



Huge congratulations to our Year 6 children who have worked so hard putting all their learning into practise this week in their end of Key Stage assessments. We have been extremely proud of the way in which the children have taken these tasks on board, especially after two years of interrupted learning. We could not have asked for more, they did us and you proud. A big thank you from the children goes to Mr Abbott who coordinated and led the SATs breakfasts this week – toast, juice and croissants served every morning! Well done to all the children and staff involved.

Next week our Year 2 children will also be undertaking their end of Key Stage 1 SATs papers. These are entirely different to the Year 6 papers. They are completed in a totally different manner, in fact the children are often unaware that they have done them. The papers are completed in normal class circumstances and are marked in school by our own staff. The children's end of year assessments are derived by taking the teacher assessment of the class teacher, with the SAT results used to support this.

During the first week in June, the Year 1 children will also complete the phonics screening check. This is a "test" to see how well the children have developed their phonic skills over the first two years of learning in school. The "test" is made up of real words and alien words; words that are made up to see how the children apply their pure phonic skills.

This year for the first time, the Year 4 children will be completing a Times Tables Check as well. The check will take place after the half term holiday and will see how their times table learning has gone. The check will test the children on multiplication and division facts up to 12x12. This is the first year that every Year 4 child in the country will complete the check, so it is a bit of an unknown!

All of these assessments are for the single purpose of allowing the Department for Education to judge the effectiveness of the school, they have little impact on the children's progress and we will make sure that they effect the children's everyday school lives as little as possible.

At St George's we celebrate how all of our children shine in different ways! We are proud of our full, broad and balanced curriculum on offer for all our children and are keen to develop fond memories for all our children during their time with us.

Swimming Pool

You may have noticed that last night a group of Swimming Pool Elves worked tirelessly cleaning the pool. A huge thank you to them all. It now needs a coat of paint to freshen it up before being refilled so if you can spare some time on **Monday 16th May from 5pm** please come along to help. Even if you can only spare half an hour, many hands make light work! We are extremely lucky to have our own Swimming Pool at St George's and we do rely on volunteers help get it up and running as well as supporting the lessons each week. If you are able to help please look out for a Swimming Volunteer Information letter with a link to let us know if you can help. *Help is needed in all classes so if you are only available on certain days please check where help is needed.*

Playground Equipment: As tempting as I know it is for children to play on the playground equipment in the front playground, we ask that you support the school in not allowing children to use/climb on the playground equipment after school or whilst waiting for siblings to be collected. The equipment is for school use only under the supervision of school staff. Thank you.

Forest School Plea

Do you have any old waterproofs that your child has now grown out of? We are looking at putting together a school set for emergencies and would be grateful for any donations.

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 06/05/2022

Willow (Hedgehogs) – *Apologies this was missed out last week*

Week ending: 13/05/2022

Lilly (Hedgehogs) – for always wanting to learn and contribute to lessons.

Ethan (Squirrels) – for super writing of an overcoming the monster story.

Kenan & Alfie-Jack (Badgers) – for being superstars and teaching Mrs Shears the ukulele.

ALL OF YEAR SIX (Foxes) – for being superstars during their SATs.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 13/05/2022

Finley for being a Noticing Newt

Joey for being a Planning Panda

Harry F for being a Concentrating Camel

Annabel B for being a Reasoning Robin

Alexander for being a Concentrating Camel

Karis for being a Concentrating Camel

Well Done



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 13/05/2022

Hedgehogs: William

Squirrels: Jemima

Badgers: Leo

Foxes: Emily

Well done

Bronze Star Awards

Week ending: 13/05/22



Dolly (Y3), Elsie-Brooke (Y3)

Harry F (Y3), Leo (Y3)

Sophie R (Y3), Chloe (Y3),

Annella (Y4), Bluebell (Y4)

Ed (Y4), Elliot T (Y4)

Alfie-Jack (Y4), Kenan (Y4)

Congratulations

Birthdays



Ernest (8), Jessica (9)
Honie-May (11), Alfie-Jack (9)

Many Happy Returns

Silver Star Awards

Week ending: 13/05/22

Emilia (Y1), Isabelle (Y4)

Well done



Achievements Out of School

Well done to Lilly (YrR) who passed her stage two swimming badge

Attendance

Week ending 13/05/22

Hedgehogs – 89.6%

Squirrels – 82.2%

Badgers – 93.6%

Foxes – 93.8%

This week the winners are

Foxes



House Point Scores

Sandways

512

Chaffeymoor

505

Queen Oak

542

Hedgehogs News

This week in Hedgehogs, we were very excited to see that some of our beans have started to grow from our science lessons. We have been really good at remembering to water them, ensuring they were in the best spot for sun! This week in English, the year 1s have been writing their very own story for conquering a monster. The receptions have been thinking about their own monster and how he may feel or act. They are all very scary! In maths we have been thinking about our number bonds, reception have been working on number bonds to ten while the year ones have been doing to twenty. We have also been trying to practice adding by putting our number in our head and counting on. For forest school, the children walked to Mrs Rankins house. On their way they learnt about and picked wild flowers. They even got to walk through the bluebell wood. The children carefully picked and tasted wild garlic leaves along with pesto with pasta made with these. They were very brave trying new things and many had extra portions!

