

# MAY 2025

## NEWSLETTER



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"I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

### Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carer

The children have returned from their half-term break with positive attitudes and ready for new learning. It is going to be another busy half term and there are many things planned for the children before we break up for the summer.

I am so proud of the Year 6 children who have completed their Statutory Assessments in May. Throughout the year, the children have developed such positive learning behaviours and showed great resilience. These SATS are always challenging, but the children rose to that challenge, and they should be so proud.

Please be mindful that the children are busy preparing for their Sport's Day. It is essential that they bring to school their PE kits and suitable trainers/pumps so they can take part in these activities safely. Also, a gentle reminder regarding jewellery. Some children are choosing to wear a collection of bracelets, necklaces and very inappropriate earrings to school. Firstly, we do not want our children to lose these precious possessions but most importantly, they can be a health and safety hazard, and we do not wish that any of our children sustain any form of injury at school.

Teachers have been busy organising trips for their children. Although we ask for a voluntary contribution for these trips, in reality as school budgets are so tight, some trips may need to be cancelled due to the ever-increasing cost of transportation. Do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team if you would like to discuss a payment plan to support you financially.

Karen, our Trust Catering Manager has created a new exciting menu for September. The choice of meals for the children look delicious. Karen is always willing to take feedback about the meal options from the children and the staff, however, if you would like to share any feedback, do not hesitate in contacting her via the school office. Our plan is to take photographs of all the new meals and display them in our Church/School Partnership board at the end of the school drive. This may support some families with understanding the ingredients that are used to make these delicious meals.

Mrs Jones is busy ordering school uniform for September and the payment system for Parents on Arbor will be up and running very soon. This information will be shared with you.

Please refer to the newsletter for up-and-coming events such as Sport's Day, trips and the Leaver's Service. We are planning our Summer Fayre in July, so may I extend an invitation to any Parents/Carers who wish to prepare or set up for the Fayre to contact the school office. Furthermore, if anyone would like their own stall at the Summer Fayre, the cost will be £10 and once again contact the school office. The Summer Fayre is always a huge success; however, I would love to invite more parents to get involved with the running of it together with the staff and the children.

Once again, a huge thankyou for continuing to support the school and your child/ren.

Headteacher

# Attendance

## MAY 2025

The target this year is to ensure all children have at least 96% attendance.

**Attendance for the month of May was 94.8%. This is below our target so let's have a big push on attendance in June!**

Thank you to all Parents and Carers for ensuring that their child/ren attend school and are **punctual for the start of the school day**. Good attendance has a positive impact on your child's well-being and educational outcomes.

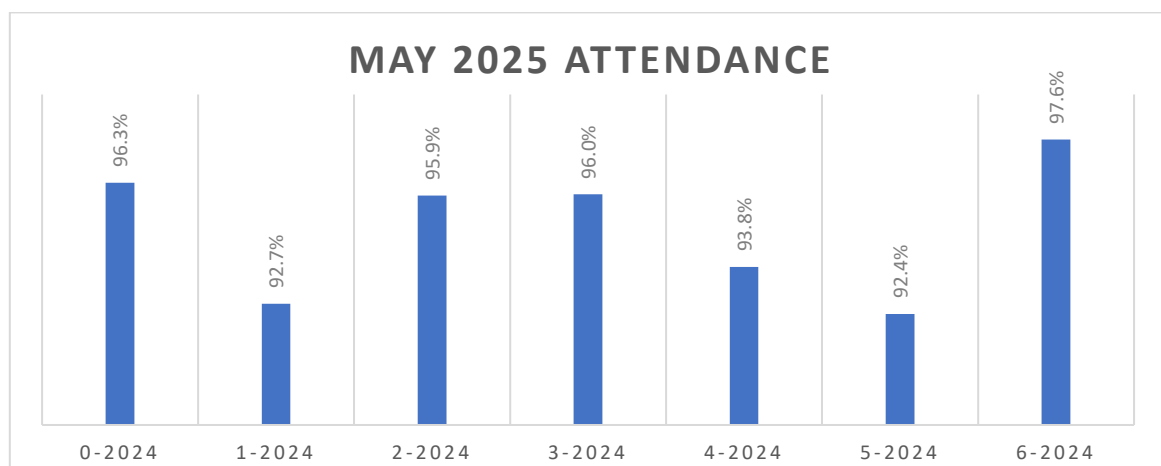
We do know that from time-to-time children are really too poorly to come to school. If this is the case, please ring the school office by 9.15am on 01562 824206 or email, if you prefer, [office@stgprimary.org](mailto:office@stgprimary.org). Phones are manned from 8.00am but an answerphone service is available before this time. It is important that you inform school if your child is unwell.

