

Welcome

We have loved welcoming many new families to St George's recently. The team look forward to watching them develop and grow as they move through the setting.

With the weather turning cooler, please can you make sure that your child has a warm coat, gloves, a hat and wellies with them every day.



Staff

This month we have several new members of staff; Lois has joined Badgers; Gloria is Moles new lunch cover and Hannah as a member of our support staff. We're really pleased to welcome them to the St George's team.



Throughout the year we invest in our staff and arrange different types of training, ensuring their knowledge is up to date. Last month the staff in Squirrels had a course called "babies are amazing".

The training focused on the importance of secure attachment. A secure attachment provides a child with a strong base to support their learning and independent play.

The training provided tools for staff to evaluate their practice by focusing on each individual child's attachment and the impact this has on their learning and development.

We focused on different ways that children signal for their needs to be met and how we can ensure that we pick up on these cues. Children that feel heard and valued are more likely to seek communication and engagement with others. Leanna specifically took away from the training the importance of a parent saying goodbye to their child before they leave as this supports children to develop and adapt to natural transitions.

In the coming months staff will be given refresher courses on Paediatric First Aid as well as Safeguarding.

Information

St George's Quiz Night

Please join us on Friday 21st October for a night of fun for our Quiz Night. Email Amy for information and tickets

amy.pearcewatts@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk



October Half Term Holiday Club

We still have some spaces left for our October Half Term Holiday Club which is running from Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October. Please email

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

St George's Childcare Holiday Club

Children reception age to 11 yrs

Large adventure playground & own allotments
Nutritious, home-cooked meals prepared on site





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Improvements to the setting

As a non-profit organisation, St George's continues to invest any profits back into the business and one area we are concentrating on is the upkeep of the building.

We have recently had the rear of the building rendered and had fascias replaced. The painting of the exterior and repair of the roof are well underway and are due to be completed in the next couple of weeks, then the scaffolding will come down.

We are also due to start work on decorating our baby room, Squirrels soon.

Another area of the setting we have improved is the garden; we have extended the den to make it bigger and the rooms are loving the bigger and brighter space.

In addition to the den, we are planning to make improvements to the allotment, to allow more children to use the space. The children love planting things in the allotment and watching them grow.

The

Den



This month we had a wonderful new outside shelter added to the garden, thank you to KCC for funding this purchase.



Diary Dates



Little Dragons coffee morning	Tuesday 11 th October 9am-10am
Little Dragons end of term	Friday 21 st October
St George's Quiz Night	Friday 21 st October at 7pm
October Half term Holiday Club	Monday 24 th -Friday 28 th October
Little Dragon return after October half term	Monday 31 st October.

Please review us

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

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www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare

Squirrels



Squirrels have been daring over the last couple of weeks. They have been testing their gross motor skills, and seeing how much of a risk they can take. The children have been really brave, they have climbed up the big climbing frame, the rope ladder to the slide and even tried to walk around the big tyre on their own. The children have also started to get ready for harvest festival, by making pumpkins to go on our display board. We are also going to be making, a scarecrow, corn, spiders and a few other seasonal crafts.

Hedgehogs

This month Hedgehogs have enjoyed exploring seasons, they have painted and stuck feathers on chicks and cotton wool on lambs for Spring.

The children have used cut up sticks to make a scarecrow and stuck pom poms to pumpkins for Autumn. We have also used tissue paper to make crabs and painted stripes on bumble bees for Summer.

The staff painted the children's feet to make penguins and made an igloo for Winter.

A lot of children have moved up to the Moles room recently and they will be really missed!



After School Club

It is back to school for our big children and we have welcomed the older children back and many new children from nursery, Little Dragons and other settings, to our club.

Our theme this term will be Autumn and the solar system, and we will also look at any other topics the children would like to follow on from school.



Moles

Moles this month have enjoyed a variety of weather themed crafts. They have been looking into the weather and the changing seasons and created a 4 seasons umbrella using paper, feathers and lots and lots of sequins.

The children have learnt about different types of transport and made boats, cars, trains and airplanes for a new board for the hallway.

Recently we have celebrated National reading week by making our very own books and stories, as well as National Services day. For this we had the lovely Lynsey, a nurse, come in to teach the children all about her job and what equipment they use. The children learnt that doctors and nurses are not scary! Moles are looking forward to recycling week and a bunch of autumn and harvest activities in the upcoming month.



Little Dragons

We have really enjoyed welcoming so many new children and families to Little Dragons. They have settled in well and enjoyed getting to know their new friends.

For the first term we will be getting to know each other and learning all about who we are, our families, friends, pets and favourite things.

On Tuesday 11th October we will be having a coffee morning from 9 – 10.30 so you can pop in for coffee, a biscuit and a chat with some of the other parents and us, and join in with some of the activities your children will have been enjoying.



Otters

Badgers

This month we have explored the different interests that the children have spoken about. One example was talking about a recent trip to the Eastbourne Air Show, so we made our own paper planes, tested them and made our own Red Arrow picture!

We have enjoyed the changing weather and we explored the garden in the rain - the children loved jumping in the puddles, collecting the water in different containers and we even listened to the rain falling on tin foil.

We started our new topic, People Who Help Us and have loved playing in various tuff tray activities, making lots of different crafts and dressing up for our People Who Help Us Dress Up Week!

We've welcomed lots of new children and are enjoying getting to know them. We would like to say thank you to all the parents and children who left us for their lovely well wishes and gifts, some of which were purchased from our Amazon Wish List. If you would like to have a look at this, please speak to a member of the Otters staff.



As many children have gone to school, so we have taken advantage and gone on lots of walks to different parks, feeding ducks and pond dipping, having picnics and looking for signs of Autumn.

We have started to decorate the cosy room into an Elmer the Elephant themed jungle.

We have also harvested all our sunflower seeds and sent them home to plant next spring.

The children have been really into superheroes recently, so we have been dressing up and making our own masks.

Yoga, musical bumps and forest school have started up again after the summer break and the children are loving it!

We have welcomed our new keyworker, Lois. She is excited to get to know the children.