

Welcome

October has been a fun and busy month. We are still enjoying some clement weather and the rooms have had fun going on trips to the park. Please remember to bring in wet weather clothing though, as we do go outside in all weathers!



This month we have celebrated Nursery Practitioner Day.

Our staff are dedicated and work hard every day to provide excellent care and a nurturing and fun environment to all the wonderful children at St George's.

Staff

We are pleased to welcome Sadie to our Moles room, Zoe as lunch cover in Hedgehogs and in ASC, as well as Christine as support staff. Our Catering team have welcome Simon Barker this month too.

Christmas Fair

Join us at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December from 12-2pm. As usual it is taking place at St George's, we'd love to see you there!

There will be fun for all the family with a Santa's Grotto, children's entertainer, hot and cold refreshments, adults prize raffle, and stalls with games, crafts and activities.



Information

Children's online safety

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to an increase in children using online devices. Together we can take steps to make sure that our children are being safe online and that they have the knowledge to keep themselves safe. We recommend that you look at the NSPCC website where you can find various guides to help you understand the digital world and what we can do to keep children safe.

Follow the link below and explore tips for keeping your family safe online:

[Internet connected devices](#) | [NSPCC](#)

Plant donations please

WANTED! Mature, established herb plants + Topsoil/compost! If you are clearing out your garden before the winter and have mature herb plants or compost to get rid of, we would love to have them please! These would be great to enhance the children's sensory experiences in our playground and allotment. It is also a way of recycling which St George's is embracing. Thank you!



Quiz Night

We had a fantastic time at Quiz Night, thank you to everyone who came along!



We raised over £700 and had a lovely evening getting together with St George's parents, staff, friends and supporters.

Thank you so much to [Tunbridge Wells F.C.](#) for having us. And thank you to all of the local businesses who donated wonderful raffle prizes for our raffle.

London Marathon

A massive well done and thank you to Steve Glew for smashing the London Marathon this month. He ran it in an impressive 4 hours and 6 minutes! Thank you from everybody at St George's to everyone who donated.

Steve raised a whopping £3,700, which is an incredible achievement. Thank you for all your hard work!



Holiday Club

Holiday club enjoyed some spooky fun during October half term. They went on trips to the park and to Tesco to buy some pumpkins. The children carved the pumpkins using hammers and cookie cutters. They decided to put them on the front steps for everyone to see. The children made lots of colourful crafts such as origami decorations, key rings, and spooky paintings. We enjoyed playing in the garden every day, playing games of hide and seek, and learning to skateboard.

Our next Holiday Club will run from Monday 19th December until Friday 23rd December. Please email kate.foulkes@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk for a booking form.



Diary Dates

Festive photoshoot	Wednesday 2 nd November
Little Dragons Christmas craft sessions	w/c 21 st November
St George's Christmas Fair	Saturday 3 rd December
Christmas meal for everyone at the setting	Wednesday 14 th December
Setting Christmas party	Thursday 15 th December
Last day of term for Little Dragons	Friday 16 th December
St George's last day before Christmas	Friday 23 rd December
St George's reopens after Christmas break	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023

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

Facebook



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www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare

Squirrels



Squirrels have enjoyed getting into the spooky spirit this month and the children had fun decorating their own pumpkin. They used paint sticks to make it colourful and then stuck spooky stickers on. They made slime cupcakes with luminous green icing. We have loved seeing all the children's costumes.

The children always enjoy messy play. They particularly liked the pumpkin patch where the children mixed green and orange paint with dried peas. They then used the messy play to make paintings. Squirrels have also made messy play with slime, dried pulses, gloop and cinnamon, lavender, and black galaxy playdough.

Hedgehogs

This month in Hedgehogs we have been exploring seashells, what they feel like and the size of them.

We have celebrated Diwali by making lanterns, prepared for spooky week with baking pumpkin cookies, exploring inside a pumpkin by scooping out the seeds, making Halloween craft and playing with playdough using Halloween cutters.

We had a lovely donation from a parent which was a big castle which the children enjoyed painting and exploring! We also welcomed new friends and our new lunch cover Zoe.



After School Club

After school club have continued to explore space topic. A number of the children enjoyed creating galaxy pictures, created using sofa pastels. Nikki also brought in her telescope which the children help her set up and then enjoyed learning to use it. We will use this again once the evenings get longer. A few of the children have worked with Jess to create a poem which has been entered into the British Planetary Society's annual competition, so fingers crossed!



Moles

Moles kicked off the month with an adventure to the Post Office. The Children made a lovely card to welcome our new King and helped pick out envelopes and stamps to send it off! We then dived into Space week where the children learnt about all the planets in our solar system, creating their very own with circles, glitter and sand and then learnt about the aliens that could be living on them. Moles enjoyed making their own spaceships out of recycling and loved the stories about space adventures.

Since the seasons have changed the children have been looking at the Harvest and how Autumn is different. We started by reading the "Nutley" book written by our very own Debs at St George's, afterwards the children loved making their own acorns and pinecones using what we found in our garden, such as leaves and mud. Moles then went on a trip to collect more fallen leaves and explored what natural materials they could find on their walk.



Little Dragons

The children in Little Dragons have been enjoying getting to know each other and starting to make new friendships since the beginning of term.

It was lovely to have some of the parents, grandparents and younger siblings come in for a coffee morning, the children were really excited to show their families the things they like to play with when they are here.

Our Little Dragons brought in a range of vegetables for their Harvest Soup and enjoyed chopping them up ready for cooking. They have also made their own bread and butter to be eaten with the soup!



Otters

This month, Otters explored conservation, through learning about the Big Green Week. We did some recycling and made different pictures and models from loose parts! We had a water play activity focusing on water pollution and the need to keep beaches and water clean!

We also enjoyed looking at Space Week. We made our own Otters Rocket, had number matching activities and moon sand!

More recently, we have been exploring Autumn and Pumpkins - lots of the children have spoken about visiting pumpkin patches and we have been scooping out the insides and exploring the different textures and colours!



Badgers



Badgers have been able to go on more trips! We have been on lovely walks and collected lots of autumn bits which we investigated.

We had a lovely forest school session in the woods where we went on a nature trail and we enjoyed the warm yet wet weather, jumping in puddles and using umbrellas.

We have started decorated our room for Halloween and bought lots of pumpkins, the children have found them fascinating.

Freddie the tortoise came to visit us one last time before he goes into hibernation.

We also cleared the allotment, harvesting the last of the produce and getting it ready for the winter.

Thank you to Ashley Evans for donating some lovely garden gloves, garden utensils and compost, they have been very useful.