### What are we doing to reward good attendance?

We want to celebrate 100% attendance and good class attendance. As part of this, we are rewarding each class with a certificate for meeting our 96% or above target. We will display each class's weekly attendance on a display for the children to see every day in the school hall.

**Don't forget that we have two HUGE prizes to give away at the end of the academic year. We are giving away a prize to one child, drawn from a lucky dip, whose attendance has been 100% for the whole academic year. We will also be giving away a prize to one child who have received 100% for the Summer Term.**

## Well done to Year 6 for the best attendance in MAY!



Please see below a table of attendance for each class for the school year so far:

	Attendance to date:	Persistent Absence (under 90%)
Rec	93.32%	23.08%
1	94.03%	20%
2	96.12%	4.35%
3	94.58%	10.34%
4	95.8%	10%
5	94.58%	12.5%
6	95.83%	9.68%

# NURSERY

Nursery have enjoyed learning about "What is at the bottom of your garden? This term the children have learnt about mini beasts how they are different and similar; they have taken turns to play teacher and give the children clues for them to guess which mini beast they are thinking about. Our caterpillars arrived and they have enjoyed watching them grow and spin into their cocoon. When we return to school after the Whitsun break hopefully, they will see the transformation into a butterfly. The children tried honey on their bagels and learnt that bees do a waggle dance to communicate the location and distance to food sources. To end our term, we had a Bug Party and made edible wormeries.





# RECEPTION

It has been a really busy month in Reception and the children have really enjoyed their topic learning of 'What's at the bottom of my garden?'. We have explored a variety of different minibeasts and their habitats; using our knowledge to look for minibeasts in our outdoor areas at school. The children have enjoyed identifying them by name and looking closely at their features.



We then used our observations to create our own minibeast sculptures out of clay!



In Reception, we are really looking forward to the upcoming summer months and our beach trip towards the end of June! This trip is a fantastic and exciting opportunity for the children to take part in – where they will enjoy building sandcastles, eating a picnic with chips and an ice lolly, as well as spending time with their peers on the beach! If you require any further information regarding the trip, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Reception team.

Thank you for all of your continued support.

The Reception team 😊

# YEAR 1

It has been a really busy month in Year 1 and the children have really enjoyed their topic learning of 'Those who came before us.'

**English:** We have been reading the delightful story "Whatever Next!" by Jill Murphy. The children have enjoyed exploring the adventures of Baby Bear as he travels to the moon. We encourage you to ask your child about their favourite part of the story and discuss the imaginative journey Baby Bear takes.

**Maths:** In Maths, we have been focusing on multiplication and division using the 2 times table. The children have been practicing their skills through various fun activities and games. You can support their learning at home by practicing the 2 times table together and using everyday objects to count in twos.

**History:** Our History lessons have been all about Neil Armstrong, the first person to walk on the moon. The children have been fascinated by his life and achievements. We have discussed the significance of his journey and how it has inspired many people around the world.

**Science:** In Science, we are identifying different plants and learning about the parts of a plant. The children have been exploring the school garden and observing various plants. They have learned about the functions of roots, stems, leaves, and flowers. Encourage your child to share what they have discovered and perhaps even start a small garden at home!

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

Miss Edwards and the Year 1 team 😊



## YEAR 2

The children in Year Two have been involved in a range of activities throughout the half term where the children have been busy exploring various subjects and developing essential skills.

