



The school has been in fine voice this week, with fluffy cauliflowers and roasted potatoes meaning it must be HARVEST time. The children are all busy preparing something special to perform at the Harvest Festival on Wednesday 12th October at 2pm. We hope you will be able to join us. The children in Foxes will then be manning the fresh produce stall in the playground after school. For those of you new to St George's this is an annual event with the children selling all the fresh produce which has been donated as part of our Harvest Festival. The money raised goes towards a charity chosen by our school council. We are also collecting packets and tins for the Gillingham Food Bank. Please bring all donations into school on Wednesday morning.

Don't forget on Monday we will be taking part in the "Hello Yellow" Day in support of young people's mental health. Children are invited to come to school wearing yellow in return for a small donation. This can be as simple as yellow socks, a yellow ribbon in your hair, or a full yellow outfit! All money raised goes to the Young Minds Charity.

Autumn is certainly here and the days have been getting chillier. We endeavour to get out in all weathers so please make sure your child comes into school with a coat so that we can spend as much time outside as possible – thank you.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

Jill

Harvest Festival

Please join us on **Wednesday 12th October 2pm** in St George's Church to celebrate Harvest Festival. Each Class will be taking Part.



We welcome donations for the Gillingham Food Bank this year as well as fresh produce.

Following on from the service in Church, Foxes will be holding a Market Stall on the playground at 3:15pm selling all the fresh produce which has been donated. The donated money will go towards a charity which the school council have chosen.

Donations of: SPONGE PUDDINGS, RICE PUDDING, BISCUITS, TOMATO KETCHUP, TINNED POTATOES, SAVOURY TREATS, JAM, PASTA, BEANS, SOUP, TOMATOES, PASTA SAUCE, VEGETABLES, and CEREAL will be gratefully received.

Forgotten School Kit/Equipment. We are getting a lot of phone calls and messages throughout the day with parents dropping off forgotten school items such as water bottles and PE kits so to make it easier for all concerned from there is a waterproof box by the main school gate for parents to drop off forgotten items.

A member of staff will come out and empty the box throughout the morning. We hope this makes it easier for you and for us.

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 7/10/2022

Charlie M (Hedgehogs) – Excellent participation in Geography.

Annabelle B (Squirrels) – Showing kindness.

Rafferty O & Percy O (Squirrels) – For being super kind.

Vita MW (Badgers) – For writing her own recount of the class trip.

Chloe B (Foxes) – for demonstrating our Christian Value of Perseverance when solving Maths problems.

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 7/10/2022

Hattie J - for being Have a go Hyena

Imogen C - for being a Persevering Penguin

Logen W - a for being a Persevering Penguin

Aralynne M - a for being a Persevering Penguin

Scarlett MW - for being a Teamwork Tiger

Ivy N - for being a Teamwork Tiger

Alexander E - for being a Planning Panda



Well Done!

Pupil of the week

Week ending: 7/10/2022

Hedgehogs: Mykhailo K

Squirrels: Niamh M

Badgers: Bea M

Foxes: Rory M & Dexter D

Birthdays



Jacob (10)

Charlie M (5)

Harry R (9)

Eliza M (8)

Many Happy Returns

Attendance

Week ending 7/10/22

Hedgehogs – 97.2%

Squirrels – 94.6%

Badgers – 96%

Foxes – 96.3%

This week the winners are

HEDGEHOGS



Achievements Out of School

Each week we celebrate the children's achievements outside of school. Please let us know if you would like a mention in the newsletter.

Congratulations to Isabelle T for winning the Gymstar Award at Port Regis.

Well done!



House Point Scores

Sandways

513

Chaffeymoor

396

Queen Oak

473

Starting School



Children due to start school for the first time September 2023

If your child has a DOB 1 September 2018 – 31 August 2019 and is due to start school for the first time in September 2023 you should apply on-line

www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions for their school place or via your home county school's admission page if you do not live in Dorset. Creating an account is simple and you will be able to view the outcome online on offer day 17 April 2023. You will also receive full information of the outcome in a letter emailed on offer day.

If you require a paper application form, please call admissions on 01305 221060.

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2023**

Safeguarding

Part of a school's safeguarding responsibility is managing the attendance of every child at school. If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office before 9am that morning.

Attendance is monitored very closely and this includes identifying when a child is late for school as we know that this can have a negative impact on the child's learning as well as their self-confidence and/or level of anxiety.

Later on this half term we will be making contact with families to share if we have concerns regarding a child's attendance. Nevertheless, if you are currently facing challenges in this area then please do speak to us as we are able to offer a variety of different support strategies which we hope will help you if you are facing this challenge.