We hope the sun shines and you have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls



Squirrels News

In Squirrels we have been super Planning Pandas this week. We have planned our own 'Overcoming the Monster' story and then written it. We have continued to work on sentence punctuation, including full-stops, question marks and exclamation marks. The Year 2s have also tried to include some inverted commas (speech marks). I am looking forward to reading the stories to share with you in our assembly. We have also been planning our salads for a friend. We interviewed our friends to find out their favourite vegetables and designed a salad plate based around their choices. In maths, we have moved on to subtraction, revising using tens and ones as well as the rekenreks. We also worked hard to subtract crossing the tens boundary by using a variety of resources. Year 2s have also represented this using pictorial representations of tens and ones. In PE we have been learning the basic striking, sending and receiving skills. We practised throwing and catching to ourselves first before throwing and catching to each other. We then applied the skills in a mini game using our hand as the bat. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

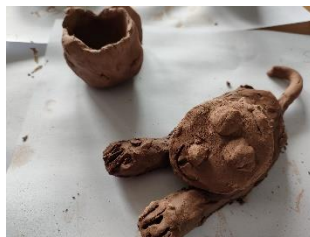
Mrs Toy & Mrs Milsom



Badgers News

In Badgers this week we have been detectives! We used images of items which were found in Ancient Egyptians tombs and we found out what they were. Then we had to decide which Ancient Egyptian person they belonged to. In English we wrote a non-chronological text thinking carefully about the order of our sentences and joining our ideas with conjunctions. We wrote about what Ancient Egyptians wore and ate, and what their homes were like. We also had our second ukulele lesson. We learnt to play a few new notes and have started to play 'Catch a falling star'. Our music teacher, Mrs Ely, was very impressed at our great concentrating and how quickly we picked it up. In Science, we have been learning about skeletons and their functions. We have discussed the various types: endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydrostatic skeletons. We have also been discussing which creatures have particular types of skeletons and why. In Maths with Mrs Welshman, we have been looking at perimeter and area. In particular counting squares which will lead us on to calculating the area of shapes.

Mrs Shears & Mrs Welshman



Foxes News

It has been a bit different this week in Foxes. Year Six completed their SATs and were superstars - I am extremely proud of all of them. The Years Fives have been amazing too, working hard on their mini David Attenborough projects. First, they researched his life and found out lots of different facts about him. Next, they used this information to create detailed leaflets all about him before they finally created PowerPoints on the computer.

In Forest School with Ms Rankin, the children foraged for wild garlic before tasting it. Then in groups they made a wild garlic pesto and added other ingredients, before they sat around the camp fire and had wild garlic pesto and pasta.

Finally, in PE we continued with our cricket unit of work. The children practised hitting for distance and into space so that they could amass as many runs between the wickets as they could. There was lots of superb hitting as well as some great fielding too.

Mr Abbott



Key Assessment Dates for the term ahead:

Monday 16th May - Friday 19th May KS1 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) - Year 2

Tuesday 7th June - Friday 10th June KS1 Statutory Phonics Screening - Year 1

Tuesday 7th June – Friday 10th June KS2 Statutory Times Tables Screening - Year 4

If you have any questions, please contact your class teacher.

Dates for your Diary

w/c 16 th May	KS1 SATs ~ Yr2
17 th May	Yr3/4 Tennis Festival @ Port Regis School 7pm PTFA Meeting at The White Lion
19 th May	Class Photographs
20 th May	Squirrels Assembly
23 rd –27 th May	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
27 th May	Achievement Assembly in Church PTFA Tuck Shop
30th May – 3rd June – Summer Half Term	
6 th June	School Closed
w/c 7 th June	KS1 Phonics Screening ~ Yr1 KS2 Times Table Screening ~ Yr4
8 th June	Athletics Competition @ Yeovil
14 th June	YrR – School Nurse visit 6pm New Parents Meeting
15 th June	New Starters Story time session
20 th -24 th June	Sports Week
21 st June	Governors FB Meeting
23 rd June	Sports Day
27 th June	1.30-3pm New starters session
29 th June	Yr6 to Okehampton
5 th July	Yr6 Leavers Service @ Salisbury Cathedral
6 th July	Yr4/5 to Leeson House Gillingham School Yr6 Transition Day St George's Transition Day 9am-12 noon New starters session
11 th July	1.30-3pm New starters session
21 st July	Yr6 Leavers Service Last day of Summer Term - 1.30pm finish

Additional Bank Holiday

Please remember that Monday 6th June is an additional Bank Holiday for us, so school will be closed. As the Jubilee Bank Holiday falls during half term, we were given an additional day to take at our discretion.

