



St George's C of E School

FRIDAY NEWS

8th July 2022

Oh, my goodness time is flying! There is sometimes a view that the summer term in schools is relaxed, and everyone is winding down to the holidays enjoying long sunny days! If ever there was a week that put paid to this, it was this week. Due to the fact we have had a number of staff out of school this week we have an extra-long whole school news rather than individual class write ups.



On Tuesday I had the pleasure of accompanying our wonderful Year 6 children on a trip to Salisbury Cathedral to take part in the Salisbury Diocese Leavers service. The children were amazing role models for our school – lots of the volunteers and members of the public in the Cathedral commented on how polite, friendly, and chatty our group were. We enjoyed a rather loud and chatty journey there with our Year 6 friends from St Greg's in Marnhull. We were then part of an interactive show led by actors from the Rise Theatre company. The children even got to meet the new Bishop of Salisbury – The Rt Revd Stephen Lake.



On Wednesday we welcomed our new Reception children into school. They were a delight and came into assembly for the first time where they sat beautifully and even joined in with our song. Everyone in school spent the morning in their new September Classes – we've already got some lovely artwork to display at the beginning of the year.



Our Year 6 children spent the day at their new Secondary School – it is always wonderful to hear them come back to school the next day full of excitement and tales to talk about their new schools. I've heard lots about the food on offer in the canteens and the PE lessons!



As part of our transition day our Year 4 and Year 5 children headed off on a 3-day residential to Leeson House. They have spent the last 3 days exploring the local area, pond dipping, hiking, and completing teamwork challenges. Today they have spent the morning at the beach before heading back home. A big thank you to everyone who has accompanied them – it is certainly not a holiday being responsible for 34 children away from home. A big thank you to Mr Abbott, Mrs Welshman, Mrs Moores, and Mrs Malleson. An extra big thank you must go to Mrs Ramage for stepping in at the last minute to travel down and take over when Mr Abbott became ill.

Along with swimming, forest school pond dipping and completing end of year assessments our SATs results were also released this week. I am incredibly proud of all our Year 6 children who worked so hard and approached the tests with confidence and a positive mindset, despite having part of their Year 4 and Year 5 disrupted by Covid, they have achieved some incredible SATs results. We are busy printing off the individual reports for the children, but the headlines are:

Subject	St George's	National Average
Reading	94%	74%
Writing	82%	69%
Maths	94%	71%
Reading, Writing and Maths Combined	82%	59%

It goes without saying that I am incredibly proud of our staff team – they have and continue to work tirelessly to support all our children enabling them to achieve their best. This week they have gone that extra mile ensuring all lessons could continue when we found ourselves short of staff. Well done team St George's!

Next week is just as busy as this week as we are looking forward to a whole school handball session on Monday, our Swimming Gala and Swim show on Thursday and the end of year party in the park on Friday evening.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Jill

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 32.5hours. We will continue with a finish time of 3:15pm.

Birthdays



Sonny (10)

Many Happy Returns

End of Day Collection

If your child is being collected by someone else at the end of the day please can you email or telephone to let us know, even if it is another parent who is already known to us.

Without this information we will need to phone you to confirm the arrangements.

Thank you.

End of Term

Please could you send in a named carrier bag next week so that children can begin to gather all their belongings to be sent home at the end of term

Thank you

KS2 Athletics after school club is cancelled on Thursday 14th July due to the Swimming Gala
All other after school clubs finish next week so there are no clubs in the last week of school

PTFA meeting - Tuesday 12th July @ 6pm

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.

Attendance

Week ending 08/07/22

Hedgehogs – 96%

Squirrels – 94.1%

Badgers – 99.4%

Foxes – 96.8%

This week the winners are

Badgers



House Point Scores

Sandways

763

Chaffeymoor

695

Queen Oak

596

Salisbury Cathedral Leavers Service



Year 6 Residential in Okehampton



Farewell

Today we have bid a fond farewell to the King Family. Bert and Charlie have been such a big part of our school and we are very much going to miss them both. We wish them and their family lots of luck and best wishes as they start a new adventure in Scotland. Remember to write to us boys so we know how you are getting on.

Welcome

On Monday we welcome a new member to our school community. Mykhailo will be joining Hedgehogs. Mykhailo and his mother are from Ukraine, and I am sure everyone will offer a warm welcome to them.