In Mathematics, the children have been diving into the world of numbers, working hard to find the most efficient method when working with all four operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Through interactive lessons and fun exercises, they are building a strong foundation in maths that will serve them well in Year Three.

In Reading and Phonics, we have been using our phonics skills where the children have been using inference skills from the book "Fantastic Mr. Fox." This classic tale has sparked their imaginations and helped them enhance their reading comprehension abilities. It's wonderful to see them so engaged and excited about reading.

In writing, the children have been exploring "The Monster Machine." This book has inspired them to create their own stories and develop their writing skills. They are learning to express their thoughts creatively and effectively, and their progress is truly impressive.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication your children are showing.

Thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks from the Year Two Team,

Mr Carrette and Miss Steward

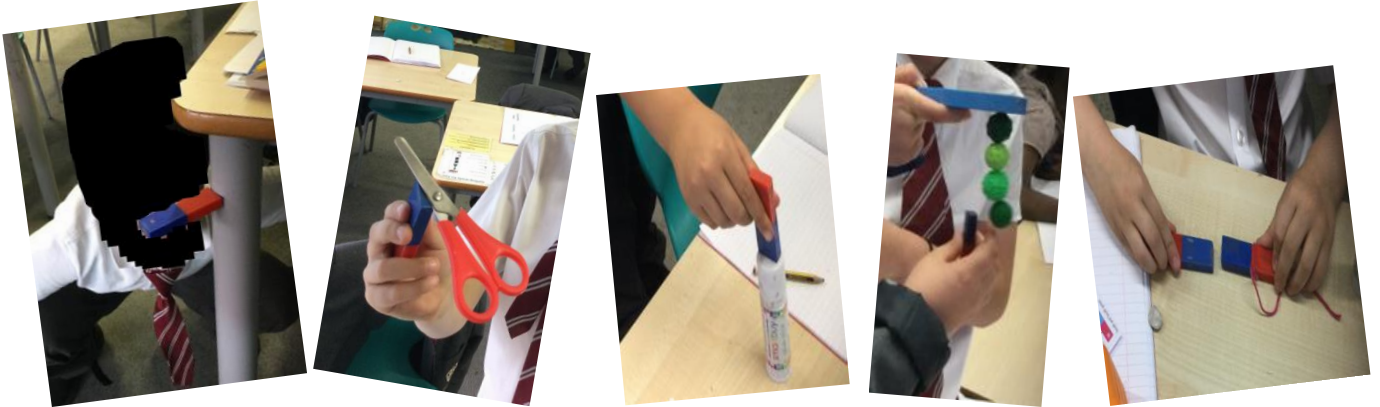


## YEAR 3

The months are whizzing past in Year 3. We have been so busy being creative where we can and getting outside in forest school to enjoy the beautiful weather.

In English, we have written a short story using an image of a mammoth frozen in ice as our stimulus. We revisited using the correct punctuation for direct speech, writing in the past tense and using prepositions. In Maths, we have completed our unit on mass and capacity and a short unit re-visiting fractions where we were adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

In Science we have been looking at forces and magnets and experimenting with different surfaces and we had a moment of spirituality – awe and wonder – when we explored the classroom with magnets.



In our RE lessons, we have started to explore the gospels which includes the story of the good Samaritan and when Jesus called his disciples. In our PE lessons, we have been improving our throwing and catching skills in preparation for sports day, and we are excited to be moving on to practising our athletics soon.

We have loved getting outside for forest school this month too, where we have created dens, charcoal art, explored for animals and the best of all, enjoyed some smores as well as nettles.



As we enter the final half term could you please remember to continue to read at home and send in your home link books to ensure your child is reading the books targeted at the correct level. Our PE lessons are Wednesday but could you please leave kits in school as we might go out for extra sports day practice this term. There are lots of exciting things to do in our final few weeks but as always if you do have any issues or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us at the classroom door or contact us via the office.

