



Welcome

As we come to the end of another fun-filled year at St George's, its lovely look back to all the activities and trips that the children have enjoyed.



Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported St George's this year. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy and healthy New Year.

Staff

St George's wouldn't be an outstanding childcare setting without our staff. Every member of the team in childcare, kitchen, maintenance, office and the management team works hard to create a wonderful nurturing environment. We are incredibly grateful for their continued dedication and hope they have a restful and relaxing Christmas break.

Information

30 hours funding

Don't forget to renew your 30 hours funding codes, you will be emailed a reminder every 3 months to check you are still eligible.

[30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Safety

Further to the email we sent out earlier this week, we wanted to reiterate that safety is our top priority for the children, parents, and staff. If anyone witnesses anything of a strange nature near the setting, please can you let the office know and we can take appropriate action.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents not to let anyone into the building at the front door. Every parent needs to be buzzed in and visually identified by the child's room before being let into the building. This is for everyone's safety and is of the utmost importance.

Christmas dinner

Thank you again to our amazing kitchen team, Julie, Deidre, Jule C and Caz for making the whole setting a delicious Christmas meal.

Mayor's Toy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and supporting The Mayor's Toy Appeal.

Christmas Fair



St George's Christmas Fair 2023

We wanted to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who supported and came along to our Christmas Fair at the beginning of the month. We raised £3,594 which is amazing and will benefit all our children. Many thanks to all of you for buying and selling raffle tickets, donating items for the tombola and prizes for the raffle, baking some delicious cakes and helping the children decorate and fill gift bags.

Special thanks go to all our wonderful staff and volunteers who gave up their time on the day to set up, man stalls and clear up after the event. Finally, a very big thank you to all the amazing local businesses who supported us by donating items for the refreshments stall and some fabulous prizes for the raffle.

Room fundraising

Hedgehogs would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the parents who came along to our Christmas activity morning! The children all had a great time showing off the room and various fun activities to their parents. In total we managed to raise over £100 for Hedgehogs Room!



Diary Dates

Christmas Holiday club	Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd December
St George's closes	Friday 22 nd December at 6.30pm
St George's reopens after New Year	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024
Holiday Club- one day only	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024
Little Dragons return	Monday 8 th January 2024
Little Dragons last day of term	Friday 9 th February 2024
ASC last day	Friday 9 th February 2024
February half term Holiday Club	Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February 2024
Little Dragons start back	Monday 19 th February 2024

Please review us



Follow St George's Facebook page to see the fun activities that the children and staff enjoy!

www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare

Squirrels



This month Squirrels have been getting in the festive mood and enjoyed lots of Christmas themed messy play, including coloured pasta and play doh.

We had a special visitor from Father Christmas and gave the children each a book, though some of them weren't sure what to make of the person in the white beard and red suit!

The rooms are decorated with lots of Christmasy craft that the children have made over the past few weeks.

Hedgehogs

This month Hedgehogs have been getting in the mood for Christmas! The children have used their motor skills to roll out salt dough and cut out shapes, and then enjoyed painting them with Christmassy colours to make their very own Christmas decorations. The children have also been fascinated by our new Christmas tree, which they helped to decorate with baubles and pretty lights.

The children have also been having fun using 'snow dough' to make a variety of wintry scenes in the messy tray. They used the small world toys and their imaginations to make animals, people and vehicles play in the snow.



After School Club



After School Club have had a busy end to the school year. They learnt about Hanukkah and made menorah's for the display board.

The children took part in a 'design your own Christmas jumper' competition, created lovely wreath's which they have gifted the other rooms. They've also love making cards and having hot chocolate and a movie night.

The team look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year.

Moles

This month in Moles we have been getting in the Christmas spirit. We have been counting down to the big day with our grinch themed display board. The children have enjoyed making crafts to take home including different types of baubles and calendars.

We had our Christmas party, the children took part in a pass the parcel, and a game of pin the carrot on the snowman.

We had a visit from Father Christmas and the children were very excited to receive a special present. The children helped decorate the Christmas tree and chose to put our duck puppet on the top.



Little Dragons

Little Dragons have been busy during December feeling festive, with seasonal activities and crafts, a walk to search for sounds and sights of winter and lots of outdoor play in between rain showers.

All of the children were excited to travel by minibus or big bus when they went to the Amelia for a special Christmas show. The children were transfixed by the amazing puppetry and songs, talking about the story and the animals together when everyone had been.

Another highlight was the St George's Christmas party, delicious party food from our lovely catering team, fabulous entertainment from Kazamatazz and a very special visit from Santa!

We were so thrilled to have so many family members join us for our Christmas Concert, the children sang beautifully and the grown-ups joined in to raise the roof with festive cheer.



Otters

In December, Otters have been very excited for Christmas! We kicked off the month with our Nativity - thank you so much to everyone who came along and supported us, we managed to raise a fantastic £176 which will go towards new resources!

We've also been doing lots of role play. The children held their own Christmas Fair, with left over raffle tickets and we also made a Santa's sleigh, with a visit from Father Christmas himself!

We also had our Christmas Party, with Kazzamataz, a Father Christmas visit and a yummy party tea - thank you to the kitchen!

We loved our trips to the Trinity Theatre and Ice Skating - check out Facebook for pictures!



Badgers



What a busy month! We started off strong with an excellent turnout for the Christmas fair. Thank you to any Badgers who came.

The children helped decorate the room all festive and we also had a really fun 'silly sock day'!

We had a really great Christmas party and yoga and musical bumps ended the year with festive fun.

The children also really enjoyed seeing 'Little owl and the lights' an amazing show at the Amelie Scott.

We had Christmas roast for lunch time on Thursday the 14th and made cards to send round all the rooms.