ST GEORGE'S GOOD NEWS

INSPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16 **Friday 30th January 2026**

Dear Families,

With February approaching and the the days beginning to feel a little lighter, we're looking ahead to an exciting couple of weeks before the half term break.

Tesco stronger starts

We are delighted that St George's is being supported by the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme. Our sensory garden project is being put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting commenced from mid-January 2026 and will run until the end of March 2026. The project with the highest number of votes will receive up to £1,500, the second placed project £1,000, and the third placed project £500. You can vote for our project at the following stores:

Amersham HP7 0HA
Chesham Broad Street HP5 3ED
Amersham Hill Ave HP6 5BQ
Little Chalfont Express HP7 9PH

Please share this information with friends and family to support St George's and help us raise funds towards our sensory garden!

Parent governor vacancies

We currently have parent governor vacancies on our governing board.
If you would be interested in this exciting opportunity to play an active role in the future direction and leadership of St George's, we would be delighted to hear from you. Parent governors make valuable contributions by bringing the views and experiences of our parent community into school leadership.
If you would like further information or wish to express your interest, please contact the school office and we will get back to you.

DON'T FORGET!

Order lunches before 12pm on Friday for the following week.

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COMMUNITY COMPASSION COMMITMENT COURAGE LOVE

Parking reminder

Parking continues to be an ongoing and serious issue outside our school. Please park responsibly to ensure the safety of other road users and pedestrians. We have a parking arrangement with King's Church. Please park in the King's Church car park and walk the remaining distance to and from school.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Good attenders achieve more. Simple but true - being in school boosts both learning and wellbeing.

Local Aldi opening

Aldi are celebrating the opening of their new store in Amersham on **Thursday 26th February 2026.**

Aldi have organised for a Team GB medallist to host a collective worship at 9am on Thursday 26th February for the children. Lauren Irwin, a Team GB rower, will deliver a collective worship talking about the benefits of exercise, eating healthily and believing in yourself, as well as their experience of the Olympics followed by an opportunity for questions.

Additionally, to celebrate the store opening, they have invited the children to take part in a poster drawing competition. The winner will receive a £20 gift voucher to spend at the new Aldi store, along with a donation of fresh fruit and veg for our school. The theme of the poster is down to you! Entries should be brought into school by **Monday 23rd February 2026**. Please include your child's name, class and house on the back of the poster to ensure they receive house points for entering.

5-8 children will also join Aldi at the grand store opening, to help cut the red ribbon and declare the store officially open. If your child would enjoy this opportunity they would need to be at the store by 7.45am to meet Miss Harjette. If you would like your child to attend please complete this Google form and names will be pulled out of a hat. Only children with photo permissions will be able to attend the event.

Collection reminder

We would like to draw your attention to our drop off and collection policy, specifically a point about collection. Please note that staff have been asked NOT to release children to older siblings if they are under the age of 16. This is for safeguarding purposes, to ensure that children remain safe at all times. Whilst we apologise if this causes some inconvenience for families, we are not comfortable with handing over young children to other children, whom we would deem as potentially too young to be placed in this position of trust.

NSPCC talk PANTS

As well as our focus on internet safety , the children will take part in a NSPCC discussion around privacy. With the help of a friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus, Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep your child safe.

For more information, click on the icon to the left.

BRIGHT HORIZONS

coming up at St George's

Diary dates

Please see the attached diary dates for information about the rest of the school year. This calendar is regularly updated so please frequently check this for additions or changes.

Dino WOW day

On Wednesday 4th February Preschool and Reception will be having their Dino WOW day which will include a Jurassic fossil dig!

Year 2 artist visit

Year 2 have an artist in school workshop on Monday 9th February.

National Storytelling Week

Next week is National Storytelling week. This year's theme is 'soundtrack your story' which enables us to make cross curricular links to music. Throughout the week our English lessons will be inspired by this year's recommended books.

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NSPCC Number Day

Friday 6th February is NSPCC Number Day. Children are invited to wear mufti for a recommended £1 donation towards the NSPCC. The children will participate in lots of fun number and mathematical activities throughout the day.