The Year 3 team 😊

## YEAR 4

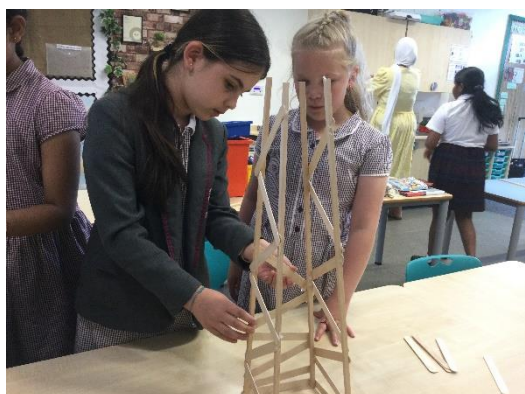
It has been another busy month for the Year 4s! Mr Atkinson started it off by climbing the National Three Peaks alongside Miss Edwards, Mr Harris and other colleagues from the Black Pear Trust. We



raised over £600 for The Rotary Club which is a charity that supports schools across the country. The Bank Holiday Monday was certainly needed to rest the legs! The Year 4s showed their support alongside the rest of the school by walking the equivalent ascent of Scafell Pike on the field which they enjoyed very much!

The children loved wearing their red, white and blue and their picnic to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. They learnt about its significance in an assembly and held a two-minute silence to remember those who died.

In our D.T lessons, the children have created a volcano



warning tower to house a siren and light. They gained inspiration from

electricity pylons to create a strong structure using a lattice effect. They then applied their knowledge of circuits which they have developed in their science lessons to create a warning light.



In our maths lessons, we have developed a good understanding of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and we have applied these to converting units of measure. We have had a lot of focus on times tables and the children have made fantastic progress with these! Please continue to practise these at home so that they can continue to develop their quick mental recall and fluency. In our writing lessons, we have written a narrative using inverted commas to indicate speech. The children based their story on the King of the Fishes in which a magical character grants their main character one wish. However, there is a problem: each member of their family wants something different!

We are looking forward to the summer months which can be a very busy and exciting time!

Thank you for all your support,

The Year 4 Team



## YEAR 5

May has been another action-packed month for Year 5, especially in PE! We've been making the most of our opportunities to get active and develop our skills in a variety of sports. One of the highlights has been our cricket sessions with the sports coaches, where the children have enjoyed learning how to bat, bowl, and field as part of a team. It's been fantastic to see their confidence and coordination grow with each session.

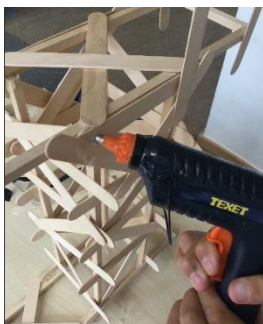
We've also continued our weekly *Get Fit* sessions with the Harriers, which are always a big hit! These fun and energetic lessons focus on staying active, building fitness, and learning about the importance of keeping our bodies healthy. There's even time for a bit of football at the end—something Year 5 always looks forward to!



In Design & Technology this term, Year 5 had a brilliant time designing and building a giant crane with a fully working pulley! This exciting project linked perfectly to our Science topic on *Forces*, where we've been learning all about levers, pulleys, and gears.

The children showcased their creativity and practical skills, using saws (safely!), lolly sticks, wood, and hot glue guns to bring their crane designs to life. We were especially proud of how sensible and responsible everyone was when handling the tools—real teamwork and maturity on display!

To finish off the project, we put our cranes to the test by seeing if they could successfully lift and lower objects—and they did! It was a fantastic hands-on way to bring our learning to life.



Thank you so much for your support,

Miss Powell, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Smith 😊

## YEAR 6

May has been another busy month for Year 6, with the children continuing to show resilience and an amazing work ethic - particularly during SATs week.



At the beginning of the month, I took part in the National Three Peaks Challenge alongside other staff members from across the Trust to raise money for charity. Inspired by this, the children completed their own challenge walking the distance of one of the mountains between them and Year 5. They really enjoyed taking part and sent some lovely messages of encouragement to me, which were truly appreciated.

On Mondays, as part of our regular PE lessons, Year 6 have been developing their swimming skills at Holy Trinity School. During the first few sessions, the focus has been on front crawl and breathing techniques. In the coming weeks, the children will begin to work on their backstroke and build their stamina for swimming longer distances.

