ST GEORGE'S GOOD NEWS

INSPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16 **Friday 6th November 2026**

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. We hope you all enjoyed a restful and fun half term break.

Thank you!

Thank you for all the support walking to church at the end of last half term. It was lovely to have our Harvest service at church, with Rev Vic leading the service. St George's Church were extremely grateful for all the generous donations, so would like to express their sincerest thanks to the school community for your kindness.



Prayer calendar and weekly prayer group

Attached is the Prayer Calendar for this half term.

A reminder that Mrs Crooks runs a prayer group every Friday at 8.30am in the staff room. It has been lovely to see so many relatives attending the prayer group already. We have also added a prayer request box at the office. There is the option for these to remain confidential by indicating on the request sheet.

Remembrance day and Poppies

Today the children participated in a special Remembrance Collective Worship. We talked about the importance of paying our respects to those who are currently serving in the armed forces and remembering those who have bravely fought and tragically lost their lives in battle. We will take part in the two-minute silence on Wednesday 11th November.

We are also taking part in the Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be on sale on the gate at drop off and collection times. The suggested donation for a poppy is £1.





Community Challenge

We are very impressed to see some children have already started their Community Challenge Award during half term. This challenge award is a great way of helping your child demonstrate our school value of community, by learning about ourselves and our place in school, in our family and in the wider community.

Illness and headlice

It is always great to come back together after a holiday. However, the down side to this is that we tend to share things best kept to ourselves! Please remember the 48-hour rule after the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea. Please also regularly check your child's head for head lice.
If you are unsure whether your child is well enough for school, please refer to this guidance from the NHS.





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Patterns start early

Poor attendance at primary school often leads to lower outcomes in secondary school.

Stewardship and Sustainability



Community Repair Café
Saturday 7th November, 10am–1pm – St Michael's Church

Why throw it away when it could be repaired? Our Community Repair Café is back! Bring along broken or damaged items and our wonderful volunteer repairers will work their magic to give them a new lease of life – completely free of charge.

From electronics and carpentry to jewellery and basic bike maintenance, a wide range of repairs can be tackled. You can also bring along old electrical cables for recycling.

Repairing rather than replacing saves money, reduces waste and consumption, and is a great way to help our planet. Why not pop along and see what can be saved?



SHINING MOMENTS

Recent learning at St George's

Storyteller visit

We were delighted to welcome storyteller Liz Frost into school for a wonderful storytelling visit! Children from Preschool to Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed being immersed in the story of The Magnificent Moose by Rachel Bright and Jim Field. There was plenty of excitement as we also got to meet Morris the Moose himself! It was a fantastic opportunity to bring stories to life, spark imaginations and celebrate a love of reading. Children who had pre-ordered a copy of the book were also excited to take their very own copy home, signed by the authors. A huge thank you to Liz for such a memorable visit!







Storytelling competition

Following our fantastic storyteller visit, we set the children a special half-term challenge: to share their love of stories by becoming storytellers themselves! We were delighted with the photographs that were sent in, showing children enjoying books, sharing stories and using their imaginations at home. Every child who entered was awarded house points for their efforts, with some fantastic entries making it particularly difficult to choose our winners! Well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to our competition winners below!



Saron (Knight)
Joseph (George)
Lowen (Knight)
India (Saint)
Ella (Knight)
Cariana (Knight)





