



## Welcome



We have had another wonderful year, caring for your children and seeing them grow and develop. We are so proud of them all!

The children LOVED playing in the snow this month and it made it so festive!



We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the staff for their hard work this year. We are very lucky to have such a great team!!

Also a big **THANK YOU** all the parents and carers for their kind comments and support this year. We are very grateful.

We wish you all a relaxing and Merry Christmas period and a Happy and healthy New Year.

See you back in January 2023!

## Information



Please see the link below for information about baby classes, feeding and much more.

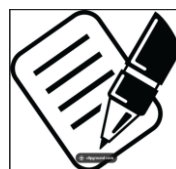
[Tunbridge Wells District Children's Centres \(office.com\)](https://www.tunbridge-wells.gov.uk/childrens-centres/office.com)

### Primary School applications close on 16 January 2023

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 then they will be eligible for a primary school place for September 2023.

[Primary school places - Kent County Council](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primary-school-places)

### Funding forms to sign for Badgers, Otters and Little Dragons



Please can you come and sign for your 15 and 30 hours funding ready for the new January 2023 term.

### 30 hours code for Funding

Please don't forget to renew your code. The HMRC will email you to remind you even though you do get a grace period.

# Fundraising

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Fair and Festive Photoshoot!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fair, bought raffle tickets, donated raffle prizes, decorated and filled children's gift bags or volunteered at the event. We had a lovely, festive afternoon and were able to raise over £2,000! Thank you for joining in and making this event a success.

We loved seeing the cute photos of the children from the festive photoshoot and were happy that parents & carers agreed and made some purchases. Our photographer Janet Penny (Hushabye Photography), was kind enough to donate 50% of the profits back to St George's, raising £700 for us.



## Fancy a new year fitness challenge?

We're looking for runners for the Tunbridge Wells Half Marathon in February (Sunday 19th Feb). Take on a fitness challenge and help us raise some funds for St George's! Let us know if you could help by running for us by contacting our fundraiser Amy on

[amy.pearcewatts@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk](mailto:amy.pearcewatts@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk)

## Second Hand Children's Clothing Sale in January

If you're having a clear out of your children's clothing over Christmas/ in the new year, keep hold of your items for our second-hand clothing sale, taking place in January. You can swap your items like for like to get some clothing in the next size up (why not trade in their Christmas Jumpers from this year!), or simply make a donation into the honesty box and grab some second-hand bargains. More info to follow in the New Year!

## Holiday Club

Holiday club have had a fun Christmas week. They have made lots of Christmas crafts to decorate their homes, made constructions from building blocks and played hide and seek in the garden. They have had Christmas discos and made cosy cinemas where they watched Christmas films. They also went on a trip to Calverley Park Ice Skating. Some of the children were a little nervous but they were all brave and did very well.



## Diary Dates

St George's reopens after Christmas break- nursery rooms	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Holiday club	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
After School Club	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Little Dragons return	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January
Little Dragons end of term	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Holiday Club starts	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February

## Please review us

[St George's Childcare, 7 Chilston Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9LP \(daynurseries.co.uk\)](https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare)

## Facebook



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

[www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare](https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare)



## Squirrels



Squirrels have had lots of festive fun this month getting ready for Christmas. The children have enjoyed festive messy play, especially the giant shaving foam Christmas tree!

We had a visit from our own personal Santa and the children were given a special gift.

The children have decorated biscuits, which they thought were yummy and so did the staff!

## Hedgehogs

This month in Hedgehogs we have been getting into the Christmas spirit and had a very busy month! We enjoyed making a post box for all our lovely Christmas cards. Thank you to everyone who has brought some in and all the lovely gifts!

We have loved having the Elf stay with us and doing silly things each morning. We have created lots of crafts and cards for Christmas too!

The children loved their snow day, making snowmen and riding in the sledge! We had a lovely Christmas party where they met Santa and got a special present!!



## After School Club



All the children in After School Club have enjoyed crafts and games this month. They have made gingerbread houses out of lollysticks, Luminaire's and written letters to Santa.

In the last week of term we played pin the nose on Rudolf, had a movie night with popcorn and had yummy hot chocolate!

Thank you to all the parents for their kind comments and gifts. Have a lovely Christmas break

## Moles

The Moles room have had loads of festive fun making salt dough stars and decorating with shiny paint. They've made 'reindeer food' and baubles and loved decorating the Christmas tree, as well as searching for the Elf on the Shelf.

When it snowed the children had a fantastic time playing outside and it made the month even more Christmassy!

Every fortnight we have Singing with Ellie and its always a great hit with the children and they've especially loved singing Christmas songs this month.



# Little Dragons

Little Dragons have had a fun filled December, full of football, Christmas songs and craft.

The children loved celebrating the World Cup with a day practicing with football coach Amelia.

The children sang fantastic Christmas songs and we added them to our Facebook page, please take a look!

The team finished off the term with a Christmas meal and party in the final week, as well as a visit from Father Christmas!



## Otters

This month Otters have been having fun preparing for Christmas and the Winter months. We made our room look lovely with Christmas decorations and sang Christmas songs. We played in snowflake themed water play and had many messy play trays, with Christmas trees and snow! We have also been enjoying the snowy and icy weather, playing in the garden on the sledge and pretending to ice skate!

We had a very successful Nativity and we are so grateful to everyone who donated and contributed. We made a fantastic amount of £190! We were so proud of how all the children behaved and performed!

The children also enjoyed a brilliant Christmas party - they had loads of fun playing games, meeting Father Christmas and having a great time being entertained by Kazzamataz!



## Badgers



The Badgers team have been doing Christmassy things that the children came up with such as writing letters to Santa and posting them, sewing their own Christmas stockings and making decorations.

We really enjoyed the playing in the snow and made a ramp out of snow to go down on our sled. We also made an amazing snowman.

We have also been on some lovely trips, including a trip to the town to see the Christmas lights and buy some crackers which we had with our Christmas dinner.

The children enjoyed their Christmas party and got to take all their lovely Christmas things home.