# ST GEORGE'S GOOD NEWS

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**Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16** **Friday 24th April 2026**

## Dear Families,

Welcome to the summer term! As the weather improves, there are lots of enjoyable learning activities, events and celebrations to look forward to this term.

## Classroom renovation

Over the Easter holidays, Jeffers class was beautifully repainted. Thanks to Mr Higgins (husband of Mrs Higgins), we now have a fantastic new sink area, it looks amazing. A huge thank you to Rob for this generous contribution. It has made a real difference to the classroom environment.

## OPAL update

Also over the Easter holidays, we had another exciting development at school. Mrs Yendell, her husband and other members of the staff team have been working incredibly hard on our school field to create our OPAL learning environment.

We've had diggers on site to help transform the space. The large mound of leaves near the entrance to the field has been cleared and relocated to the far end, where we are developing a new play mound. The old, worn-out shed has also been removed, making way for further improvements.

In addition, a large sandpit area has been created using the digger, and we are now eagerly awaiting the delivery of the sand. It's a very exciting time for play at St George's and we are so grateful to everyone involved for their hard work in making this possible.

## Prayer calendar

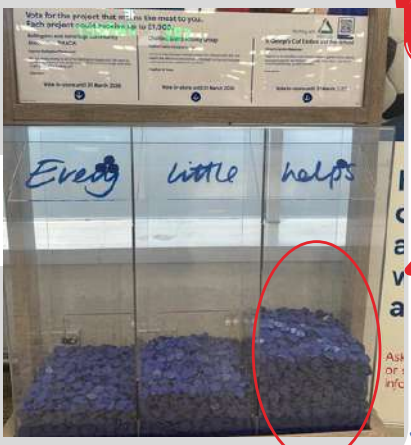
Attached is the Prayer Calendar for this half term. Please let me know if you are interested in praying for the school as a group, so I can put you in touch with some other parents who might like to join you.

## Tesco stronger starts – update!

Tesco have extended the closing date for tokens. We're entering the final few days where you can vote for St George's!

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

Thank you to everyone who has voted so far!




WE NEED SUPPORT!

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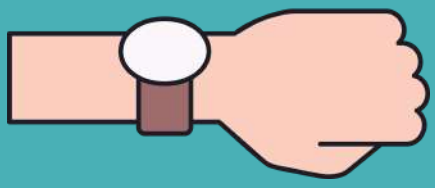
## Governor update

We are pleased to announce that the governing body have appointed Leanne Burns as our interim chair of governors for the summer term. Leanne brings a wealth of experience having recently left her role as chair at a Junior school in Buckinghamshire. Welcome to the team Leanne!

## PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

**A reminder that the school day begins promptly at 8.45am. By this time, all children should be in the building and parents/carers have left the playground.**



**We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving after 8.45am. Our first lesson of the day is phonics, and it is very important that children are present and ready to start on time. Late arrivals can be disruptive to the class and may leave children feeling unsettled as they miss the start of their learning.**

DON'T FORGET!

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

CLICK HERE

the kids lunch company

# SHINING MOMENTS

## Recent learning at St George's

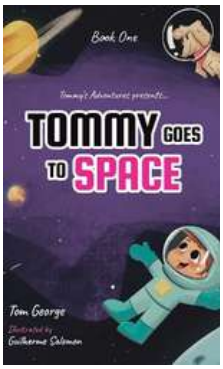
### Enterprise week

Enterprise Week was great fun! Very well done to all the children for planning, making, marketing and selling their products. I am sure every class will have made a healthy profit from their sales and will enjoy buying some great new resources for their classroom. Also, thank you to the staff for facilitating this great learning opportunity for the children, they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

### St George's day

## Tom George author visit

It was wonderful to welcome Buckinghamshire author Tom George to our school on Friday. The children were inspired by Tom's first publication 'Tommy goes to Space' and his other up and coming titles. Tom announced the winners of our recent book cover competition - well done our winners and anyone who took part. All entries will receive house points.



## Holi colour run

**CONGRATULATIONS!**
**These children have recently completed their Community and Climate Action Challenge!**

- Tobias
- Finn H
- Finn O
- Alethea
- Jacob

## Individual fundraising

Well done to Elizabeth for raising an amazing £112 from her cake sale! This money has been donated to school to buy resources. Thank you!

NHS Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

UPDATE

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust School Nursing Service have introduced ParentCarerChat, a new text-based support service for parents and carers of school-aged children across Buckinghamshire.
ParentCarerChat enables parents and carers to text a qualified member of the School Nursing Team for advice and support on a range of common health and wellbeing concerns, including behaviour, healthy eating and puberty-related questions. All messages are responded to directly by members of the School Nursing Team.

ParentCarerChat: 07312 263175

Monday–Friday, 9am–4pm

We can help with things like:
- Behaviour or emotional worries
- Healthy eating
- Puberty questions
- Toileting or sleep concerns

...and more.

Your message goes straight to a real person, not AI. If you've been asked to complete toileting or sleep charts, diaries or questionnaires, please return them as soon as you can so we can start the right support quickly.

# BRIGHT HORIZONS

## coming up at St George's

### Diary dates

Please check the diary dates attached for information about the rest of this term and the school year ahead. Here is more information about the next few weeks...

NEXT WEEK

### Book fair

Next week (starting on Monday 27th April), we are holding a Scholastic Book Fair everyday from 3-3.30pm in the hall. This is a great way to raise money for school because the more books you buy, the more are donated to school by Scholastic!

### Phonics screening parent workshop

OnThursday 30th April, all Year 1 parents are invited to attend a Phonics talk led by Mr Griffiths at 9.00am in the school hall. This talk will share information prior to the children's Phonic Screening Check and is a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the process. Please come along if you can. If you are attending, please complete this Google Form.

ORDER NOW

### Upcoming author visit

We are looking forward to our next author visit on Thursday 7th May. To celebrate the visit of Rashmi Sirdeshpande, we are giving families the opportunity to order her book to be signed on the day of the visit. If you would like to preorder Rashmi's book 'Super Uma!' please follow this link from Chorleywood Bookshop.

### Family Liaison Event: Helping your child with transitions

Thank you to all the parents who responded with suggestions of ways that we can support our families. We will be taking your feedback and using some of the ideas for our events going forward.

This year's final event will take place on **Friday 8th of May at 2.15pm** and the focus will be on helping your child with transitions. More information to follow, please sign up using the link: Book here

FAMILY SUPPORT

REGISTER HERE

# Stewardship and Sustainability

## Amersham Environment Day

Visit St. Michael's Church on **Saturday April 25th** (10-1.30pm) to meet local groups and organisations who are working towards a greener Amersham!

There will be numerous stalls, demos, children's activities and guest speakers providing practical advice that you can implement in your home.

Children can also collect a sunflower seedling to grow as part of this year's 'Tallest Sunflower' competition.

### Amazon Wishlist

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 can't pupils be collected by someone the school doesn't know?**

**A: Children can only be released to contacts you have approved - this keeps everyone safe. We sometimes need to double check our collection arrangements list before we release a child.**

### Quote of the week

"Spring: A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can really be."

# 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.

**Minibeast creator**

Invent your own bug!
Draw or build it using craft materials.
What does it eat? Where does it live?

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

This game is called **'1, 2, 3, 4 Win Them All'** and helps children with their counting skills and number recognition.

PLAY

CLICK HERE

Karate cats
Practises spelling, punctuation and grammar. Aimed at KS1 children.

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

**Imagine you were a tiny insect for the day, which would you be and why?**

**If bugs could talk, what would they say about humans?**