We currently have a vacancy for a:

PA, Secretarial, Admin, Finance Officer

Grade 5 (depending on skills) Full Time Permanent

Closing Date: 11th July 2022 12noon

A fantastic opportunity has arisen for a highly effective, well-organised and efficient Finance and Admin Officer to join our friendly and supportive team at St George's School in Bourton.

We are seeking candidates with some experience of financial systems, accounts, invoicing and payments, as well as experience of working within a busy environment, being able to multi-task and meet deadlines.

Building relationships with our children and families is key, we want someone who is able to put visitors at ease with a warm welcome, supporting our school's caring, Christian ethos. You will need to have a happy, cheery disposition, even when working under pressure or within challenging situations. The ability to use your own initiative and work independently is essential as is a genuine warmth and care for those around you and the work you do!

The successful candidate will have a high degree of interpersonal, organisation, communication and administrative skills (including initiative, flexibility, diplomacy and discretion along with a professional approach).

Experience of working in a school and knowledge of SIMS and Dorset County Finance systems would be advantageous though not necessary. Training will be provided, as required, in the use of the school's systems.

Experience of word and excel are essential, along with excellent Numeracy and Literacy skills.

We can offer:

- A wonderful school with polite and well-behaved children, supportive parents and dedicated governors.
- A talented, dedicated, friendly and hardworking staff team;
- A commitment to the professional development of all staff;
- A purposeful, supportive and happy work environment;
- An inclusive and caring culture.

If you can demonstrate the qualities we are looking for, we would welcome your application. Please apply either online through Dorsetforyou.com or by post or email:

The hours are term-time only plus staff training days, 35 hours per week working 08.30 to 16.00 (to include ½ hour lunch break) for 39 working weeks per year.

Pay will be Grade 5 depending on experience and qualifications.

Visits to the school are strongly encouraged and warmly welcomed

Only 2 weeks left of this term:



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.

School Dates 2022 – 2023

There will be a staff training day on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022 so the Autumn Term for the children will begin on Monday 5th September 2022.

Autumn Term 2022	
School commences	Monday 5 th September
Half term holiday	Monday 24 th to Friday 28 th October
Term finishes	Friday 16 th December
Spring Term 2023	
School commences	Wednesday 4 th January
Half term holiday	Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th February
Term finishes	Friday 31 st March
Summer Term 2023	
School commences	Monday 17 th April
Half term holiday	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June
Term finishes	Friday 21 st July

Staff training days have also been arranged for Tuesday 3rd January, Monday 13th March and Monday 5th June 2023.

It's time to get ready for the Summer Reading Challenge!

In partnership with the Science Museum Group, the 2022 Challenge will show children that science is all around us every day and inspire them to unleash their curiosity and creativity!

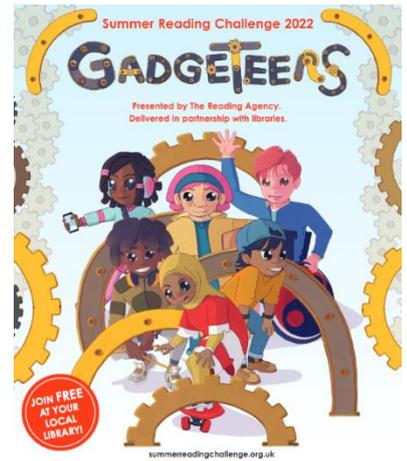
Join at any Dorset, or Community Managed Library from Saturday 2 July and finishes Saturday 17 September.

Get your free fold out poster and go on to collect six Gadgeteers stickers as you read or listen to library books of your choice.

Complete the Challenge to receive a certificate and medal.

Keep an eye open for special Gadgeteers events and activities online and at a library near you.

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FAMILY FUN DAY

FRIDAY 29th JULY 10AM-3PM

SOFT PLAY

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KIDS ZUMBA

FAMILY FUN RACES

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ACTIVITIES LISTED FOR INFO ONLY THE ALL DATES MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Summer Family Fun Day

18th Aug
10am-2pm

At Blandford Children's Centre

- Face painting
- Bouncy Castle
- Arts & Crafts
- Lots of fun and games

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