# NOVEMBER 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/Carers

We have come to the end of a very busy month and there is an element of excitement in the air! The school is looking lovely and the whole staff team have been busy displaying children's learning around the school. We have had many visitors on site form the Central Team, Governors and other visitors from different schools and they all speak very highly of the school environment.

Senior Leaders have continued to monitor teaching and learning throughout this month and we have been really positive with children's learning behaviour, how they transition around school safely and sensibly and how they can speak with confidence about their learning experiences-this is a credit to them and the whole staff team.

A huge thankyou to all the staff, both teachers and support assistants who have given up their time during lunchtimes and after school to lead extra curriculum clubs. These include; SATS booster sessions, choir, football, dance and art clubs. After Christmas, further clubs will be offered, so please continue to look out for this information. If you have any particular expertise, do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, if you would be willing to plan and deliver an extra curriculum club, alongside a member of staff.

The children are busy with the lead up to Christmas, so please read all the events that are planned throughout December. We will be hosting two performances for the Early Years and Key Stage one Christmas Performance. Both these performances will be held on the same day, a morning performance and an evening performance to try and accommodate working parents. We will be sending further details about the availability of tickets this week.



We have had a visitor at school since Monday. The Christmas Elf joined us in the school hall for whole school worship! The children were very excited to see him and look forward to seeing what future mischief he will be getting up to during the month of December!

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December we are very proud to be having our Church /School Partnership Award Presentation at school. We are being joined by members of the Worcestershire Diocese, Governors and Trustees and the Bishop of Worcester will be joining us too! It is unfortunate that we are unable to invite parents, however, we will capture this proud achievement and share some information and photographs later in December and on the school website too. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone in the school community and the family of St George's for all their hard work, planning and participation in achieving this truly wonderful award.

**Best Wishes** 

Headteacher



#### NURTURE LEARN SUCCEED

With God's guidance, we nurture our St George's Family to have a passion for learning and give them the strength to face challenges, so that they succeed and flourish in life's journey.

### Attendance November 2025

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

Attendance for the month of November was 95.5%. This is broadly in line with our target which is brilliant and we want to ensure that this continues as we move into the colder months!

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@staprimary.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. If you are unsure whether to keep your child off school or not, please see the visual across:

#### 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

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attendance on a display for the children to see every day in the school hall.

We are holding 12 days of Christmas Attendance Challenge, very soon. Please keep an eye out for more information about this. There are chances to win prizes for 100% attendance in December!

# Well done to Year 4 for the best attendance in November with 97.1%

#### Attendance percentage

| Nursery 1      | 84.2% |
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| Nursery 2      | 92.6% |
| Reception      | 91.6% |
| Year 1         | 92.9% |
| Year 2         | 95.0% |
| Year 3         | 95.8% |
| Year 4         | 97.1% |
| Year 5         | 97.1% |
| Year 6         | 96.2% |
| National       | 95.2% |
| ocal Authority | 95.3% |
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#### SEND parent workshop available - Autism

<u>Description:</u> Every young person with autism experiences the world in their own unique way. This **free** interactive workshop will provide parents and carers with first-hand insights from young people with autism, helping to build understanding and develop strategies for support.

Who is it for? This session is for parents and carers of young people with SEND, particularly those with autism, who want to understand their perspective and improve communication and support.

#### **What to Expect:**

- Insights from young people with autism on their experiences, challenges, and strengths.
  - Strategies for supporting communication, sensory needs, and emotional wellbeing.
  - A deeper understanding of behaviours and what they might mean for your child.
    - A chance to ask questions and explore useful resources.

<u>Session Details:</u> This is a **two-hour interactive workshop** featuring real-life experiences and practical discussions.

**Takeaway:** By the end of the session, parents and carers will have a better understanding of autism from the young person's perspective and practical approaches to support them effectively.

#### **Price**

Free/No charge

#### Location

Fairfield Learning Centre

Carnforth Drive

Worcester

WR49HG

#### **Online Safety**

If your children are getting a visit off Santa and one of their presents is a new online device, here is some important information to help you set the device up safely.



## Chapman & Myres Opticians Design Santa a Pair of Glasses Competition

Please click on this link to choose your favourite design.

