



Issue: 11

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

End of half term

### Message from the Headteacher

**Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Members of St George's Community,**

As we come to the end of this half term, I want to take a moment to say how proud I am of all our children who have worked so hard. Their determination, effort, and enthusiasm have shone through in classrooms, on the playground, and in every activity, they have taken part in. I am excited to see what they will achieve when we return after the break.

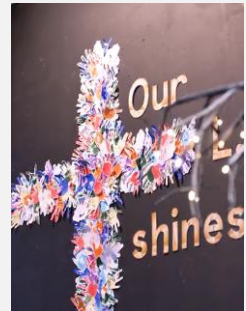
One of the highlights of this half term has undoubtedly been our amazing residential trip to Robinwood. The children represented our school brilliantly, showing outstanding teamwork, resilience, and bravery throughout the challenges they took on. From conquering heights to supporting one another through unfamiliar situations, they demonstrated values we are incredibly proud of.

We are very much looking forward to hearing all about the incredible experience our Young Voices participants have had after half term.

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers that **our school is a nut-free environment**. Please ensure that **no nut products** are included in your child's **snack or packed lunch**. This includes items such as peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars containing nuts, mixed nuts, or pesto containing pine nuts.

We have children in school with **serious nut allergies**, and keeping nuts out of school helps us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

I wish all families a restful and enjoyable half term break.



**Mrs Robinson (Headteacher)**

### St George's 'Quote of the Week'

"Education is not just about learning facts — it is about growing in confidence, resilience and the belief that we can achieve more than we ever imagined."



### Lunch-time Clubs

**Monday** - Young voices, Quiet space and football

**Tuesday** - Physical literacy, parachute games and ultimate frisbee.

**Wednesday** - football, hula hoops and Lego club

**Thursday** - Rounders, skipping, TT Rockstars and Eco club.

**Friday** - Football and art club.

**Ball games daily.**

### St George's 'Value of the Week'



At St George's our mission is to 'Let our LIGHT Shine'. This week, we have been focusing on listening. Listening is one of the most powerful skills you can develop. When you truly listen, you help others feel valued — and you help yourself learn and grow.

## Learning from the Week!

### Lilac Class – Reading

Lilac class have been reading and writing about the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.

#### Questions:

Can you ask your child some questions about the book? Who are the characters? What happens in the story?



### Elm Class – Science

Elm Class have been learning about the five senses in science.

#### Questions:

1. Can you name the five senses?
2. Which sense do you use to smell a flower?



### Dawn Class – PE

The children have been learning how to play basketball.

#### Questions:

1. Can you explain the travelling rule in basketball?
2. What are the two types of passes we have been learning about this half term?



### Fern Class – Geography

In Fern Class, the children are learning about how the world's oceans are threatened by pollution, climate change, and overfishing, which harms sea animals and their habitats.

**Questions:** 1 How does plastic pollution affect animals that live in the ocean?

2. What happens to oceans when the Earth gets warmer?

3. Why is catching too many fish a problem for the sea?



### Oak Class – Science

Oak class investigated how changing the voltage in a circuit affected the brightness of a bulb.

**Questions:** 1. What is voltage?

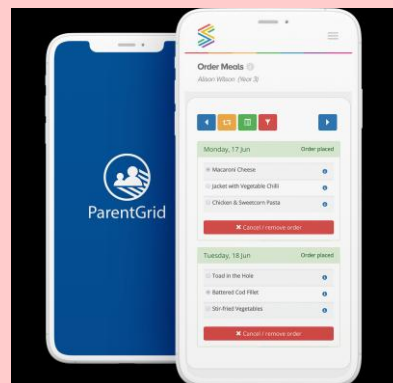
2. Name one way to change the voltage in a circuit.

3. What happens when more cells are added to the circuit?



Lunch ordering made simple

Starts Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 26



You should have received an email to register for our online meal ordering & payments.

Menu's are available to pre-order now.

## This week's special award winners!

Congratulations to the following winners who have demonstrated outstanding behaviour choices or shown a superb attitude to learning or for a special achievement.

### St George's 'Superstars of the Week'

Lilac class	Mia
Elm class	Bella
Dawn class	Mashaal
Fern class	Matilda and Freya
Oak class	Zaara

### St George's 'LIGHT' Book winners

The Hive	Harry
Lilac class	Ella
Elm class	Dasia
Dawn class	Alfie
Fern class	Ivan
Oak class	Holly

### Dates for your Diary

13.02.26	Finish for half term
23.02.26	Return from half term
11.03.26	Dawn Class Assembly
23.03.26	Careers Week
27.03.26	Finish school for Easter
13.04.26	Return to school
25.04.26	PTA Spring Fair
29.04.26	Elm Class Assembly
11.05.26	Year 6 SATS start
14.05.26	Year 6 SATS end

### Attendance and Punctuality *(last week)*

1<sup>st</sup> place 100%

Fern

2<sup>nd</sup> place 96.7%

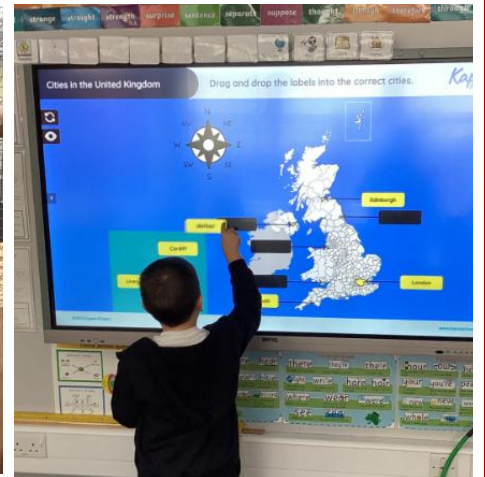
Elm

3<sup>rd</sup> place 95.9%

Oak

<b>97% and above</b>
Excellent
<b>95% to 97%</b>
Heading in the right direction but some improvement needed
<b>91% to 95%</b>
Attendance is slipping: to be closely monitored.
<b>90% or below</b>
Poor (High numbers of children are persistently absent)

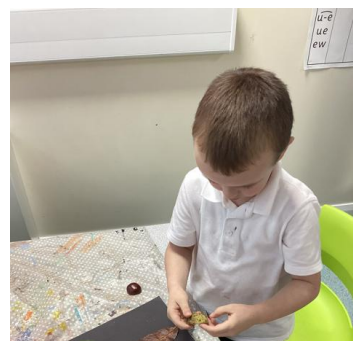
	Attendance
<b>Overall</b>	94.5%
<b>Lilac</b>	92.5%
<b>Elm</b>	96.7%
<b>Dawn</b>	87.6%
<b>Fern</b>	100%
<b>Oak</b>	95.9%



## So, what's it like to be a pupil at St George's?



Spaces are available at St George's. Spread the word.



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