During the week of 12th May, our Year 6 pupils sat their SATs papers, covering SPAG, Maths, and Reading. They approached each test with focus, determination, and a positive attitude. We are incredibly proud of how they supported one another and gave their best effort every day. A big thank you to all the staff and families for their encouragement and support throughout the week.

We'd also like to give a special thank you to Karen and the kitchen team for providing the children with a delicious breakfast each morning and it was very much appreciated.



As an end of term treat, the children enjoyed a fish and chip lunch after a busy morning playing at Baxter Park. They had a fantastic time relaxing with friends, playing football, and enjoying the swings. It was a well-deserved reward.

Please remember that the school's expectation is for pupils to read five times a week, with this recorded in their reading diaries.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Miss Edwards, Miss Moraity, and Miss Timms 😊**

# The Church and School Partnership Award

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you! As you know, we have been working hard towards the Church and School Partnership Award. Originally, our goal was to achieve the bronze award, but with encouragement and enthusiasm from everyone involved, we set our sights on silver. We couldn't be more delighted to announce that, following a recent visit from Worcestershire Diocese, we have achieved the **Gold Award!** This is truly fantastic news!

Even more exciting, is that we have also been informed that we are one of only ten schools to reach this remarkable milestone. We are now eagerly awaiting confirmation of a special presentation event where we will receive the award. Details will follow soon, so keep an eye out!

This tremendous achievement would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our wonderful church members, our amazing children, and our dedicated staff, who have all given their time and energy to work alongside us, strengthening our St George's Family.

We remain committed to working together so that our community can truly flourish and we believe that we can achieve even more together!

I look forward to being able to update you again soon!