Covid Update

Thank you once again for everything you have done so far over the last two years to keep us all safe. It really is very much appreciated. The latest Government advice for schools, and the NHS, states that should you test positive for Covid, then:

Adults should: stay at home and avoid contact with others for 5 days and avoid meeting people at higher risk of Covid for 10 days.

Children should: stay at home and avoid contact with others for 3 days.

If they are well and do not have a temperature after 3 days, there is a much lower risk that they will pass on Covid to others.

As testing is not as readily available, then please continue to be extra vigilant. Thank you so much for all your support.

Next week we welcome Ms Karen Buttress to our staff team as a teaching assistant. She will mainly be working in Foxes Class alongside Mr Abbott and Mrs Moores. We are very much looking forward to her joining our team and hope she will be very happy working with us.

Holiday Requests

I am getting quite a few holiday forms with families asking for term time leave. I'm afraid that this is something that will almost always go down as an unauthorised absence and may lead to involvement by the attendance officer and ultimately incur a fine if coupled with poor attendance anyway. Whilst I totally understand the predicament of costly holidays during school holiday periods (as someone that has never really left school, having taught in schools since leaving university!), I would urge you to fit holidays into the 13 weeks of the year that the children are on holiday.

I know that for some there have been difficulties with rescheduled holidays due to Covid, but as limitations appear to be diminishing, so too should the necessity to book holidays during term time. Thank you for your understanding.



Bourton Jubilee Fun Dog Show



Sunday 5th June

(in the grounds of St Georges Church)

Entries from 1.30pm Judging 2.15pm
Classes to include Fancy Dress Dog + Handler
Best Sausage Catcher

Dogs must be kept under strict control any damage caused to others is the owners responsibility

Further enquiries 01747 840141

Our meal supplier, Chartwells, are providing a special 'Jubilee' lunch on Thursday 26th May. Don't forget School Meals are free for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

The meal ordering website will be updated with this themed day and previous bookings made by parents will automatically transfer to the themed menu items.

The cut-off point for ordering meals for Thursday 26th May is **Sunday 15th May 2022**, please find the website link: www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk

JUBILEE DAY!

Chartwells
So much more than Fantastic Food

£ 2.40

What a party! It's time to celebrate with your favourite party food!
Join us on
26/05/22

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JUBILEE DAY!

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So much more than Fantastic Food

MAINS

Chilled Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Mini Sausage Roll
Mini Vegetable Quiche
Cucumber and Tomatoes

DESSERTS

Jubilee Cup Cake
Or
Fresh Fruit

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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 Nut Allergies.



Hedgehogs are looking for some wicker type baskets/wooden baskets to store equipment in their new maths area within the classroom.

They need to fit on a shelf which is 30cms deep.

Thank you.





WRAPAROUND CLUBS

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ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



CLUBS
Breakfast Club

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07:45 - 08:45 (£4.50)

Book the same day for the whole term (£4.25 per session)

WHAT'S INCLUDED?
We combine a healthy, nutritious breakfast meal with fun & exciting activities that include sport, adventure and discovery.

HOW TO BOOK
We have an easy to use online booking portal where you can make and amend bookings.
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PAYMENT TYPES
We accept card payments, childcare vouchers, tax-free childcare payments and universal credits.

We are also able to accept pupil premium registered children if agreed with the school.





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Artwork to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, Gillingham Library is calling for local children to submit artwork depicting events during her reign for display in the Library. There will be a book prize awarded.



Gillingham Library

**Deadline for entries:
6.00pm on Friday 27 May**

Please put your name, age and guardian's telephone/mobile number

For more information ☎ **01747 822180**

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Bunting and Glorious Crowns

Join us to make Bunting to decorate Gillingham Library to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



Gillingham Library

Tuesday 31 May

10.30am - 11.30am

Limited places, booking essential phone:

For more information ☎ **01747 822180**

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Big Moments of summer fun!




Mere CC and Kilmington & Stourton CC are excited to announce that the All Stars Programme is open for registration.

A fun 8-week summer activity programme for children aged 5-8 years old! A place to learn new skills and meet new friends playing a fun new sport and activities! Every child that registers receives a great personalised kit bundle when signing up! Including a bat, ball, bag and t-shirt!

Join us at: Mere Cricket Club, Duchy Manor Field, Springfield Road, Mere, BA12 6EW
Session dates: Every Saturday from May 14th - July 2nd, 10-11am

For more information or to register please contact your Lead Activator: Brida Skipworth
Email: merccwllts@gmail.com Phone: 07500 938688

Register online at:
<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/83152eec-af67-44a0-8ead-3fb42e065711>



BADMINTON TRIALS

Dorset Badminton Association and Community Badminton are holding **BADMINTON TRIALS** for County Squads & Community Sessions on:

SATURDAY 21st MAY

Where:

LeAF Academy, Duck Lane Bournemouth (use entrance marked AFC Bournemouth)

Time:

11am-12pm - Ages 7-10

12pm-1pm - Ages 11-13

1pm-2pm - Ages 14-16

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

Book your place online today:

<https://bookwhen.com/cb-dorset>



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