# ST GEORGE'S GOOD NEWS

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**Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16** **Friday 20th November 2026**



**Dear Families,**

Time is steadily flying by this term! We are almost in December, which is always really busy, especially in school!

## 5 stars!

A fantastic achievement to celebrate! We are delighted to have received a five-star food hygiene rating following our recent inspection.

A huge well done to the whole team, and particularly our lunchtime team. Receiving a five-star rating is also an important reflection of our wider safeguarding culture at St George's. A further congratulations to Club Sport, who have also achieved a five-star food hygiene rating following their inspection.





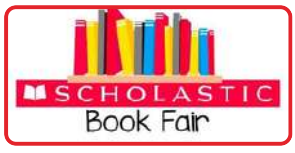



## Children in Need update

Thank you to those who supported our Children in Need non-uniform day on Friday 13th November. Together we raised £190 for this fabulous charity.

## Book fair update

Huge thanks to everyone who supported our school by purchasing books through the Scholastic Book Fair. Together we spent over £600, which earned the school £250 in rewards (new books). Thank you!






## Advent

According to the Church Liturgical Calendar, Sunday 29th November is the first Sunday in Advent, which is the beginning of the preparation time Christians celebrate before the birth of Jesus. We will begin lighting our advent wreath at St George's.

**Nativity performances**

The children are busy practising for their Christmas performances.

Preschool will be performing on **Wednesday 9th December at 9.30am in the school hall.** **Please book your tickets here.**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are performing **on Thursday 17th December at 10am at Kings Church.** **Please book your tickets here.**

We are politely requesting that younger siblings do not attend these Nativity performances please. If it is not possible to arrange childcare and you need to bring a younger child with you to a performance, you are welcome to attend a dress rehearsal instead. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 dress rehearsal is on Tuesday 15th December at 12.30pm at Kings Church. Please note Kings Church is having a function on the dress rehearsal and the space will look different with tables and benches. Please be aware this may not be as comfy as the performance on the 17th. Please email the office if you would like to attend the dress rehearsal with a younger sibling, instead of the performance. A reminder that only 2 tickets are available for each family due to capacity.









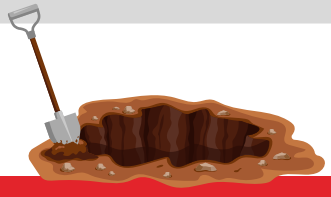
**OPAL– Outdoor Play and Learning Waterproof clothing reminder**

As part of our school uniform expectations, all children need to have a pair of wellington boots and a full set of waterproof clothing in school. This means waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat or jacket. We are incredibly proud of our outdoor play and learning provision. We are an all-weather outdoor play school, and our children go outside throughout the year, whatever the weather!

It has been an absolute joy to watch the children embracing our outdoor play opportunities. From being pushed around in wheelbarrows to digging in the sandpit, building dens, exploring with sticks and getting wonderfully muddy, the children are developing their creativity, imagination, resilience and teamwork through play. Having the right clothes is essential to take part!







## Countdown to Christmas – Acts of Kindness

As we approach the festive season, we are sharing a special Countdown to Christmas Acts of Kindness activity list for families to enjoy together at home. The list is full of simple ideas to encourage children to spread kindness, show thoughtfulness and make a positive difference to others. Please see the attached activity list if you would like to take part!





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## Absence email address

Thank you to those families who have been using our new absence email address:

**absence@st-georges.bucks.sch.uk**

Please report any day-to-day absence as well as planned pupil absence (medical appointments, etc.) through this email address going forward. Thank you.





## Christmas Service at St George's

We will be visiting St George's Church on Friday 11th December for a special Christmas service. We are looking for a few parent volunteers who would be able to help walk the children safely to and from the church. If you are available to help, please complete the Google Form linked here to let us know. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

We will be heading to St George's church after registration at 8.30am. Volunteers are invited to stay for the event and then assist with walking the children back approximately 10.30am. Unfortuately, due to the capacity of the church, this event is for pupils and volunteers only.



PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

Arriving on time strengthens routines, which improves behaviour, focus, and emotional wellbeing.




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

CLICK HERE

the kids lunch company

# SHINING MOMENTS

## Recent learning at St George's

### Remembrance

This week, we came together as a school to observe the two-minute silence at 11am on Remembrance Day, taking time to remember those who have lost their lives in conflicts past and present. This has also linked with the children's recent history learning, where they have been exploring the importance of remembrance and why we mark this special day. We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who purchased a poppy and donated to the Royal British Legion.



Preschool



Reception



Year 1

### Year 1 Visit to Science Oxford

Year 1 had a fabulous time on their recent visit to Science Oxford! The children enjoyed exploring and interacting with a wide range of science-related topics and activities, including learning about animals. It was a wonderful opportunity to develop their curiosity, ask questions and explore the world around them through hands-on experiences.