The design with the most 'likes' will win a prize. Please click on the link before the end of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

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#### **NURSERY**



Magic Russ will be visiting the nursery children to perform a magic show on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9am. Parents are invited to join their child for the show and there will be some Christmas craft activities to take part in. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Donations to raise money for nursery resources will be most welcome.

Please make sure you have sent in your reply slip to let us know if you will be attending. We look forward to seeing you!

#### What have we been learning about in Nursery?

This term the children have been learning about how to play carefully with the nursery resources and learning how to make friends and take turns. The children learnt about Autumn and what happens during this time of the year and were excited to learn about the properties of ice. Please see below for a selection of photographs that show the exciting opportunities that some of the children have taken part in.

















#### RECEPTION

November has been a very busy month, and the children have been really engaged in their learning! We have been learning lots about what happens in Autumn, looking at the weather and the leaves on the trees. We have spent lots of time outdoors exploring our environment to look for signs of Autumn.

The children also learnt about a famous Artist called Jackson Pollock. We enjoyed looking at his paintings and exploring different skills, such as colour mixing and experimenting with applying paint using different resources e.g. cotton wool, string, paintbrushes, sponges etc. We then applied these skills to create our own large-scale Jackson Pollock inspired painting, which involved us getting very messy!













We are very excited for the month of December as we have lots of lovely and exciting things planned for the children – including our Nativity performance with Key Stage 1! The children are very excited to show you what we have been working on.

A letter will be sent out with further information regarding costumes, but please ensure you send into school, the items we have requested in a **named bag** by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any questions regarding the Nativity Performance, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Reception Team.

In year 1 we have been extremely busy this month!



In Talk 4 Write we have started our new book 'Lost in the Toy Museum'. We are working hard to use our new skills that we have learnt in our writing. We are using capital letters, full stops, conjunctions and suffixes. We have enjoyed retelling the story using sign language with the help of Miss Webb.



In Maths we have been reactivating our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes. We enjoyed making shape towers and matching the names to the shape. We are now learning to count in 10's to 50!

In History we have started to look at Kidderminster high street in the past. We have thought about what it looked like in the 1850s, 1950s and today. We have thought about how it looks similar and how things have changed.



In Art, we are looking at Delph pottery. We are enjoying creating our very own Delph pottery style titles and when they are dry, we will paint them in the style of Delph pottery.



In Year 1, children are expected to read every night with an adult at home. Please can you make sure this is recorded in their reading diary. Those who do, are entered into a special reading raffle! 😁

Just a reminder PE is still every Monday and Friday.

Please ensure PE kits are in school and named.

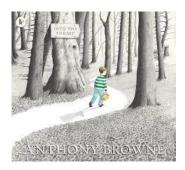
Thank you all for your continued support!

Miss Hall and the Year 1 team 😊



We have had a brilliant and busy month learning in year 2!

We have explored a variety of books in Writing. We are currently reading 'Into The Forest' which explores other possible connections linked to 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Hansel and Gretal' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have been using a range of adjectives and conjunctions and are working towards writing an exciting diary entry in the first person to recount the journey.



In Maths we have recently moved towards addition and subtraction using our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help us. Within this, the children are exploring a range of resources and methods which help them to solve mathematical problems.

We have explored human and physical features in Geography, where we went on a walk around school to apply what we have learnt and identify the different features around us. We then started looking at Kidderminster on a map and comparing it to Birmingham and London.

We have hit the ground running with our History unit looking at 'The Great Fire of London'. We have been looking at when the Great Fire of London happened on a timeline and discovered that it was a long time ago! We have also began exploring how it started and how Tudor houses were different to modern houses.

In PE we have explored how to move around the hall safely and have created movements inspired by 'The Great Fire of London'. We will also be continuing to explore throwing, catching and using a raquet to aim a ball outside so please make sure that your child has warm PE clothing in school every **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

We love to read stories in year 2 and continue to work hard in phonics to help eachother to blend sounds and understand the words. Please continue to read with your child at least three times a week and record this in their reading record; it really makes a difference.

Thank you for all of your continued support.

Miss McPhie and the Year 2 team 😊



We have had a fantastic month of learning in Year 3!

In Writing, the children let their imaginations run wild as they created their own monster nonchronological reports. They organised their ideas into themed paragraphs, used clear subheadings, and invented some wonderfully unusual creatures who lived in very unexpected places and enjoyed some peculiar snacks!

