

## Welcome

We have had another fun and busy month here at St George's, though it's hard to believe there are only two months of the year left!

All of the children have enjoyed getting ready for Spooky week as well as arranging fun trips out to the park to see the differences in nature as the seasons change.

## Staff

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to the amazing early years practitioners here at St George's! Thank you for your kindness, patience, dedication and love. We greatly appreciate all of the hard work and passion that goes into everything you do.



Unfortunately, we must announce that Nenita and Vicky will be leaving us next month. They have both been here for 8 years and been such a wonderful asset to the setting.

We extend our thanks and appreciation for all their hard work. As a team we are very sad to be losing them. We wish them every happiness and all the best for the future.

## 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)

### Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom

We are the very proud winners of a Gold award in the Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom competition, School's category. Well done to all the children and staff at St George's who have helped in making the garden and allotment look so good.



### Winter menu

We are pleased to share our new Winter menu with you.

The catering team has worked hard to come up with tasty and nutritional meals for the children to enjoy. The menu is balanced throughout each week and the four-week rolling menu allows plenty of variety.

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## Quiz night

A HUGE Thank you to everyone who came and made the event such a success! We managed to raise over £950, which is a wonderful amount and will go towards the garden improvements.



## Christmas Fair

We are all really excited about the Christmas fair. Please join us for lots of festive fun, games, stalls, raffle and especially to visit Father Christmas!

If you would like to volunteer for the event, please contact Jo, our fundraiser [jo.bailey@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk](mailto:jo.bailey@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk)



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## Diary Dates

Badgers Halloween fashion show	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Bonfire night	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November
St George's AGM	November Date TBC
Little Dragons Christmas craft evening	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
Little Dragons Christmas concert	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Christmas fair	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December

## Holiday Club



Christmas Holiday Club bookings will open this week.

Please email the team to check availability and for a booking form.

[holidayclub@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk](mailto:holidayclub@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk)

## Please review us



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 a wide variety of messy play this month using lots of different materials. We have explored different colours and textures to work on our fine motor skills and coordination.

At the end of the month some of the children took a trip to the soft play area in the Royal Victoria Place. They love climbing and exploring with their friends.

## After School Club



The After School Club children have enjoyed many fun activities during World Space week. They designed amazing posters for our rocket/spaceship competition. They also made space rock and talked about what they would take if they ever travelled into space.

From our fundraising money the team have purchased some new toys including superheroes, Lego and a hairdressing set.

Our winners in the Tunbridge Wells in Bloom drawing competition have now received their official certificates and prizes- we are very proud!

## Hedgehogs

This month in Hedgehogs, alongside welcoming a few new children, we have been talking about Autumn and preparing for Spooky Week, where we have aimed to have the children explore all their senses!

The children have enjoyed collecting fallen leaves and pinecones to use in their artwork, feeling the different textures and talking about what was rough, soft, dry or made crinkly noises. They also helped make and enjoyed playing with and smelling lots of differently scented playdough using nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves and ginger. To explore taste, the children made pumpkin spice cookies which they used bat and cat cutters to shape, and then decorated them with green icing.



## Moles

Moles have been so busy in the last month doing lots of fun and challenging activities. They have shown a real interest in numbers, the hairdressers and our dolls. So, we will continue to support this and provide fun resources to enable their play and we are so excited to make our own 'hairdressers' role play area with the Moles room!

The Moles have made some yummy cakes to take home! For example, apple and cinnamon, and banana buns. We are looking into making some more of our own recipes, using the fruit and vegetables from St. Georges allotment. We are pleased to announce that 'Mole the Dog' will be going home from this week onwards. We are very excited to see what the Moles have been up to in their experiences from home.



# Little Dragons



The Little Dragons have been busy exploring mixed media for craft and messy play, testing how different textures and materials mix together and change when they combine.

We have continued our interest in bugs and were very lucky to be given some stick insects to look after in our room, the children have spent lots of time watching the babies move around using magnifying glasses and seeing who can spot the very well camouflaged adult insects that don't move much at all!

We celebrated Harvest Time with a hearty vegetable soup and crusty bread with butter that we made ourselves and had lots of fun when some parents and grandparents came to play at our coffee morning. This term we have already started practising for our Christmas Concert and will be thinking about the natural world as the seasons change.

Dates for your diary:

Christmas Craft Evening 20<sup>th</sup> November (4 - 6pm)

Christmas Concert 1<sup>st</sup> December (1.30pm)

## Otters

This month, Otters started by looking at different types of houses for World Habitat Day. The children described their own houses and built models using the magnets and role played with the doll's house. We also spoke about different animal habitats, making igloos with messy play and sea creatures in the water tray.

The children have been interested in where their milk comes from, so we spoke about cows and the process behind it. We used gloves to replicate udders and the children had a go at "milking" their own cow! We also learnt about other animals, looking at the book 'Dear Zoo'. We were weighing and measuring them, seeing which was the biggest, smallest, heaviest and lightest.

We've also been on lots of Autumn walks and have begun to talk about the changing season and the upcoming spooky week! We've decorated the room and had fun making lots of Autumnal crafts!



## Badgers



Badgers have been very lucky this month to get out on several walks! We have jumped in muddy streams, hunted for signs of Autumn in the woods, had warm baby chinos and played in the soft play! All the children really enjoyed being able to get out so much.

Autumn has had us exploring leaf colours, conkers, acorns and the like. We even went on a hunt for sweet chestnuts to roast on our fire pit!

We harvested the last of our produce from the allotment and roasted some sweetcorn over the firepit that we grew.

We have made a lot of things to eat this month, all ready for our Badgers Recipe book that we are collating. Halloween is going to be so much fun, with loads of activities planned and a Halloween Fashion show on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.