



# ST GEORGE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## March Newsletter 2024

### A MESSAGE FROM MS HALES

As we reflect on recent accomplishments of this term, I am inspired by the collective commitment we share to provide our children with the best possible educational experience. However, even as we celebrate our successes, it's essential to look forward and continue striving for growth and improvement.

In this spirit, I would like to reach out to you with a humble request. As we look to enhance and expand our school community, we kindly ask for your support in spreading the word about our school to friends, family, and neighbours.

As many of you will be aware, the number of children in London is decreasing, resulting in school closures and amalgamations. We are not at risk, however we are a school that is built to have 210 pupils, and at the moment we have 165.

Schools are funded per pupil - with lower numbers, we have a lower income and funds are tight. Without more pupils, we may have to consider having mixed age classes; although these are not an issue in themselves it is a decision that we would prefer not to make.

With this newsletter, I have you will receive a business card and flyers. Your recommendations and endorsements carry significant weight and can help us reach families who may not yet be aware of the exceptional educational offerings available at St. George's. By sharing your positive experiences and encouraging others to consider enrolling their children with us, you play a vital role in shaping the future of our school. Please spread the word, give out the flyers, keep the business card with you in case you bump into someone who you can pass them the details. Even one extra child would make a difference to the funding we receive.

Together, let us continue to cultivate a vibrant, inclusive, and supportive educational community where every child can thrive and reach their full potential. Thank you once again for your ongoing support, and I look forward to the exciting opportunities and achievements that lie ahead.

We have big plans for the future. Please look out for emails and posters around the school. Together with the PTA, we are looking to improve our playground space, we are also going to be reviewing our school uniform, undertaking a project with Southwark Black Parents Forum to name but a few things!

Wishing you and your families a wonderful end to the spring term and a restful Easter break filled with joy and cherished moments.

Warm regards, Ms Hales

### THINGS TO CELEBRATE IN THE PAST MONTH:

- A wonderful World Book Day - this year the costumes were even better than usual!
- An excellent hands on Science Workshop for all the children from Year R-6 during STEM week
- Lots of excursions including a fantastic trip to Cambridge Science festival sponsored by Trinity College on a Saturday!
- The ducklings we have had in Reception
- Year 3 and 4 having Chess Lessons - and becoming really confident
- Chef Roberta completing her 'Chef's in Schools' training.
- Year R, 1 and 5 Music lessons and a song-writing workshop with Year 2
- Bike Ability success for Year R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- A fantastic new look school website - [www.stgeorgesprimary.school](http://www.stgeorgesprimary.school)



### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents and Families,

As we approach the Easter break, I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt Easter blessings to each and every one of you. This season serves as a reminder of hope, renewal, and the beauty of new beginnings. I am continuously grateful for the sense of community and unity that defines our school, and the dedication and resilience of our students, parents, teachers, and staff.

May this Easter be a time of reflection, reconnection, and rejuvenation for you and your loved ones. Let us embrace the joys of this season, cherish the time spent with family and friends, and look forward to a future filled with blessings and opportunities.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I wish you a joyful and blessed Easter.

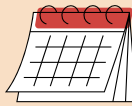
Warm regards, Selina Boshorin

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



- Tuesday 16th April - School reopens for the summer term**
- Fri 26th April - Year 1 Class Assembly 2:45pm**
- Tuesday 30th April - Year 5 Ukulele Festival and Performance at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on the Southbank**
- Fri 3rd May - Reception Class Assembly 2:45pm**
- Mon 6th May - Early May Bank Holiday**
- Fri 10th May - Year 3 Class Assembly 2:45pm**
- Wb 13th May - Year 6 SATS exams**
- Fri 24th May - Year 4 Class Assembly 2:45pm**
- 27th-31st May - Half term holiday**
- Wb 3rd June - Year 4 Multiplication Check**
- Wb 10th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**
- Fri 12th July - PTA Summer Fair**
- 17th/18th July - Year 6 Performance**
- Thurs 25th July:**
  - **Year 6 Leavers Service 9:30am**
  - **School closes at 2pm for Summer Holidays**



## PTA



Yesterday we held an AGM for the PTA. Thank you for all the parents that attended.

We will be organising a number of events over the coming year with the aim to improve the school playground. Our summer fair will be held on Friday 12th July.

We are always looking for volunteers to help raise funds for the school, money that can be spent on the school as directed by the parents,

At STGPS we are:

READY

At STGPS we are:

RESPECTFUL

At STGPS we are:

SAFE

### STGPS School Vision and Values

*'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'*

- Sustainability** – we are a community that cares for God's creation.
- Transformation** – we are continually growing as individuals.
- Generosity** – we are generous in our love and care for each other.
- Perseverance** – we always strive to do our best.
- Stewardship** – we care for our resources.



### The St George's Book Swap Timetable from 3.15pm

Monday	Years R, 1 and 2
Wednesday	Years 3 and 4
Friday	Years 5 and 6



Our book swap was launched last week! Children are able to take books, bring them back and swap for a new one in our book swap zone in the hall! We have lots of lovely, brand new books to encourage a love of reading. See the timetable for your child's day.



## GARDENING



Exciting things are happening in the garden! On the 20th March we had 7 volunteers come from the RHS to help us with the Bee Garden. Each class has also sewn seeds ready to plant in the edible garden. We have had kale pesto as an option in our kitchen - made with kale grown in our garden.

Recently we have planted five fruit trees in pots around the site yesterday the tarmac on the KS2 playground was cut and three more trees were planted. We are definitely living out our value of

**On Saturday 6th April from 10:30 - 12:00 - Come and join Pascale and get involved with gardening - parents are also welcome!**

## ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

Mother Sarah and the Church community warmly invites everyone to the following services at St. George's Church:

- Friday 29th March - 11:00 Good Friday Family Activity Service
- Sunday 31st March - 10:00 Easter Sunday Service with Easter Egg Hunt afterwards
- Sunday 21st April - 11:00 Celebrating 200 years of St. George's Church with a service and a party afterwards!

### REMINDER:

There will be a free holiday club running at St. George's on 8th, 9th, 10th April.

To request a space, please scan the QR code.

