### Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase Weekly Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2 Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025



Dear Families.

We enjoyed another successful Open Morning this week and the children again enjoyed showing our visitors around our wonderful school.

Next week we are looking forward to both Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Week, as well as marking Remembrance Day, so a very busy week for us at the Primary Phase.

Due to some changes in assessment across the Trust, the timings we usually share children's outcomes during parents evenings are

changing slightly. For this academic year, we will be holding parents evenings in January and April, with formal reports sent home in July. We have already had our settling in meetings and you can of course speak with your child's class teacher in between these times during our open door sessions each week after school.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Taylor

#### ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

| Hedgehogs              | 95.7% |  |
|------------------------|-------|--|
| Ladybirds              | 97.7% |  |
| Badgers                | 94.7% |  |
| Rabbits                | 91.9% |  |
| Squirrels              | 99.3% |  |
| Otters                 | 97.3% |  |
| Owls                   | 95.6% |  |
| Foxes                  | 98.1% |  |
| Woodpeckers            | 100%  |  |
| Wolves                 | 98.7% |  |
| Well done Woodpeckers! |       |  |



#### Chaplain's Update



This term we are focusing on our value of Care and reflecting on what this means for ourselves and others in the way we act, speak and think about ourselves and our world.

This week we thought about caring for ourselves - in mind, body and soul.

We are each unique creations, made for a unique impact on the world so we need to remember how valuable we are. And, as we recognise our own value, this then reminds us that each person around us is equally valuable.

In my role I am privileged to be able to spend time with pupils from Reception to Sixth form, staff and parents, and this week I have once again seen how amazingly each person in our community puts our values into action. Let's keep caring for ourselves and one another in all we do and say and in that way, we can continue to have a great impact on each other and the wider community.

#### Our Prayer this week

Dear God

Thank you for making each of us wonderfully and uniquely,

Help us to see ourselves through Your eyes - loved, precious, and full of purpose.

Teach us to care for our bodies, minds, and hearts, To treat ourselves with kindness,

And to honour the gifts You've placed within us.

Amen







#### Chaplain's Update



#### Value Ambassadors

Congratulations to our new Values Ambassadors, Imogen, Derrick, Tilly, Jack, George and Aurelia who join the team with Millie, Evie, Max, Ella, Meshach, Rose M and Rose T. As a team they are role models of our school values.







#### Polite Reminders

#### Requesting Absence

If you need to request time off during term time for your child/children, please send your requests direct to Mrs Taylor taylorh@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk

For medical/other appointments please send emails to the Primary office along with a copy of the confirmation of the appointment <a href="mailto:primary@saintqeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk">primary@saintqeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk</a>

#### Reporting Sickness

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please inform the office by 9.00am on the morning of absence. Please contact the office on each morning that your child is absent by telephone 01474 533082 or email the Primary office: <a href="mailto:primary@saintqeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk">primary@saintqeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk</a>



If your child is suffering from sickness or diarrhoea, please do not send them to school until 48 hours have passed since their last episode.

### School Reading Books

Could we kindly ask all parents and carers to check at home for any school reading books (particularly year R and year 1) as we seem to be missing quite a lot in school.



#### Scooters in school

As the school grows bigger, we have an increasing number of children riding their scooters into school. Whilst this is lovely to see we must remind the children to be very careful and mindful of others when coming in through the school gates. Please remind the children to dismount their scooters at the entry gate and to also be careful when riding them through the playground as they leave at the end of the school day.



#### In School this week



On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Foxes class created a 'Firework of Nature' display during their visit to Forest School. They all really enjoyed taking part and creating this wonderful display!













#### In School Next Week



29th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

#### CHILDREN IN NEED EVENTS - 10<sup>™</sup> TO 14<sup>™</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

We are excited to be holding a number of fun activities during the week commencing 10th November 2025 to help raise funds for Children in Need.

We would like to invite children to take part in our painting competition! Please produce a picture or painting of Pudsey and/or Blush. Please hand them into your child's class teacher by Thursday, 13th November. Please include your child's full name, year group and community/house name.

Friday 14th November children will be able to come into school styling their hair in any way they wish as part of our 'Crazy Hair Day!' Children are also able to wear any Pudsey or Blush accessories e.g. headbands or boppers if they wish to.

On Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> during playtime, the children will take part in a 'Hunt the Spots' game. Each class will be given three coloured spots; they will then need to work as a class team to find all three. The first class to return to their class line with all three spots is the winner, prizes will be given! Good Luck everyone!

Friday lunchtime we normally have our 'playground boogie' lunchtime club. On Friday 14th we shall hold a sponsored dance! The aim is for your child to dance continuously and join in with the fun dances and songs played at this time to raise money for Children in Need.

During the afternoon of Friday, 14th, we shall be preparing for a Bake Sale. This will give every child the opportunity to purchase cakes of their choice. Weather permitting, we will hold the bake sale outside each classroom for parents to purchase after school. We would be extremely grateful if you could donate and provide cakes and biscuits for us to be able to sell at the Bake Sale. These can be shop bought or homemade. Please send any donations into school on Thursday, 13th and the morning of Friday, 14th. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the after-school Bake Sale! If your child is attending after school club on Friday 14th, there will be cakes available for them to purchase as well.

