# St George's CE Primary

## Newsletter 5 – Friday 2nd October 2026

**What has been happening in school this week:-**

-Miss Holt led Worship on Monday of this week and introduced a very special four legged furry friend – we are so excited to welcome Ruby our therapy dog to the St George's family. See newsletter and social media for updates.

-On Tuesday of this week we gathered as a whole school for clerical worship led by Mrs Gillett we spoke about how we should always be wiling to help and live out the work of God.

-Nursery have been on our autumn walk around school this week. We have looked for the different signs of autumn and talked about all the different colour we can see in the changing season.

-This week, Reception have been exploring mark-making and practising how to hold their pencils using the correct pencil grip.

-This week, Y1 have been busy painting tone bars in Art, discussing animal diets in Science, and comparing and ordering numbers in Maths.

- Year 2 have been looking at entries from Samuel Pepys' diary and writing a recount.

- Year 3 have enjoyed getting to grips with TT Rockstars this week – they have had a great time using keypads to enhance learning.

- Year 4 are busy setting up a Science investigation to investigate tooth decay, producing beautiful writing about Roar and practising Arithmetic skills.

- Year 5 have been busy studying about the antics of barbarians and rebels in their Anglo-Saxon History unit! They have also learned how many days it takes for the planets in the solar system to orbit the sun in Earth days.....and for some it is a LOT!

-Year 6 have been very hands on in science this week – we enjoyed exploring if yeast was a living micro-organism with a science experiment – see social media for pictures.

| Diary Dates | |
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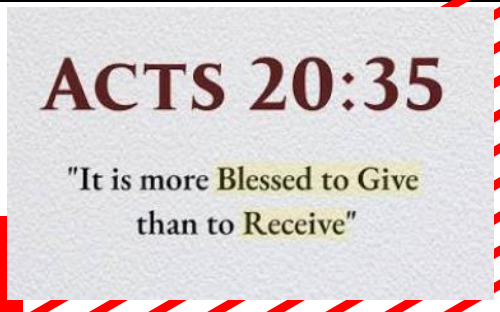
| Date | Event |
| 9.10.26 | Harvest Worship – wear your own clothes and bring a tin/ packet to donate to Urban Outreach |
| 12.10.26 | UKS2 – I Taste India Day – see additional letter |
| Wk commencing 19.10.26 | Parents' Evening for all children – further details to follow. |
| 22.10.26 | Y6 Dress as a Viking Day – further details to follow. |
| 22.1.26 | Donut Disco – EYFS/ KS1 – 3.45pm-4.45pm<br>KS2 – 5.00pm -6.00pm |
| 23.10.26 | Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer Now – further details to follow in due course. |
| 9.11.26 | EYFS Open Evening – see additional poster |
| 10.11.26 | Y6 whole class worship – all parents and carers welcome |
| 11.11.26 | Remembrance reflection in school for all pupils |
| Wk commencing 23rd November | Whole school Assessment Week |
| 15.12.26 | Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day for all children in school |
| 16.12.26 | Mr James Music Showcase 2.30PM |
| 21.12.26 | Reindeer Run for Bolton Hospice – ALL CHILDREN TO COME DRESSED READY TO RUN! |
| 22.12.26 | Christmas Party Day - ALL CHILDREN TO COME DRESSED READY TO PARTY! |



On Friday 9th October 2026, children are invited to come to school wearing suitable own clothes in exchange for a Harvest food donation to support the work of Urban Outreach. All children will come together for a special Harvest Worship at 9.15am, where we will take time to reflect on the importance of helping others and being thankful for what we have. We would like to thank families in advance for their generosity in helping us make a difference to those in our local community.



**Congratulations to the stars of this week:**
Stars of the week are awarded for excellent attitude towards learning, demonstrating outstanding behaviour and respecting others.
Nursery – Emily
Reception – Gabrielle
Year 1 – Sorley
Year 2 –Ava Gracee
Year 3 – Dezi
Year 4 - Ted
Year 5 – Grace
Year 6H – Hannah
Year 6F- Dominic

**Gospel Values Award**
'Children who demonstrated Love and Compassion within and around school:- Arabella, Daisy, Cayde, Essie, Aedan, Amelia, Rocco, Neve and Lily Rose

**British Values Award.**
Children who demonstrated an understanding of Mutual Respect, Democracy and Perseverance within and around school:-
Bobby J, Scarlett, Delilah, Elliot, Dylan, Minnie, James, Hugo and Alfie

**Head Teachers' Award**

**Noah -** You have settled so well into our new Nursery year and have been a super learner in all areas.

**Evie -** someone who can be relied upon to always show enthusiasm in all subjects. You work hard and have a brilliant attitude. You also always try very hard to always be well behaved and well mannered. A true little star!

**Kaitlyn -** Life can be challenging for Kaitlyn, but she never ever complains. She takes everything in her stride with a smile on her face. She is a role model to children and adults alike.

**Connie P** – You have shown resilience beyond measure this week and you never let anyone dull your sparkle – at least not for very long! You're very often doing it for the girls when it comes to all things sport and that's just one way you shine like the true star that you are both on and off the pitch! Carry on spreading the Connie sparkle wherever you go – we're so proud of you!

## Meet Ruby: Our School Therapy Dog

We are delighted to have Ruby, our working therapy dog, as part of our school community. The poster explains our **"High 5" approach**, helping children interact with Ruby safely, calmly and respectfully.

### 🐾 1. See
When children see Ruby, they should remember that she is a working dog and respond appropriately by staying calm and sensible.

### 🐾 2. Stop
Before approaching Ruby, children are encouraged to stop and think. Is this the right time to approach? Ruby may be busy supporting pupils, so it is important to respect her role.

### 🐾 3. Speak
Children must always speak to Ruby's handler first and ask permission by saying, "*Can I stroke your dog?*"

### 🐾 4. Sit
Once permission has been given, children should wait patiently while Ruby is asked to sit and stay. This helps ensure that interactions are safe and comfortable for everyone.

### 🐾 5. Stroke
When Ruby is ready, children may gently stroke her and enjoy spending time with her.

The key message for all children is simple: **Be Kind. Be Calm. Respect Ruby.** By following these five steps, children can enjoy positive interactions with our therapy dog while helping Ruby feel safe, relaxed and happy at school. 🐶💙
See the link below: St George's CE Westhoughton welcomes therapy dog after campaign | The Bolton News







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