Mrs Stewart

RE & Worship Lead

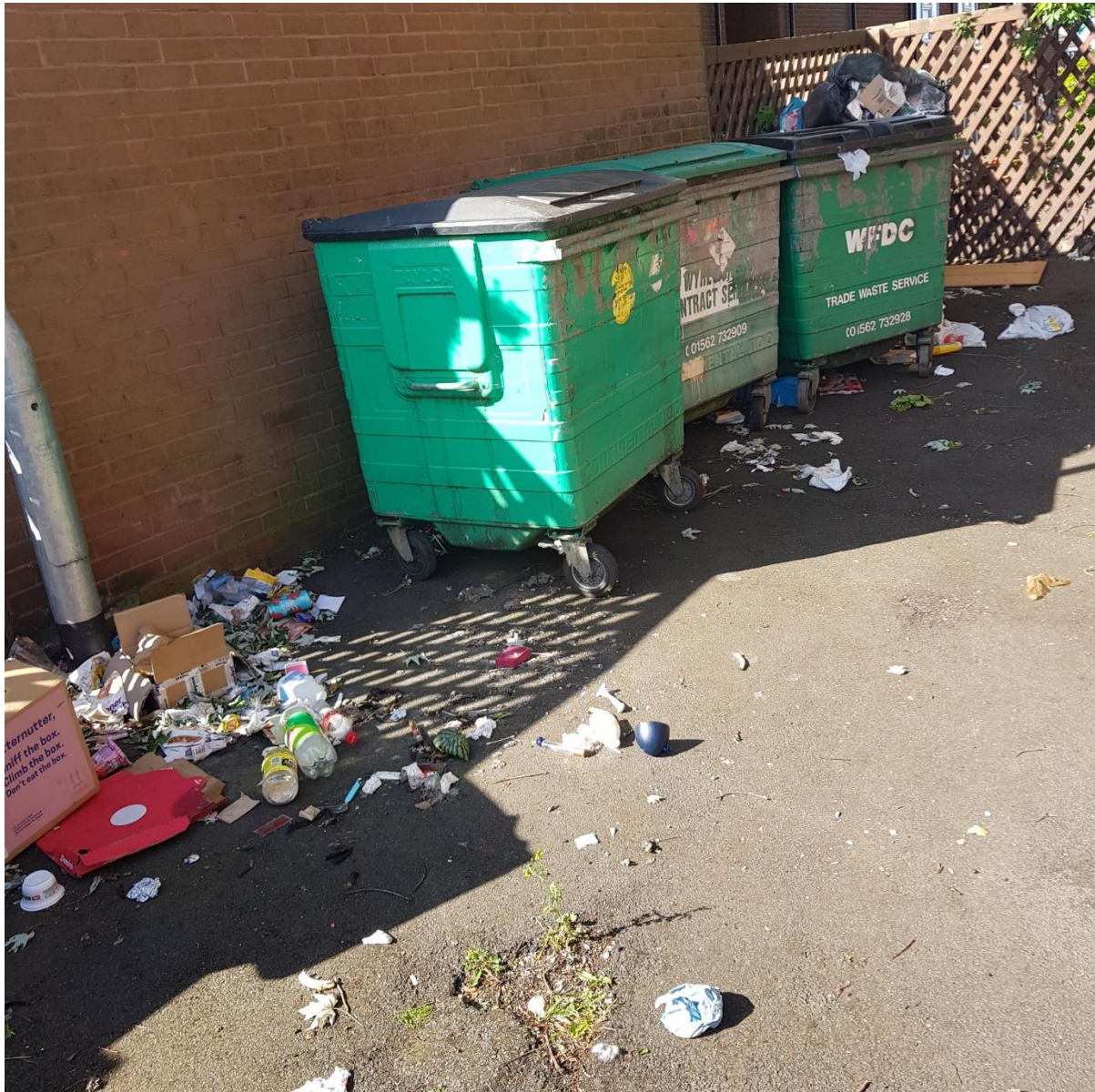




## Rubbish on School Site

We have been having an issue with rubbish on the school field which is blowing through the school gate from the Plane Tree Close entrance. This has been reported to Worcestershire County Council.

If you see anyone fly tipping or dropping litter in our local area, please report to either Wyre Forest District Council – 01562 732928 or via their online form - [Flytipping | Wyre Forest District Council](#) or Worcestershire Regulatory Services on 01905 822799 or via their online form - [Accumulations & Rubbish | Worcestershire Regulatory Services](#) .



# **IMPORTANT DATES and REMINDERS**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 trip to Cosford Air Museum

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – New Reception Sept 2025 Intake Meeting 1.30pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 3 trip to Three Counties Show Malvern

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Redditch Gotta Sing

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – New Reception Stay & Play 1.30pm – 2.30pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 & Reception Beach Trip

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Stem Workshop Kidderminster College

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Leavers' Photos 9am

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 to Woodrush school to see Sister Act

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Reception Stay & Play 9.15am

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> June to Tues 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 6 Holy Trinity Transition Days

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> June to Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 6 King Charles Transition Days

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – New Reception Stay & Play 1.30pm – 2.30pm

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Wolverley Transition Days

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Nursery Sports Morning

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Reception, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sports Day

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – School Summer Fayre

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Harriers Penalty Shoot Out Competition

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – We break up for the summer holidays

# Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

If you feel a child is at risk of immediate harm and needs immediate protection phone the police and the Family Front Door on **01905 822666**.

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We are offering an '**after school provision**' throughout the week at St George's for the **all the children**. Your child/children will have the opportunity to do some **creative and engaging activities** and will be provided with a **hot snack** if they choose to stay for the **later slot**.

- After school club starts at **3.15pm**.
- There will be two slots available for the '**Little Pears**'.
- The first slot will run from **3.15pm-4.30pm** at a cost of **£6.00**.
- The second slot available is from **3.15pm-5.30pm** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday **3.15pm-5.15pm** at a cost of **£7.50**.
- If your child is staying until **5.30pm**, they will be provided with a hot snack. Hot snacks e.g., 'beans or cheese' on toast.

If you would like your child/children to attend '**Little Pears**' after school club, please contact [office@stgprimary.org](mailto:office@stgprimary.org) or ring on 01562 824206.

Please contact us as soon as possible, so we can ensure that we can facilitate your wishes.