In Maths, we have continued our work on multiplication and division. The children particularly enjoyed the practical lessons, which helped them to apply their understanding in hands-on ways.









In Art, we are continuing to explore watercolours and study the work of David Gentleman. The children are working towards creating their own landscape paintings inspired by his style.

In **Reading**, we have been using our expert tips and strategies to complete The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl. The children have now written thoughtful book reviews reflecting on the story.

In **Science**, our topic is Animals, including humans. We have been learning about the role of the skeleton and muscles, and how they support movement and protection. The children also had the exciting opportunity to become palaeontologists for the afternoon! They thoroughly enjoyed digging for "bones" and piecing together their skeletons—an activity that helped them understand how real scientists discover and study fossils.









In Geography, we have been exploring our local area. The children have learned about the water cycle, key features of the River Severn, and the characteristics of different coastlines.

PE lessons take place every Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child brings their PE kit and is able to remove any jewellery. If earrings cannot be removed, please provide tape so they can be safely covered. Long hair should also be tied back

In KS2, children are expected to read at least five times per week. Those who meet this target will be entered into our special reading raffle for the chance to win a prize.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss Powell, Miss Moriarty and Miss Stuart 😊



Year 4 have been working super hard this Autumn. The children have been challenging themselves to improve their work and somthing we have taken a real focus on is in our handwriting. We have been reactivating our knowledge of letter formation.

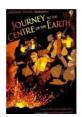


The classroom is a really lovely environent and all the children are feeling happy with their learning together. In Writing, we've been exploring Ancient Greece which has been linking to our history topic too. We have been creating fact files based on research and asking questions, where we have then been using this to add expanded noun phrases and use of conjunctions. There have been lots of brilliant conversations about emotions and how we can express them in our writing. The children have really enjoyed experimenting with language and sharing their ideas.



In Maths, we've been building on our understanding of place value, addition and subtraction as we begin to deepen our understanding of 'muliplication'. We have had a reall push pn multiplications as the Year 4 Mulitplication Tables Test approaches next year. Then from this understanding, we have began to look into division and how these are the 'inverse' of one another.

In Reading, we have continue to use the 'Comprehension Express' to help us become more confident and thoughtful readers. We are continuing to learn how we can use our Expert Tips to answer questions carefully and explain our thinking clearly. By reading a variety of class texts, it has created lots of great discussions, and we are looking at ways so that we can understand what we read more effectively. The book we are reading is 'Journey to the Centre of the Earth' which has caused many interesting discussions regarding the shape of our world and even space (this was spoken about in our breaktimes).



In Science, we've begun our topic on living things and their habitats where as scientists, we have been exploring our school grounds, the wilflife that surrounds us and how we can classify living things. We are cotninuing to classify living things by creating our own key which we started by firstly looking at vertebrates and invertabrates.

In PE, we have continued to focus on our swimming skills, where Year 4 have been working at a range of different levels (pahses 1-3). It's been fantastic to see their confidence grow in the water as they practise their strokes, breathing techniques and water safety.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 4 Team

Mr Carrette, Mrs Brettle, Miss Liliia and Miss Stewart

#### YEAR 5W

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November, in 5W, we started our day by learning all about how carbon negatively impacts the environment. We discussed why fossil fuels are bad and how sustainable energy sources can be used instead.

Then, we wrote a letter to Mark Garnier (our local MP) about training unemployed people in green energy jobs like the building and maintenance of wind turbines and solar panels.

In the afternoon, we made a clay piece to summarise our learning so far and we designed a plate to show different climate actions we want our school to take. For example, create a wildlife pond, plant wildflowers and make bird feeders and bug hotels in our forest school area.







Recently, the children explored the forest school area and discovered a variety of colour hues hidden in nature. They noticed deep greens in the ivy, soft browns in the tree bark, and even flashes of orange and yellow in fallen leaves. Just like Henri Rousseau, they paid attention to the subtle differences in shades.







#### YEAR 5C-M

#### Year 5CM have had a fantastic half term so far!

We have thoroughly enjoyed our Forest School sessions, where we demonstrated teamwork and problem-solving skills by constructing temporary flood barriers. This linked perfectly with our Geography learning about the effects of flooding, helping us understand how communities respond to these challenges. Inspired by the Rocksteady company, we even created our own music outdoors, combining creativity with nature.