Dates for your Diary

10 th Oct	Wear Yellow Day
12 th Oct	Individual School Photographs
12 th Oct	Harvest Festival 2pm St George's Church
12 th Oct	Full Governing Board Meeting
14 th Oct	Hedgehogs assembly 2:40pm
18 th Oct	House Reward afternoon
18 th Oct	Book Fayre in School
21 st Oct	PTFA Spooky Disco 5-5.45pm KS1 6-7pm KS2
22-30 th Oct	Scarecrow Trail around Bourton
24-28 th Oct	HALF TERM Holiday
31 st Oct	Term 2 starts
7-10 th Nov	Parent Consultation meetings
14-18 th Nov	Antibullying week
Week beg: 7 th Nov	Parent Evening Meetings
22 nd Nov	Anxiety Parent Meeting 2:15-3pm

NUT FREE SCHOOL



Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school. Please ensure your child does not have any nut products in their lunchbox—this includes Chocolate/nut spread in sandwiches and cereal bars which contain nuts. We have children in school with severe Peanut Allergies.

Reading at St George's

Junior Librarians

Mrs Toy put out a final reminder this week for Junior Librarians. If you would like to become a school librarian don't forget you have until Monday to bring in your book review. Let Mrs

Toy know which book is your favourite and why. A big thank you this week to Rory and Dexter

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

We are very aware that the current national economic situation is making finances very tight for many families. Therefore, we wanted to remind people to consider if your child(ren) might be entitled to Free School Meals.



Please see if you are eligible for free school meals and further financial support here:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/pupil-premium.aspx>

If your child(ren) qualifies it entitles them not only to receive a free lunch in school every day, it also means that as a school we receive extra funding for your child(ren) called Pupil Premium. This is money that we spend on supporting your child(ren)'s learning in class and on other things within the school that will benefit their education and development more widely. For example, we subsidise school trips and residentials, we use it to pay for children to receive music lessons, and to attend after school clubs which incur an additional cost. In recent times it has also entitled families to food vouchers during the school holidays.

All the children in Reception and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) receive a free school meal already through the Government Universal Free School Meal system, but if you feel that your family could qualify, please complete the application process in order for the additional Pupil Premium funding to be released to school for your child.

If you would like support completing the application form or have any questions, please get in touch with us at school.

Do you know about...

free school meals

Dorset Council

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If your child qualifies for free school meals, they will have a **healthy meal every school day**, and can get:

- access to **free holiday clubs**
- **extra money for their school** towards more teachers and activities

You could save over £450 a year!

It's easy to find out if you qualify - complete our confidential checker at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals) or phone **01305 221090**

Pupil Premium

If your child is in reception to year 2 and you receive qualifying benefits, **you could get extra £££'s for your school!**

Apply for the Pupil Premium at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium)

Hedgehogs News

Sorry, but due to Ms Ramage being poorly, there is no Hedgehogs News this week.

Hopefully double next week.

Squirrels News

What an exciting week! We teamed up with Hedgehogs and had an imaginary trip around the world during our Geography session. It was very exciting. The children were given 'passports', split into different groups and moved from 'continent' to 'continent' completing different tasks or sampling foods from that continent. The children enjoyed: 'shrimps on the barbie' in Australia; learning about paddy fields and eating rice with chopsticks in Asia; making and drinking a banana smoothie from South America; printing with yams in Africa and playing with the cold ice and penguins in Antarctica! It was a very long journey!

In English the children planned and wrote their own stories based on the book Piranhas don't eat Bananas. I look forward to reading them all. In maths we have been partitioning numbers, understanding the place value of the tens and ones and the Year 2s have been looking at flexible partitioning. In handwriting, we have moved on to the one-armed robot letters (r, n, m, h, b, p). In Art, we made our own salt dough following some instructions and then created our own pot using the coil pot method. The pots have been baked ready to be painted next week

Mrs Toy and Mrs Tyler 😊



Badgers News

In Badgers this week, we edited and published our recounts of visiting the Roman baths. We also started our new English unit, focusing on portal stories. We drew images of the new world to go with the portal story, Elf Road, using the expanded noun phrases to help.

In History, we continued thinking about the Roman baths and designed our own bath house and produced a leaflet to introduce this. We included the three main types of baths along with other facilities available.

In Science, we are continuing to look at healthy diets and this week we were looking at how many teaspoons of sugar were in 100 grams of some of our favourite snacks. They looked at bags containing sugar which were weighed out in teaspoons and then had to match the bag of sugar to food packaging, estimating how many teaspoons a snack contained per 100g. The children were quite surprised by the huge amount of sugar in certain things compared to others that they thought would contain more.

In PE, we are practising to land safely when jumping from benches and using other skills learned to vary jumps and link together into a sequence which we will be performing to music.

Thanks.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

Foxes News

Yesterday, the children in Foxes visited Gillingham School to participate in a Spark Science festival organised by Merck. The children had great fun learning about different areas of science. Firstly, we spent time in the Planetarium and learnt all about light including where light comes from, how light travels in straight lines and how light reflects of everything. Next, we went to The Cube for a session about microbiology and the children enjoyed looking through microscopes and creating their own mixtures. Finally, we went to the laboratory and learnt about soil microorganisms and how the choices that farmers make can impact on the crops that they grow. The children had great fun using Lego to build their crops.

In Forest School with Ms. Rankin, the children nailed together the parts of the nesting boxes they started making last week. The children found it quite challenging but were “Persevering Penguins” as they showed great levels of persistence with the precise hammering. We now have seven, almost finished, painted bird boxes to put up in the Forest School Area – keep an eye out for them on your next visit. Mr. Abbott