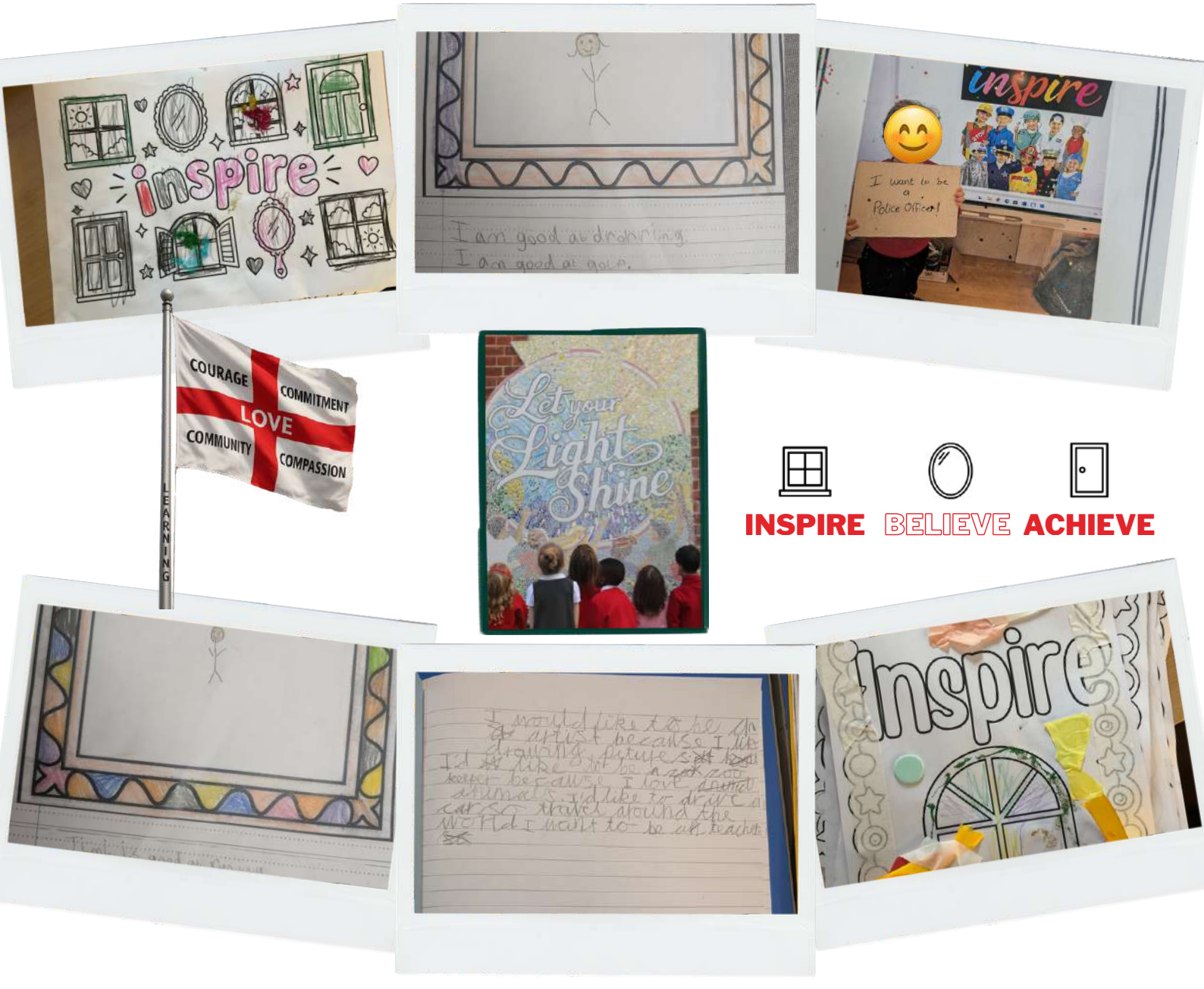
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Vision day

Monday was our whole school vision day. The children started the morning with a Collective Worship which reinforced our vision 'Inspire, Believe, Achieve - Let Your Light Shine'.

Each year group then completed creative tasks in class, linked to part of our vision. Reception children learnt about the word 'Inspire', Year 1 learnt about the word 'Believe' and Year 2 learnt about the word 'Achieve'.



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.

Book fair returns!

Just in time for early Christmas shopping, we are hosting another Book Fair after school in the school hall, 3pm-3.30pm from **Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November**. Any books bought at this fair earns our school free books. What a great way to celebrate reading and support our school!

Children in Need

On **Friday 13th November**, the children are invited to wear their own clothes, which could be bright, colourful or spotty, to school in exchange for a donation towards Children in Need. If you would like to make a donation to support Children in Need, you can do so via our JustGiving page. JustGiving has a minimum donation of £2, but please remember that donating is entirely optional. Thank you for your support!
Please ensure your child still brings a coat to school and wears appropriate footwear because usual school timetables still apply.



Year 1 Science Oxford Trip

Our Year 1 children will be heading off on an exciting trip to the Science Oxford Centre on **Tuesday 17th November**. They will have the opportunity to explore, investigate and get hands-on with science through a range of fun and interactive activities.

Upcoming PTA meeting

Our next PTA meeting will take place at school at 7:30pm on **Wednesday 18th November**. Everyone is very welcome to come along. Whether you are a regular volunteer or would simply like to find out more about how you can support the school, we'd love to see you there!

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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!



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

Elfridges

Please look out for further information on Classlist about the PTA children's Christmas Shopping, Elfridges, event on **Thursday 3rd December**. Lots of volunteers are needed to make this event a success so please support us where you can.

Classlist

Safeguarding

Q: Why does school ask about injuries or changes in behaviour?

A: We want to make sure every child is safe, healthy, and supported - your openness helps us do that.

DON'T FORGET!

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

CLICK HERE

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

Monday 16th November
Thursday 7th January

LIMITED SPACES REMAINING

REGISTER NOW

Thank you for your continued support.

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Quote of the week

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. As the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

Robert Laurence Binyon

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.

Magic invention box

Gather a few random household items (spoon, sock, paperclip, etc.) and invent something new!

What does it do?

What is it called?

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

This game is called **'Make a ten memory'** and helps children follow instructions and problem solve.

PLAY

CLICK HERE

What's behind the door?

Can you use your listening skills to work out what is behind each door?

CHIT

CHAT

CHOMP

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

If you could create your own firework, what colours and shapes would it make in the sky?

What changes have you noticed outside as it gets closer to winter?