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is the week beginning **Monday 9th February**. We will be using resources from 'Place 2 Be' to support the children's learning.

Safer Internet Day 2026

We will be celebrating Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 10th February. Please see the attached letter from Mrs Yendell with more information.

Lent

The Christian preparation time of Lent will begin on Wednesday 18th February. We will be welcoming Reverend David to school on Wednesday 11th February to lead a Collective Worship. Lent is a time when some Christians may choose to give up a luxury or challenge themselves in a different way, just as Jesus challenged himself during 40 days and 40 nights in the desert.

Family Information Event: Celebrating Diversity at Home

Please use this form to book your place on our next family information event which will take place on **Friday 13th February at 2.15pm** about Celebrating Diversity. This session will support parents and caregivers in helping children develop respect, curiosity, and confidence around diversity and multilingualism at home.
All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

REGISTER HERE

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Cake sale

The PTA have organised a Valentines theme, cake sale on **Friday 13th February at 3pm.** Year 1 are invited to donate the cakes (NO NUTS PLEASE) which can be left in the hall on the morning of the sale. The whole school are welcome to purchase the cakes after school.

World Thinking Day

On **Monday 23rd February** we will be celebrating World Thinking Day. World Thinking Day is celebrated annually on 22nd February by all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. It is also celebrated by Scout and Guide organisations around the world. Children may wear their Beaver, Rainbows or Scout uniform to school.

Mothering Sunday Collective Worship

On **Tuesday 10th March** from 9-10.15am Dads, Grandads, Uncles or any other significant male role models are invited to attend school for a Mothering Sunday Collective Worship followed by time to spend in class with your child, making some Mothering Sunday craft.

Next PTA meeting

The next PTA meeting is at **7.30pm on Wednesday 25th March** at The Boot and Slipper Pub in Amersham. All are welcome! Please do come along to support our school and help plan exciting activities for the children. All funds raised by the PTA provide additional extras for the children to enhance their time at St George's.

Sustainability

Let's Go Zero update

We are really proud of our progress to date working with 'Let's Go Zero' to create an achievable sustainability action plan for St George's.

Please check out this Linkedin post celebrating our efforts so far!

Stewardship and Sustainability

Costume Swap Shop

World book day is coming in March! Rather than going crazy trying to buy a new costume at Tesco, why not trying to get one second hand? Each new costume takes lots of energy and materials to create and it soon ends up in landfill and polluting beaches and rivers. Our PTA is organising a Costume Swap for parents and children to exchange costumes or buy pre-loved one while we fundraise for our children's activities. Bring any costumes you don't want or just come and see if you find any the kids like, for a small donation. Help the school, your pocket and the planet! Keep an eye on the PTA events for more information.

SUSTAINABLE AMERSHAM

Thank you

We continue to be really grateful to all who support the school by purchasing items from our Amazon wish list. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

The Entertainer

Remember that if you are purchasing items from The Entertainer, please use this link.

Every purchase made via this link pays a commission to our school. Thank you for supporting St George's.

Facebook

Please continue to check our Facebook page for updates about the lovely activities the children are participating in when at school. Thank you to those who like and share our posts.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Safeguarding

Q: Why does school remind parents about online safety?

A: Many safeguarding concerns begin online - knowing what your child is accessing helps keep them safe.

Quote of the week

"The Earth is what we all have in common."

Wendell Berry

LITTLE DRAGON LEARNING ZONE

The Mindful Monsters activity, which is designed to support children's mental health and well-being, is linked to **creativity** this week.

Design a new monster!

Invent a brand new mindful monster.
Can you draw it?
What will you name it?
What skill does it help with?

The link below is from the Maths games website
lovemaths.me

This game is called **'Get out of my house'** and helps children with their addition and subtraction skills.

PLAY

CLICK HERE

Foam phonics
Can you make a word and Fred talk it?

CHIT
CHAT
CHOMP

Support your child's oracy skills - learning to talk, through talk.

Who are your friends? What does a good friend look like?

If you could paint the sky any colour today, what would you choose? Why?