St George's C of E School

Thinking Schools Network

St George's CE Primary

Newsletter 11 – Friday 20th November 202

What has been happening in school this week:-

-Mr Young led whole school worship this week to kick start Anti Bullying Week 2026 children reflected on the story of David and Goliath.

-On Monday of this week children wore odd socks in recognition of Anti Bullying Week 2026 – children reflected on the theme for this year 'Break the Silence' – very well done to all involved.

-Mrs Stokes started singing group with UKS2 and they enjoyed lots of Christmas themed tunes!

- Nursery have been very busy learning all about the Hindu festival of light, 'Diwali' this week. We have shared the story of Rama and Sita and talked about why this is an important festival. Children have made diya's and created their own mehndi hand patterns. We have all enjoyed exploring this bright and vibrant celebration.

-This week, Reception have been exploring the Hindu festival of Diwali, the Festival of Light. The children have enjoyed learning about some of the traditions associated with Diwali, including lighting diya lamps, decorating homes and celebrating with family and friends.

-This week, Y1, have started learning about planets ready for our D&T topic

- Year 2 have been busy writing a diary extract and learning how to do column addition.

- Y3 have started their new text "Stone Age Boy" in English.

- It's Anti Bullying Week in school. Year 5 began the week with Odd Socks Day. We created slogans under our own sock designs to celebrate the theme of the week….it's ok to be different!

-Year 6H have enjoyed reading the book Kensuke's Kingdom and there were a fair few tears as the final pages were read at the end of this week, Miss Holt included!

-Year 6 joined together as a cohort on Monday of this week to join the BBC Live Lesson and 'Break the Silence' on bullying!

Diary Dates	
Date	Event
23.11.26	UK Parliament Week in school
23rd Nov	Whole school Assessment Week
2.12.26	Y6 Eatock Lodge Orienteering experience – additional letter to follow
7.12.26	School Council visit Woodlands Care Home – Christmas Craft & Card exchange – see additional letter.
8.12.26	KS1 Nativity - 9AM performance
9.12.26	KS1 Nativity - 2PM performance
10.12.26	Santa, Songs and Christmas fun – see additional letter for details
15.12.26	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day for all children – own clothes day for all.
16.12.26	Mr James Music Showcase 2.30PM
17.12.26	Y1-Y6 - School Pantomime Trip
18.12.26	Key Stage Two Carol Service – St Bart's Church – 10am – help us put the Christ back into Christmas, all welcome.
21.12.26	Reindeer Run for Bolton Hospice – ALL CHILDREN TO COME DRESSED READY TO RUN! See additional letter for details.
22.12.26	Christmas Party Day - ALL CHILDREN TO COME DRESSED READY TO PARTY!
22.12.26	School closes for all pupils in school
6.1.27	School reopens for all children.



Thank You for Supporting Children in Need!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful children, parents, carers and staff for their incredible support of this year's BBC Children in Need appeal. It was fantastic to see so many children taking part in our fundraising activities and proudly wearing their Pudsey-themed PJs and bringing a bear to school. Every donation, no matter how big or small, will help support children and young people facing challenges across the UK. Thank you for helping us make a difference and for showing such compassion towards others.

Together, we have once again shown that by working as a community, we can achieve amazing things. Well done, St George's!



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 – Finn
Reception – Finn
Year 1 – Nirvana
Year 2 – Elliott
Year 3 – Aurora
Year 4 - Minnie
Year 5 – James
Year 6H – Alfie
Year 6F- Neve

Gospel Values Award
'Children who demonstrated Love and Compassion within and around school:-
Max, Florence, Elsie, Lily, Seth, Charlotte, Elsie, Ronnie and Nevaeh

British Values Award.
Children who demonstrated an understanding of Mutual Respect, Democracy and Tolerance (friendship) within and around school:-
Millie, Ivy M, Casey, Ayana, Isabella, Harrison, Oscar S, Corey and Connie

Head Teachers' Award

Aaria - For being so thoughtful and showing kindness to others. You are a little sunshine!

Rosie - Thank you for being kind, caring and thoughtful Rosie. You are a wonderful person and we are so lucky to have you in our St George's family.

Amelia J - for being a shining example of everything we ask our St George's pupils to be! You are a lovely girl and a Y5 superstar!

💙🧦 Anti-Bullying Week 2026: Breaking the Silence Together 🧦💙



This week, the children of St George's have proudly taken part in Anti-Bullying Week 2026, embracing this year's important theme, "Break the Silence." Throughout the week, pupils have explored how to speak out against bullying, support one another and create a community where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.



We launched the week with our colourful Odd Socks Day, celebrating the fact that we are all unique and that our differences should be respected and celebrated. Children across the school enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities focused on kindness, friendship and inclusion, while engaging in thoughtful discussions about what bullying is, how it can affect others and the importance of seeking help when something does not feel right.

On Monday afternoon, we gathered together for a special whole-school worship led by Mr Young where we reflected on courage and standing up for what is right through the story of David and Goliath. Throughout the week, classes have continued these conversations through collaborative activities, pupil reflections, artwork and writing, encouraging children to consider how their words and actions can have a positive impact on others.



We are incredibly proud of the maturity, empathy and respect shown by our pupils during Anti-Bullying Week. By working together and committing to break the silence, we can all play our part in ensuring St George's remains a happy, welcoming and inclusive place for everyone.



🎄 Can You Help Our Happy Hub? ❤️

As we head towards Christmas, we're asking our wonderful school community to think about donating any pre-loved board games or Lego projects that may be looking for a new home. If you're having a pre-Christmas clear-out, please consider passing on any good-quality items that your children may have outgrown. Your donations would make a real difference to our Happy Hub, helping us bring smiles, fun and happiness to others. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

🦌 Reindeer Run raising vital funds for Bolton Hospice 🦌

On Monday 21st December 2026, all children from Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in our festive Reindeer Run in support of Bolton Hospice. Children will complete an age-appropriate route around the school grounds, with Key Stage Two pupils also running around Westhoughton Cricket Club. ***If you do not wish for your Key Stage Two child to run off site accompanied by a responsible adult, please inform the school office before Friday 18th December 2026, please note, your child will instead complete the Key Stage One route.*** As this is an outdoor event taking place during the winter months, children should come to school wearing their Christmas jumper and clothing suitable for potentially wet and muddy conditions.

Every child has received a sponsorship envelope to help raise much-needed funds for Bolton Hospice, a charity that provides vital care and support to local patients and families. This year, more than 10,000 children from 37 schools will be taking part in the Reindeer Run. Please look out for the separate letter sent home for full event details, including sponsorship arrangements, clothing guidance, route information and important dates. Thank you for your support in helping us make a difference to our local community this Christmas. 🎄 ❤️



Compassion Love Truthfulness Thankfulness Forgiveness Hope

Bolton Hospice

REINDEER RUN

We're raising vital funds for Bolton Hospice and hosting a Reindeer Run on:

Monday 21st December 2026

All children to come to school ready to run!

