



Change of school start time from September 2022

Our school day currently starts at 8:50am.

From September we are moving the start time to **8:45am**. The gates will open at 8:40am. This is to ensure we are meeting the DfE requirements of providing a school week of at least 32.5 hours. We will continue with a finish time of 3:15pm.

I can hardly believe we only have 3 weeks left of this academic year – where has the time gone. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were welcoming our current reception children into school for their visits and here we are already welcoming next year's Reception intake.

We have had an incredibly busy week in school with lots of activities. On Wednesday we waved our Year 6 children off as they headed to Okehampton for their residential. We have received regular updates and it looks like they have had an amazing time. They have been rock climbing, cycling, gorge scrambling and they even completed a high ropes challenge. Mrs Shears has messaged me a few times letting me know how incredibly proud she is of the children. They have been fabulous teamwork tigers, showing such care and support towards each other and there have been plenty of giggles. By the time you read this we will have welcomed them back. I am sure there are plenty of parents ready for a big hug and 15 children ready for a good night's sleep! We will give a full report in next week's newsletter when the children can give their feedback and we can download all the photos. Head to our school twitter account if you want a sneak preview of some photos. A huge, big thank you must go to Mrs Shears and Mrs Moores for accompanying the children. I think they will be looking forward to a restful weekend.

Next week we will be waving off our Year 4 and 5 children as they head off to Leeson House on their transition residential as the new Foxes for next year. They have lots of amazing team building activities planned.

I wish you all a lovely weekend – here is hoping the sun will make an appearance.

Jill

A big thank you to Mr Phillips and Mr Myerscough Walker for their perseverance and support in fixing the swimming pool cover for us. We are extremely grateful.

PTFA meeting - Tuesday 12th July @ 7.30pm

Please come along and support our school. During the meeting we will be discussing the forthcoming Party in the Park event along with events for the new school year. If you can't make the meeting but have some ideas for fundraising to share, please contact either the school office, Mrs Farndale or any member of the PTFA before the meeting.

Current Vacancies

We have current vacancies for a mid-day supervisor, kitchen assistant, admin officer and additional part time TA for Hedgehogs. If you are interested in the details of any of these vacancies, please contact the school office.

Tri-Golf after school club is cancelled on Monday 4th July as Mrs Farndale is out of school
KS2 Athletics after school club is cancelled on Thursday 7th July as
Mr Abbott is on a residential visit

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 01/07/2022

Charlie (Hedgehogs) – for approaching everything with 100% effort and a smile on his face.

Ethan (Squirrels) – for always trying his best in everything he does and for always being polite.

Sophie B (Badgers) – for being such a good role model both in class and on the playground.

Phoebe S (Foxes) – for her creative and imaginative sentence writing in English.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 01/07/2022

Jasmine for being a Persevering Penguin

James for being a Teamwork Tiger

Leo for being a Persevering Penguin

Reuben for being a Reviewing Rabbit

Laila for being a Questioning Queen Bee



Well Done



Silver Award

Week ending 01/07/22



Alice (Y1)
Finley (Y1)
Rafferty (Y1)

Well Done

Pupil of the week

Week ending: 01/07/2022

Hedgehogs: **Willow**

Squirrels: **Oliver**

Badgers: **Madison**

Foxes: **Sonny**

Well done

Birthdays



Halle (5), Dolly (8)
Dulcie (7), Robyn (8)
Oscar (11), Mrs Toy

Many Happy Returns

Achievements outside of School

Congratulations to Jessica who has achieved her stage 8 in swimming.

Attendance

Week ending 01/07/22

Hedgehogs – 92.8%

Squirrels – 92.6%

Badgers – 97.9%

Foxes – 97.1%

This week the winners are

Badgers



House Point Scores

Sandways

685

Chaffeymoor

627

Queen Oak

524

Hedgehogs News

We have had a very busy week this week and the children have adapted brilliantly towards some changes to our normal routine. The Year 1s got to go on a very exciting sports trip and did a great job at showing off how fantastic the children at St George's are. On this day, the reception children got to experience lots of different maths activities and had a lovely time using practical resources to support their learning. Since sports day, we have had some very keen runners trying their best at completing as many laps as they could around the track. I think they may be looking forward to competing in the relay for KS2! This week in Geography we were identifying features of a beach. This included human and physical features. The Year 1s had to choose which was a physical or human feature, while the reception children were choosing what should and shouldn't live on the beach.

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



Squirrels News

What an exciting week we had in Squirrels! On Tuesday all of Year 1 and 2 joined other schools at Milton-on-Stour School to do Mini Olympics. We tried to do our best in different activities led by Sports Leaders (some of which were former students of St George's!). We ran as fast as we could, perfected our aim at throwing a bean bag and jumped over some really high hurdles. We had a fantastic day filled with fun and laughter. A really big thank you to all the parents who were able to help out with the transport.

Mrs Toy & Mrs Milsom



Badgers News

In Badgers this week, we enjoyed painting our modroc volcanoes. Again, we worked really well as a team and each volcano is different. We are looking forward to erupting them next week. We are continuing to make great progress in our swimming. Some of us working on breaststroke and back crawl and everyone increasing their stamina. In Science this week, we have been learning about non-newtonian fluids. The children have been investigating with cornflour and water, thinking about the properties that this matter shares with both liquids and solids. We have also learnt about the water cycle, using the terms evaporation, condensation and precipitation, and making beautiful posters. In Forest school the children celebrated 'International Mud Day' in a variety of dirty but satisfying ways! Those that preferred to stay clean learnt how to do needle felting.

