book they have read as well as the pages that they have read.

Thank you for your continued support.

Keep working hard Year 5! We are proud of you.

Miss Edwards and Miss Moraity

YEAR 6

We've had a very busy month in Year 6! In history, we have been learning about World War Two and looking at the three major turning points: Dunkirk, The Battle of Britain, and D-Day. The children have then used their knowledge to write informative non-chronological reports about these events. The children have donned their swim caps as they have started swimming; they have been building their confidence in the water and working on their strokes! In art, we have created sculptures using an armature (wire skeleton) and mod-roc. We have used the artist Henry Moore as inspiration and based our sculptures on the evolution of humans (our topic in science after Christmas)



The children have started Forest School and have enjoyed making smores by the campfire, creating bug hotels, doing team-building activities and drinking hot chocolate!

Our trip to the beach at Weston-Super-Mare was amazing! The children had a fantastic time building sandcastles, playing cricket, eating chips and ice-cream, and just relaxing in the sun. They very much enjoyed burying me...

The children went to the Citizenship Challenge at the Wyre Forest Fire Station. Here they had very important workshops focusing on: stranger danger and not sharing information; fire safety and what to do in an emergency; water and road safety; knife crime; and safety around electrics. The children's behaviour and engagement was exemplary and they will take this knowledge with them as they go to high school.



We have had a very successful Earth Week at St George's. We learnt about the importance of sustainability and recycling. They thought of what legacy they'd like to leave with to look after the school environment. They took part in activities such as litter picking, grounding themselves, and no paper day. We also completed an audit of the school to determine how eco-friendly it is.

The children have started to have their transition days at their new high school. This is an exciting time, and we have many exciting events coming up to mark the end of their time at St George's. Please continue to support your child during the last few weeks of term; this can be a daunting phase of their lives but they are all ready for their next adventure.

From Mr Atkinson and Miss Adamson

IMPORTANT DATES and REMINDERS

Fri 5th July 2024 – Non School Uniform – Bring a Bottle

Fri 12th July – School Summer Fayre from 3.15pm

Tues 16th July – EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning & Picnic

Tues 16th July – Nursery Celebration Morning -10.30am

Wed 17th July – Nursery Sport Morning

Wed 17th July – KS2 Sports Day & Picnic

Thursday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9.00am

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

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**.



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 **3.15pm**.
- There will be two slots available for the '**Little Pears**'.
- The first slot will run from **3.15pm-4.30pm** at a cost of **£5.00**.
- The second slot available is from **3.15pm-5.30pm** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday **3.15pm-5.15pm** at a cost of **£6.50**.
- If your child is staying until **5.30pm**, 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.

End of Term Dates

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>SCHOOL CLOSSES ON</u>	<u>SCHOOL TED DAY</u>
END OF SUMMER TERM	Friday 19 th July	Monday 22 nd July

School Term Dates September 2024 to July 2025

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>SCHOOL CLOSSES ON</u>	<u>SCHOOL TED DAYS</u>	<u>SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON</u>
AUTUMN TERM 2024		Monday 2 nd September	
		Tuesday 3 rd September	Wednesday 4 th September
		Friday 27 th September	Monday 30 th September
AUTUMN HALF TERM	Thursday 24 th October	Friday 25 th October	Monday 4 th November
CHRISTMAS	Friday 20 th December		Monday 6 th January 2025
SPRING HALF TERM	Thursday 13 th February	Friday 14 th February	Monday 24 th February
EASTER	Thursday 10 th April	Friday 11 th April	Monday 28 th April
MAY DAY	Monday 5 th May		Tuesday 6 th May
SUMMER HALF TERM	Thursday 22 nd May	Friday 23 rd May	Monday 2 nd June
END OF SUMMER TERM	Friday 18 th July		