

Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase Weekly Newsletter



Term 2 Week 2

Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Families,

I would like to thank those who have congratulated us on our recent Ofsted inspection, it is very much appreciated! Thank you to those of you who sent warm words of good luck during the inspection as well!

I am sure you have all read the report by now but if not please see the email sent on Wednesday of this week, which included the published report. We are hugely proud of all the staff and children for their dedication and hard work during the inspection and I am so pleased that our continued hard work and dedication has been recognised by Ofsted and that **we have been graded a Good school!** Well done to every pupil and member of staff!

To achieve an **Outstanding judgement in Early Years** is incredible and I would like to thank the Early Years team (staff and children in Hedgehogs and Ladybirds) for their incredible work!

We began our journey at Saint George's Primary Phase in 2019 with two classes, one Reception and one Year One, and I am so pleased that our Early Years ethos and delivery that we started back then has been understood and congratulated.

Personal Development also achieved an Outstanding judgement. We are so pleased that Ofsted saw the huge emphasis we put on developing the whole child, not just looking at academic outcomes but also how we support and develop children to be ready for the next stage of their learning journey, regardless of age.

The children behaved beautifully during the inspection process and spoke with confidence to the inspectors at various times during the two days.

Another celebratory well done to all!

Mrs Taylor





For Information

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well done to Badgers & Woodpeckers!

Hedgehogs	96.64%
Ladybirds	99.33%
Badgers	99.35%
Squirrels	95.48%
Owls	97.32%
Foxes	99.03%
Woodpeckers	99.35%



Congratulations to our **York Community**, who collected the most points in Term 1. They are very excited to be meeting with Mrs Taylor shortly to choose their prize!

Term Dates



Our 2024/2025 Term Dates have now been agreed. To view these dates, please click on the following link [2024/2025 Term Dates](#)

Please refer to these dates when booking holidays, as we are unable to authorise holidays taken in term time.



Remembrance Day



At the Primary Phase this week, we have been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppies.

Different year groups have expressed their learning in different ways and lots of this work can be seen in the windows of the school office. What a fantastic job!



Here are some of Hedgehog Class creating their poppy artwork at Forest School with leaves, wool & sticks!



Thank you so much to our Year 5 poppy-selling team for giving up their lunch breaks to sell our merchandise. We can't wait to see how much we have raised!





Diwali Drama Workshop



The wonderful story of the Ramayana came to life at the Primary, through a series of workshops.

Using games, dance, music and visuals the children learned all about Rama and Sita, and how lamps were lit to celebrate their return and the triumph of good over evil.

The children have also been learning about Diwali in their lessons this week and Year R have even made their own Diya lamps!

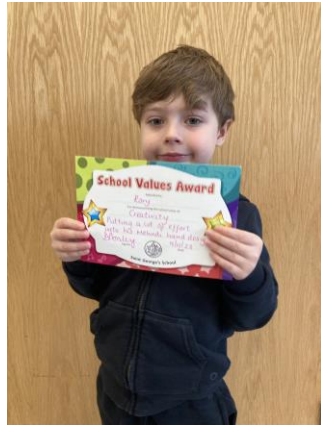


School Values Awards

Who has been demonstrating our school values this week?



Charlie for showing *stewardship* by being so helpful at tidy up time!



Rory for showing *creativity* by putting so much effort into his mehndi design!



Phoebe for showing *resilience* by trying so hard in her writing!



Isabelle for showing *resilience* in her star reading test!



George for showing *stewardship* by helping without being asked!



Jack for showing *resilience* by settling in so well & taking up all learning challenges!



Phoebe for showing *honesty* by always telling the truth even when it's difficult!

Creativity Honesty Resilience Inclusion Stewardship Thankfulness

Our stars of the week!



Hedgehogs

Harper for always being ready to learn!

Ladybirds

Freddie for his absolutely amazing reading!

Badgers

Aleksander for his amazing effort in maths!

Squirrels

Maira for her fantastic persuasive writing!

Owls

Joshua for his amazing participation every day!

Foxes

Caden for her fantastic contribution to English Learning!

Woodpeckers

Oliver for making fantastic contributions to class discussions!

Dates for your Diary: Term 2

Term 2	
Monday, 13 th November	Odd Sock Day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week! (See letter sent 6/11/23)
Tuesday, 14 th November	Open Morning for Prospective Year R 2024 Parents
Friday, 17 th November	Children in Need Crazy Hair Day & accessories – (See letter sent 6/11/23, also included in this newsletter)
Friday, 17 th November	Woodpecker Class Worship 9.15am – Parents invited to attend
Friday, 17 th November	Children in Need Cake Sale after school in the hall (see letter sent 6/11/23, also included in this newsletter)
Thursday, 30 th November	Careers Afternoon for Years 3, 4 & 5
Friday, 1 st December	iRock Worship at 9.30am – Parents of children taking part in iRock invited (see email sent 10/11/23)
Tuesday, 5 th December	NCMP for Year R children (see letter 9/11/23)
Friday, 8 th December	Christmas Jumper & School Christmas Lunch Day (further information to follow)
Friday, 8 th December	Carol Concert for Years 2, 3 and 4 at 2pm – Parents invited to attend
Monday, 11 th December	Dress Rehearsal for Year R and 1 Nativity at 1.45pm – Parents with small children & babies invited to attend
Tuesday, 12 th December	Year R and 1 Nativity at 1.45pm – Parents invited to attend
Wednesday, 13 th December	Year R and 1 Nativity at 1.45pm – Parents invited to attend
Friday, 15 th December	Primary trip to see the pantomime Snow White at Woodville Halls (see letter sent 10/11/23)
Monday, 18 th December	Year 5 & The Salvation Army Christmas Carol Concert at 6.30pm (further information to follow)
Tuesday, 19 th December	Elf Day! Further information to follow!
Wednesday, 20 th December	Last day of Term 2 – School finishes at 1.15pm



Children in Need 2023

We are excited to be holding a number of fun activities during the week commencing 13th November 2023 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, 16th November. Please include your child's full name, year group and community/house name.

On Friday 17th 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, together with their school uniform.

During playtime on Friday, 17th, 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!

After lunchtime on Friday, 17th, we shall be preparing for a Bake Sale, which will be held in the school hall. This will give every child the opportunity to purchase cakes of their choice. 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 home made. Please send any donations into school on Thursday, 16th and the morning of Friday, 17th. 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 17th, we will take them to the Bake Sale. Please send any money to be sent in a named and sealed envelope.

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 organisations which empower children and extend their life choices. They are currently supporting over 3,000 local charities and projects in communities across the UK.

On Friday 17th November, staff will have donation buckets at morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, as well as breakfast and after school club, so please bring some loose change! We thank you in advance for all your donations, help and support.