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Welcome

We have had another wonderful and busy month here at St George's!

The rooms have created fantastic craft and messy play activities for the children and it is great to be able to share these with you via iConnect and on our Facebook page.

Despite the weather being unseasonably chilly, the children have had lots of fun outside in the garden and checking the progress of their vegetables in the allotment.

We are looking forward to seeing the Holiday Club children back in next week. Many of the children who attend the club, first started in the nursery as babies and it is lovely that the staff get to see them still and see them growing so tall!

We are looking forward to planning events as the summer continues but obviously this all depends on the guidelines set out by the Government.

Finally, we would like to say an enormous thank you to the parents who have written such amazing reviews of St George's both on Google and Facebook. We share them with the staff and are so grateful for your kind words and support.

Staff

We are very pleased to welcome another couple of new staff members.



Debbie B joins us as Childcare Assistant in Moles and After School Club.



Ben is our new Minibus Driver.

We wish Tabita well as she is leaving Hedgehogs next month and moving onto her next role in Childcare.

Carra from Squirrels has now also left the setting.

COVID 19- protocols

PLEASE SOCIALLY DISTANCE AT BACK GATE

- **Squirrel/ Badger and Otters parents:**
-To ease congestion by the back gate, only 2 people can enter at a time
- Please can we have one adult per child at pick up
- Masks must be worn at drop off and pick up.
- If you have concerns or wish to share additional details, please can you call the office or email childcaremanager@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk



Thank you very much to the parents who have donated clothes this month.

Paying for Childcare

At the beginning of each month, we email out an invoice and ask that it is paid in full each month.

You can pay by;

- BACS
- Cash
- Card
- Childcare voucher
- Tax Free Childcare

Staff Fundraising



Andrew, Chanelle, Ellie, Ellis, Esther, Leah, Lucy, Katie and Paige, who all work with the wonderful children at St George's, are taking part in the Inflatable 5K Obstacle Course at Brands Hatch on Saturday 31st July.

They wanted to take part in a fun challenge with their colleagues and raise money for new toys and equipment for all the children at St George's to enjoy. If you would like to sponsor the team, please visit <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/TeamStGeorges1>.

Nominate St George's

We emailed parents earlier this week about St George's being in with the chance of winning £1,000 to put towards toys and equipment.



Click on the link <https://movementforgood.com>

- Enter our charity number 802017 or name ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S PROJECT LIMITED
- Please select "Community" in charity type
- Please enter your details (you can opt in or out of receiving further information) and press SUBMIT

The above should only take a couple of minutes of your time and entries need to be submitted by **Sunday 13th June**.

Thank you in advance for your help and a huge thank you to those of you who have already nominated St George's.

Holiday Club



There are still spaces left on some days for May/June Half term Holiday Club.

Please email kate.foulkes@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk for a booking form.

Diary Dates



Little Dragons last day	Friday 28 th May
May Bank Holiday-CLOSED	Monday 31 st May
Holiday Club	Tuesday 1 st -Friday 4 th June
Little Dragons return	Monday 7 th June
Healthy Eating Week	14 th -18 th June
Otters Summer Social	17 th July 12-2pm

Review Us

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

<https://g.page/StGeorgesChildcare/review>

https://business.facebook.com/pg/StGeorgesChildcare/reviews/?ref=page_internal

Facebook



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

www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare

Squirrels



In Squirrels this month the team have been exploring the theme of 'Space' which has led them to explore space related crafts, baking and sensory play.

Squirrels staff have been busy learning Makaton and are starting to incorporate it in our daily routine. They have also started to learn about colours, focusing on a new colour each week and we look forward to continuing this into June.

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been exploring their theme 'All About Me'. The children have been learning about themselves, their families and what makes them unique. We have enjoyed many activities, such as the children placing noses, mouths, eyes and clothes on their silhouettes, painting their own self-portraits and making mirrors for them to see themselves in.

We have also learnt about each other's families and would like to ask all parents to bring in some family photos to add to our new family tree!

The team is excited to be welcoming some new children from Squirrels next month, they have been doing so well in their settling in sessions.

Next month Hedgehogs new theme is 'Under the Sea'.



After School Club



The children were every excited to have to Minibus back for After School Club- they all cheered when they sat on the bus!

On 20th May it was World Bee Day and the children painted some wonderful pictures and were explaining to the staff about how important bees were in the world.

Moles



This month, Moles have been excited for the arrival of their caterpillar larvae which will soon be butterflies. They children are looking forward to watching them develop. Observing life cycles of animals and plants is wonderful way for children to engage in the natural world. To commemorate this topic the children have made a 'Hungry Caterpillar' display in the room.

We have almost completed our sensory room which they love playing in when it's all lit up, and with all their new toys.

Little Dragons

Little Dragons have been learning about lifecycles. The caterpillars have been a great source of excitement and wonder especially this week as they are starting to build their cocoons!

We have been busy changing our role play area into a café and ice cream parlour, putting curtains up, sweeping and cleaning, making delicious food to be served using different media and making real sandwiches for snacks.

The rain has not put a stop to our fun and exploration, but we are looking forward to thinking next term about summer and what it means to us, animals, plants and people in other parts of the world.

The Little Dragons library is now open for business with the first books going home to share.



Otters

Otters have been continuing their 'People who help us' theme and have enjoyed learning about different occupations. In the next few weeks, they will be looking at Dentists, Firefighters and Train Drivers.

Lots of their own vegetables are growing in the allotment and the children love watching them grow, along with the flowers they are growing in their greenhouse renovation project area.

Looking forward, the team are planning a Sports Day/Week in July but this will be dependent on Government guidelines.

In the next couple of weeks, parents will be receiving a letter giving them more details about Otters Summer Social on Saturday 17th July.



Badgers



This month the Badgers team have been very busy! The team have been looking at heights and measuring as topic and have done a lot of baking. They have made banana chocolate cakes cheese straws, chocolate biscuits, pancakes and others.

Badgers have planted the last of their crops in the garden. Sue has been hard at work with the children making sure we have a lot of lovely vegetables.

While in the garden they have found a lot of insects and the children have loved observing them.

Like several other rooms they have some caterpillar larvae, and the children are excited to watch them grow and then release them once they are butterflies.

The children are loving having a lava lamp in our cosy room. Some of the topics discussed this month have been Ramadan and Eid and the children made some Roti. Sue also brought in her banjo to play, and Louise graced us with a clarinet performance.