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### Be Bright Be Seen – Road Safety

Thank you to all the families who supported our recent Be Bright, Be Seen reflector sale as part of Road Safety Week. It has been lovely to see so many reflectors already appearing on children's book bags and coats! These simple additions can make a real difference to helping children be seen by drivers, particularly during the darker winter months. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe on their journeys to and from school.










## Stewardship and Sustainability




A Sustainable Christmas: Write a Letter to Santa!

Christmas is a wonderful time to spend with family and friends, but it can also be a time when we create lots of extra waste and put increased pressure on our planet. Buying presents can be expensive and time-consuming, and sometimes we end up buying things that people don't really want or need.

So, here's a simple idea to make Christmas a little more sustainable: write a letter to Santa – and we don't just mean the children! Why not get the whole family involved and write a letter sharing the things you would genuinely love, need or enjoy this Christmas? It could help avoid unwanted gifts, reduce waste and make present-buying more thoughtful.

SUSTAINABLE AMERSHAM

It's a lovely opportunity to think about what really matters at Christmas, while helping to keep our planet clean and thriving for generations to come!

# BRIGHT HORIZONS

coming up at St George's

## Diary dates

We have lots of exciting dates and events planned throughout this term. Please keep an eye on the diary attachment for further information. Here is additional information about the up and coming events planned over the next few weeks.

## Family Liaison Event – SEND Support and Processes

Our next family liaison event will take place on 27th November at 2:15 and the focus will be around SEND. This event would be suitable for parents of children with SEN plans but also for parents who feel their child may have some additional needs. It will also be a chance to meet other parents and enjoy a chat and coffee.

REGISTER HERE

## Christmas Toy Hamper Non-Uniform Day

On **Friday 27th November** we will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for a gift donation towards the PTA's Christmas Toy Hamper. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!



## Christmas reading project

On Monday 30th November, we will be launching our special Christmas Reading Project with the children. We are looking forward to encouraging a love of reading and sharing plenty of reading enjoyment as we count down to Christmas. Further information about how the children can get involved will be shared in a letter shortly.

## Christingle Service

We will be holding our Christingle Service at school on the afternoon of **Wednesday 2nd December at 4pm**. This is something of a St George's Christmas tradition and is always a really special event. Please complete this Google form by Wednesday 25th November, indicating how many people will be attending. We will be limiting numbers due to the capacity of the hall, so please book early to avoid disappointment. A donation towards The Children's Society would be gratefully received on the evening, as would a box of mince pies! Thank you.



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## Elfridges

**Thursday 3rd December** is Elfridges, the children's Christmas shopping event. Thank you, in advance, to everyone on the PTA who are involved in the planning and organising of this event. The children will thoroughly enjoy themselves!





## Christmas hamper non–uniform day

**Friday 4th December** will be non-uniform for the children in return for adults gifts for the Christmas hampers. Please see further details on Classlist.

## Christmas jumper day

**Thursday 10th December** is Christmas Jumper Day. Your child can wear a Christmas jumper/Christmassy coloured top to school for a donation for Save The Children UK. Please wear usual school trousers/skirt, tights and school shoes.



## Christmas tea afternoon

**Monday 14th December** is our Christmas tea afternoon. Your child is invited to wear their party clothes to school! This is a PTA event, led by staff. The children will enjoy a disco, Christmassy craft activities and enjoy tea in school. Further information about booking a ticket is available on Classlist

Classlist

## Safeguarding

**Q: How can I help my child stay safe when travelling to and from school?**

**A: - Make sure children wear bright or reflective clothing, such as the reflectors from our Be Bright, Be Seen sale.**
**- Remind children to stop, look and listen before crossing the road.**
**- Always use pedestrian crossings where possible.**
**- Encourage children to hold an adult's hand when crossing roads.**
**- Avoid distractions, such as mobile phones, when crossing.**

**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.

**Social media**

Please continue to check our Facebook page and Instagram @stgeorgescofe for updates about what's going on at school. Thank you to those who like and share our posts.

# Sibling? Family member? Friend? Reception 2027

LOADING...

## Let their light shine, starting here at St George's...



**Book onto our Reception 2026 Open Days now!**

Let your light shine Matthew 5:16

**Thursday 7th January**

**LIMITED SPACES REMAINING**

**REGISTER NOW**

Thank you for your continued support.

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## Quote of the week

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and faith in your faith, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit you may be rich in hope.

Romans 15:13

# LITTLE DRAGON LEARNING ZONE






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

**Find 5**

Choose a colour or shape and look around the room to find five things that match. Can you find more than five?

The link below is from the Maths games website [lovemaths.me](lovemaths.me)

This game is called **'Addition golf'** and helps children follow practise their number bonds to ten.

PLAY

CLICK HERE

Festive patterns

Put the Christmas lights on the tree using different colours and shapes. Can you make a repeating pattern?

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CHAT

CHOMP

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

**What would you put inside a 'box of light' to make someone smile?**

**If you could invent a new family tradition, what would it be?**

