

Welcome

February is such a short month but we have packed a lot in! We've seen the rooms create so many fun and festive crafts and activities and we are always so proud of our staff finding new ways to inspire the children and spark their interest.

The days are getting lighter and the clocks go forward on Sunday 26th March and you'll be pleased to know this year doesn't fall on Mother's Day!

St George's Seminars



Thank you to all the parents who joined our inaugural Seminar earlier this month.

It was great success and we will be planning our next event soon. Please look out for an email with further details.

Living Eggs

We are very excited to be having a delivery from Living Eggs for the 4th time. They arrive on Monday 13th March and we can't wait! Here are some pictures from last year.



Information



Earlier this month we emailed about how St George's mission to be more Eco-friendly. The children's awareness of the planet and environment are promoted during their daily activities and their involvement in our eco-friendly actions.

To find out more about what we currently do or have in the pipeline please have a look at our Eco-friendly page.

<https://stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk/about-us/our-eco-friendly-approach>

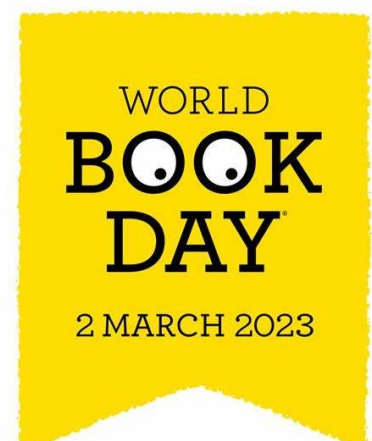
30 hours funding

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/government/childcare)

Dressing up for World Book Day

27th February- 3rd March



Fundraising

We would like to say an enormous thank you for all your support for our toy and bake sale last week- we raised over £400 for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.



Race Night

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our Race Night.

Quiz Night

We are pleased to announce a quiz night on Friday 31st March- more information to follow soon.

Holiday Club



Easter Holiday Club bookings are now open but filling up fast!

Places are available from Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April, but please note the setting is closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Please email:

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for a booking form.



Diary Dates

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| World Book Day dressing up week | 27 th Feb- 3 rd March |
| Living Eggs arrive | Monday 13 th March |
| Mothers Day | Sunday 19 th March |
| Easter Bonnet competition for Little Dragons | Wednesday 29 th – Thursday 30 th March |
| Little Dragons /ASC last day of term | Friday 31 st March |
| Easter Holiday Club starts | Monday 3 rd April |
| St George's closed | Friday 7 th - Monday 10 th April |
| Easter Holiday club ends | Friday 14 th April |
| Little Dragons / ASC new term starts | Monday 17 th April |

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



Squirrels have been very creative and messy. We have done a variety of different messy plays focused on the children's interests.

Some of the children were keen on animals, so we made a tuft tray with cous-cous for sand and asparagus for trees. The children enjoyed walking the animals around and stomping them on the asparagus.

We have had lots of playdoh which has enabled the children to use their fine and gross motor skills. The children enjoyed using the dinosaur shaped cutters and the rollers. We have also had messy activities to help the children with the co-ordination, for example scooping and pouring.

Hedgehogs

This month Hedgehogs have made clay hearts for Valentine's day and been discussing who we love the most. The staff and children have spoken about emotions and have made some expression spoons.

We had a wonderful visit from Zoolab this month and the children loved seeing the animals and learn more about them. Thank you to the parents for coming also, it was lovely to share the experience with you.

Like the rest of the nursery, Hedgehogs loved pancake day and also had great fun being in their pyjamas too!



After School Club



The After School Club children have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year this month and had great fun trying to eat their tea with chopsticks!

We also really enjoyed Pancake Day and the children tried lots of different but yummy toppings!

For craft activities, they've made bird feeders and hung them up in the garden for the birds to enjoy.

Moles

Over the past month Moles have been learning lots of new things. We first learnt about different religions and created our own symbols and art to represent what we had learnt. We also looked at Chinese New Years, where we made lanterns and money wallet out of folded paper, glitter and a choice of sequins, which have been displayed on our wall! Recently we have been celebrating valentines day and talking about what we love, Moles enjoyed making valentines day cards with lots of glitter and glue to take home. With the weather becoming warmer Moles have loved re-opening the balcony and playing in our water kitchen!

We are now starting to look at the change of seasons and learn about Spring.



Little Dragons



Little Dragons started February enjoying National Storytelling Week, sharing lots of fun and favourite tales, playing character roles and lots of dressing up. The children were delighted to show some of their parents around when they visited for our coffee morning, it was wonderful to have so many extra grown-ups to play with! The children have continued to explore various textures and materials, using all of their senses to investigate, a big favourite has been dough-gym! Little Dragons have been practising their climbing, jumping and balancing. They've taken turns and helped one another to move in the right direction.

Coming up next term:
Easter Egg Bingo, Easter Bonnet Competition, and some Spring Singing. Keep a look out for dates and times.

Otters

Otters enjoyed celebrating National Storytelling Week. We played in tuff trays based on the Gruffalo, The Tiger Who Came to Tea and others! They made lots of lovely crafts too and brought in their own favourite stories!

We loved having Animalia in to celebrate one of the children's birthdays. The children were very brave with all of the animals and particularly loved the snake, with lots of the children and staff having a hold!

We also talked about our emotions as part of Children's Mental Health Week. The children made stress balls and other crafts and we read the Colour Monster book whilst talking about how they were all feeling.

We followed the children's interest in constructing and had a building site role play. The children used various materials and also had a go at using real tools!



Badgers



What a busy month the team have had! With the weather getting better we have been spending more and more time outside and basking in the sunshine.

Badgers really enjoyed their story time session with Becky from the Assembly Hall.

We celebrated Valentine's day by baking all the grownups in St George's some heart biscuits and delivering them around the building.

We have also taken the children on some fun trips out and about to town and the park.

We have also welcomed lots of moles to Badger room and they are settling well.