Children in need is a great cause that supplies grants to projects in the UK which focus on children and young people who are disadvantaged. The charity works with people in all corners of the UK and supports small and large organizations which empower children and extend their life choices. They are currently supporting over 3,000 local charities and projects in communities across the UK.

Please make all your donations to this worthwhile cause via this website

We thank you in advance for all your donations, help and support.

Kind regards

Mrs Brodie Reception Class Teacher

#### School Values Awards

#### Who has been demonstrating our school values this week?











| Ladybirds   | <b>Oscar</b> is always so <i>respectful</i> to his peers and is a role model when <i>sharing!</i>   |  |
|-------------|---|--|
| Hedgehogs   | Fayomi always shares and plays nicely with his friends!   |  |
| Rabbits     | Gabriel for care, always including all classmates in your games this week!                          |  |
| Badgers     | <b>Eden</b> for <i>care</i> , always looking after others and helping them with their work!         |  |
| Otters      | <b>Imagen</b> for <i>care</i> , always helping her adults in her class and her friends!             |  |
| Squirrels   | <b>Percy</b> for taking so much <i>care</i> with your Christmas card design!                        |  |
| Owls        | <b>Robyn</b> for showing respect to grown ups and always doing her best!                            |  |
| Foxes       | Megan for always being so polite and respectful!  |  |
| Woodpeckers | Ivana for continually being a caring, compassionate and thoughtful member of Woodpeckers!           |  |
| Wolves      | <b>Caden</b> always <i>shares</i> her ideas and thoughts in lessons so that others can magpie them! |  |



## Our stars of the week!







| Hedgehogs   | <b>Rio</b> for always having a smile on his face and trying really hard with everything in school! |  |
|-------------|--|--|
| Ladybirds   | Aarna for never giving up in the face of a challenge!  |  |
| Badgers     | Rosie for making good contributions during input time!   |  |
| Rabbits     | Sullivan for working so hard in maths!   |  |
| Otters      | Freddie for being a super role model on the carpet!  |  |
| Squirrels   | Navy for your hard work in English this week!  |  |
| Owls        | Frankie for amazing improvements to his handwriting!   |  |
| Foxes       | Tommy for improved handwriting!  |  |
| Woodpeckers | Henry for his hard work and dedication in Maths!   |  |
| Wolves      | Rose for being a fantastic role model to everyone!   |  |

#### Accelerated Reader





## Quizzers of the Week





| Otters      | Iris<br>Nola               | 2 2         |
|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Squirrels   | Ryan<br>Sylvie<br>Beatrice | 3<br>3<br>3 |
| Owls        | Derrick<br>Jemima          | 4           |
| Foxes       | Alice<br>Ella<br>Tommy     | 4<br>4<br>4 |
| Woodpeckers | Emily                      | 4           |
| Wolves      | Gurveer                    | 4           |



## Dates for your Diary Term 2

| Term 2                              |   |  |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
|                                     |   |  |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November    | Children In Need Activities commence  |  |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November | Open morning for 2025/26 Reception intake   |  |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November  | Trust dodgeball tournament – further details to follow  |  |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November    | Woodpecker class worship 9.15am   |  |
| Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> November   | Children In Need Cake Sale  |  |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November | AIM High Maths Day (letter to be sent to those invited to take part)  |  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November    | Otter class worship 9.15am  |  |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December     | Non-Uniform Day - Details to follow   |  |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December     | Dress rehearsal for Years R and 1 Nativity 1.45pm – babies and young children to attend this performance please |  |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December    | 1.45pm Years R and 1 Nativity performance   |  |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December | 1.45pm Years R and 1 Nativity performance   |  |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December | Carol Service at St Mary's Church 6pm - further details to follow   |  |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December  | Panto Trip @ Woodville Halls – see letter sent 22 <sup>nd</sup> September                                       |  |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December    | iRock Christmas Concert 9.30am  |  |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December    | Years 2, 3 and 4 Carol Concert 2pm  |  |
| Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December   | Christmas jumper day  |  |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December   | Years 5 and 6 Candlelight concert 6.30pm - further details to follow  |  |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas lunch   |  |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December  | Elf Day!  |  |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December  | Last Day of Term 2 – school finishes at 3.10pm  |  |
| Friday 19 <sup>h</sup> December     | Rochester Cathedral Service for staff and year 7's  |  |

# Is Your Child Missing Out?

The school could be missing out on funding of up to £1,515 per year to help further support your child!

## What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is a grant given out to schools for each child, from a family on low income. The school uses it to plan and support learning opportunities for these children.

#### Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseekers allowance
- Child Tax Credit only, with income less than £16,190
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Asylum Seekers Support
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit







To apply online visit:

https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals or if you would like help with your application, please visit the office who will assist you.