Mrs Shears & Mrs Welshman

Foxes News

It has been a quiet week in Foxes with half of the class away on residential in Okehampton - I hope they've all had a fantastic time and I look forward to hearing all about it.

In Maths we have been focussing on coordinates. Coordinates are two numbers that locate a specific point on a grid, known as a coordinate plane. The children have been reading, plotting, reflecting and translating in the first and second quadrant and all been "concentrating camels".

This week in Forest School, the children in Foxes went to Brickyard cottage and went pond dipping. The results were fabulous. The children discovered lots of different types of creature including: newts of different kinds, water boatmen, pond skaters, water lice, frogs and tadpoles. The children were careful of themselves near the water and treated the fantastic wildlife respectfully. Well done Foxes.

Mr Abbott



September 2022 Preparations

As we approach the end of an academic year, we also find ourselves making important plans to prepare for the next term ahead. I am pleased that I am now in a position to be able to confirm our staffing structure with you for next year.

Hedgehogs: Mrs Ramage
Squirrels: Mrs Toy and Mrs Tyler
Badgers: Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman
Foxes: Mr Abbott

Ms Rankin and Mrs Milsom will be continuing to cover Forest School sessions and PPA time.

The children will obviously also be supported by our fabulous team of teaching assistants.

On Wednesday 6th July, all children will spend the morning in their September classes. Our current Year 6 children will be visiting their secondary schools on this day and we will also have our new reception starters joining us for the morning. The morning will give staff and children a chance to get to know each other and find out more about the topics planned for the following year. I am sure they will also do some creative work ready to create a classroom display in September!

We will sadly be saying 'good bye' to Mrs Hudson, Mr Oxton and Mrs Waters at the end of this term.

Mrs Hudson has worked at St George's as the admin officer for 23 years. She is the person everyone goes to, to find where something is. Mrs Hudson has also supported our school Governors in her role as Clerk to the Governors for many years. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Hudson for all she has done for St George's School and we wish her the very best for the next chapter of her life spending some of her time looking after her Granddaughter.

Mr Oxton has worked with us for the last year as a 1:1 teaching assistant, forest school assistant and midday supervisor. He will be leaving us at the end of the term and is looking forward to taking up some of the hobbies he hasn't had time for this last year. We wish him all the best for his future.

Mrs Waters has worked with us for over 3 years as a mid-day supervisor and more recently as our kitchen supervisor. She has dished up everyone's lunch with a smile on her face every day. Mrs Waters is moving to a new school nearer her home. We wish her all the best for her future.

Even though we have only got 3 weeks left of this term they are jam packed with activities:



Year 6 Leavers Service at Salisbury Cathedral: On Tuesday 5th July our Year 6 children will be heading to Salisbury Cathedral with Mrs Farndale and Mrs Moores to take part in the Salisbury Diocese Leavers Service.



Transition Day: On Wednesday 6th July the children will all spend the morning with their class for September. Our new Reception children will also be joining us for the morning. The Year 6 will be spending the day at their new Secondary Schools.



Year 4/5 Residential Trip: as Part of our transition plan the Year 4/5s (Next Year's Foxes) are heading off to Leeson House for a three-day residential. As Mr Abbott and Mrs Welshman are accompanying the children to Leeson House, the Year 6 children will be taught by Mrs Hillier on Thursday and Mrs Farndale on Friday. The Year 3 children will be taught by Mrs Shears and then Mrs Farndale.



Monday 11th July: Oliver Betts is running a Handball taster session with each class. This is a club that will be on offer in September.



Monday 11th July: Our new reception children will be in school for the afternoon and they will be introduced to their Year 6 buddies.



Wednesday 13th July: we are sending a group of children to compete in the Gillingham Area Schools Swimming Gala.

Thursday 14th July: St George's Swim Gala returns! After missing this event due to Covid we are pleased to announce our Swim Show and Swim Gala will be returning.

Hedgehogs and Squirrels will be showcasing their swimming as part of a swim show from 10:30am. Parents, and grandparents are invited to come and sit by the pool to watch the children share some of the things they have been learning in the pool this term.

Badgers and Foxes will then take part in a House Team Swimming Gala in the afternoon. Again, parents and grandparents are invited to come along to watch. The competition will begin at 1:30pm.



Thursday 14th July: Wear your home clothes day in exchange for a jar filled with sweets for the tombola which will be held at the Party in the Park



Friday 15th July: Party in the Park. 5pm Everyone welcome to come along to a fun filled evening. There will be entertainment, an obstacle course and a tombola stall but mainly an opportunity to come together again to celebrate the end of the school year. Bring your own picnic if you wish.



Monday 18th July: End of Year reports will be sent home.



Monday 18th July: Foxes End of Year Talent Show 2pm. Foxes will be entertaining us and showcasing their talents – everyone welcome to come along to watch.





Tuesday 19th July: Foxes Sailing Trip to the Andrew Simpson Centre in Portland.



Wednesday 20th July: Whole School End of Year House Team Water Fight on the field. The children need to bring swim wear, a change of clothing and a towel (we do get very wet) they are also asked to bring in their own NAMED water pistol.



Thursday 21st July: 9:30am Year 6 Leavers Service. This will be held outside on the field (weather permitting) or in the hall if not. Parents and family of Year 6 are invited to come along as we celebrate their achievements during primary school. We will provide the tissues!!!



Thursday 21st July: 1:30pm End of the School Year

Friday 22nd July INSET day for staff.



We have been notified of a case of Headlice in school, please check your child/ren over the weekend. Thank you.



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 Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
 NEW underwear for men,
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10th July

On Bryan Young Community Field

Field open from 12:30pm

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Mini sports day starts at 1:30pm

BBQ available/ BYO picnic

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