As writers, we have focused on persuasion, crafting letters to convince our favourite (but fed up) crayon not to leave us! We have worked hard to use fantastic language choices and introduced relative clauses to make our writing even more persuasive and detailed.

In PSHE, we have been learning about the importance of looking after ourselves and our bodies, starting the topic off with some relaxing yoga! Earlier this month, we celebrated anti-bullying week and performed a song which we are very proud of and hope we can show you soon!





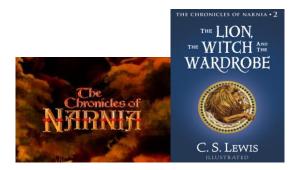
Year 5 have also been lucky to use Chromebooks for their learning, which they have thoroughly enjoyed during Maths lessons, where technology has helped make problem-solving even more engaging.

It's been an exciting and creative term so far, and we can't wait to see what comes next!



We have had another busy month exploring lots of new topics and all the children have worked very hard. The children showed real resilience when they sat their SATs papers this month, they should be really proud.

In our writing lessons, we focused on writing a narrative to entertain. We used 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis as a driver for our writing. We developed our understanding of accurately applying inverted commas in our work to show dialogue that advances the action. This was our first piece of writing this year where we concentrated on writing at length and the children persevered well to create descriptive and well thought out narratives.



In Maths, we have applied our formal methods of addition and subtraction to a range of questions across the maths curriculum. We have continued to learn more about methods for multiplication and division whilst building our fluency with the formal methods. The children are reactivating their formal methods during morning missions and their maths fluency lessons.

In our Geography, we have explored the different biomes across the world and compared them to our own temperate biome. We loved exploring the playground for evidence that we live in a temperate biome, we especially loved throwing the leaves in the air to create an autumnal picture. In our art lessons, we are using our sticky knowledge from geography to create a biome in a jar linked to the biome of our choosing, which will look fantastic when they are completed!



We will continue to run a Year 6 SATs BUSTER club on a Thursday 3:15 pm - 4 pm, this is a great opportunity for the children to continue practising their Maths, Reading and grammar in preparation for their SATs.

Keep up the fantastic work Year 6!

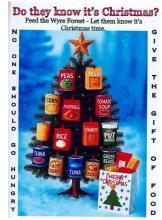
Miss Edwards and Mrs Smith 😊



#### **HELP- Food Collection**







# Do they know it's Christmas? Feed the Wyre Forest Let them know it's Christmas time Help us to feed the homeless and those in need this Christmas - It's 2025, no one should be without food or going hungry this year.

Please donate to our Christmas Food Appeal.

LECP
Tulip Tee Centre. Castle Road. Kidderminster. DY11 67H

Call Us On: 07470 949 050
Email Us: help.tuliptreecentre@zmail.com

Over December, we would like to collect food donations for HELP so that no-one should go hungry at Christmas. We will collect these at school and will put the donations under our school Christmas Tree!

#### St George's Church Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, we were invited to St George's Church Christmas Fayre. It was so lovely to see the Church bustling despite the awful weather. A huge thank you to Mrs Teague, for generously giving her up time to run our St George's stall, which was filled with beautiful handmade Christmas crafts made by the Children, who attend Wraparound and the very creative Mrs Teague herself.

The stall proved to be a great success, and not only did we raise vital funds for school, but we were also able to make a small donation to the Church too. Working together with the Church to serve our local community is really important to us and we look forward to future events.

Mrs Stewart (RE & Worship Lead)





#### **IMPORTANT DATES and REMINDERS**

Friday 5th December – Non School Uniform Day bring toiletries

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity 9.15am and 6.00pm (Children to arrive at school at 5:30pm)

Tickets available on Arbor under 'Shop'

**Thursday 11th December** - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December – Whole School Panto Trip to the Artrix Theatre-Full school uniform to be worn

Friday 12th December – St George's Christmas Fayre 3.30pm

Tuesday 16th December – Whole School Christmas Lunch in school

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Service in church.

Prompt start at **1.45pm** - All children will be walked back to school by staff and collected from the school site at **3:15pm** 

Friday 19th December – Party Day and School beaks up for Christmas - warm party clothes can be worn to school

Monday 5th January 2026 – Children back in school

#### 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**.



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@staprimary.org or ring on 01562 824206.

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