



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

I really love being in school at this special time of year. The Christmas songs are billowing around in the office area (on repeat!) and the children are bustling around decorating the tree. As I wander up and down the corridor, I can hear children practising their songs for their big performance to you all next week.

When I pop into classes, everyone is trying to remember how to coordinate the actions with the songs. Year 6 are busily rehearsing, remembering to speak up loudly and clearly. Preparations for this Friday's Christmas Fair are also well underway and I can see snow globes, pom poms and Santa socks on their way to becoming beautiful items which will be for sale at the Fair.

As well as the Christmas performance, we have so much to look forward to next week as well, including the pantomime, the parties, the Christmas lunch and a visit from Santa himself. Happy Christmas St George the Martyr!




Best wishes

Mrs Rebecca Harris Headteacher and Miss Taryn Jackson, Deputy Headteacher



Christmas
JUMPER DAY

Thursday 15th December
Wear your Christmas jumper at School.
And bring £1 to raise money for Save the Children


Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

D.T DAY

YN have been making magical 'reindeer shortbread biscuits'. We used mathematical language 'more' or 'less' to measure the different ingredients. We were building our creativity through decorating our reindeers using the icing as a glue. Wow! What wonderful skills we have learnt. Well done to the little stars!

Reception had a fun DT day assembling wooden arctic animals. The children then chose the colours, carefully painted their animals then added a touch of glitter. We also made some lovely 3D Christmas cards.

Year 1 used the skills of joining and building structures that we learnt in our DT topic, by making gingerbread house decorations out of lolly sticks. We discussed the best way to make the houses and learnt how to make lattices to secure joins. Everyone had fun designing and decorating their Christmas decorations. Year 1 were very proud of their creations!

Year 2 made Christmas tree decorations; the recipe was simple: some slices of an actual tree log, a few pom-poms, a handful of Christmas shapes, a spoonful of glitter and a lot of imagination! Everybody had fun creating little pieces of art and the class officially welcomed the festive season through great teamwork, original thinking and many smiles!

Year 3 had a lot of fun doing their Christmas puppets. Even though sewing was hard, the children were fantastic at supporting each other to overcome the huge challenge that faced them. They are really looking forward to selling them at the school fair.

Year 4 had a great time making pom-poms for DT day. We used wool, googly eyes and pipe cleaners to make reindeer tree decorations. Chloe said *"It was harder to make than I thought it would be. You had to make sure it wasn't too tight or too loose"*. Rafa enjoyed making the pom-pom herself and creating her own design.



Year 5 made rice snowmen on DT day. The children created an instruction manual, which they used to plan and build their snowmen. They made their snowmen out of various materials such as rice, socks, and glue. The children used their imaginations to decorate these adorable creations.

Year 6 had an amazingly fun as well as challenging DT day. Creating snow gloves for our Christmas fair, the children excitedly planned and laid out step by step instructions on how to do so! Throughout the day the children faced some problems which came alongside the assembling. However after brainstorming our way around, we found ourselves back on track! The children are very proud of their creation and can't wait to have them on their shelves for Christmas!



C.L.C

This week Year 5 worked hard on their coding, programming and debugging today with a visit from Camden City Learning Centre. All managed to plan, code and test their own 'ping pong' game.



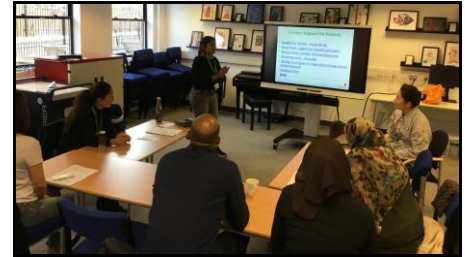
Year 3 School Trip to Soho Fire Station

The children had a wonderful time at the Soho Fire Station. The curious students in Year 3 had fun exploring the ins and outs of the fire trucks, and they even had a go at using their fire hose. Towards the end of the visit, the station had an emergency, so they got to see how the brave fire fighters quickly responded to a real emergency.



"I really enjoyed the truck as we had a go at using their thermal imaging device. The fire hose was fun as well. The best part was when we saw a fire truck leave to fire a real fire"
Chloe.

WELL BEING PARENT WORKSHOP



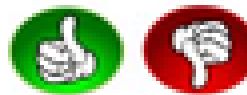
On Tuesday morning, we were again joined by Naila Hirani from Camden Learning, who delivered a parent workshop on supporting children to develop self-esteem and a positive body image. Parents came together to debate and discuss this huge topic, and share personal experiences.

We explored the impact of social media on young children and we spoke about role modelling positive affirmations. This was a great opportunity for parents to meet and greet each other, share experiences and learn different tips and ideas from one another.

The next parent workshop is on:
Tuesday 17th January – Screen Time and Social Media

This week in **Destination Reader lessons KS2** children have been

Evaluating



Evaluating is commenting on the quality of what you read. You can discuss how the author/text made you think or feel. We evaluate so that we can:

- Deepen our understanding of texts and what the author wants us to or feel.
- Recommend the right text or book to someone else.
- Use these ideas in our writing.

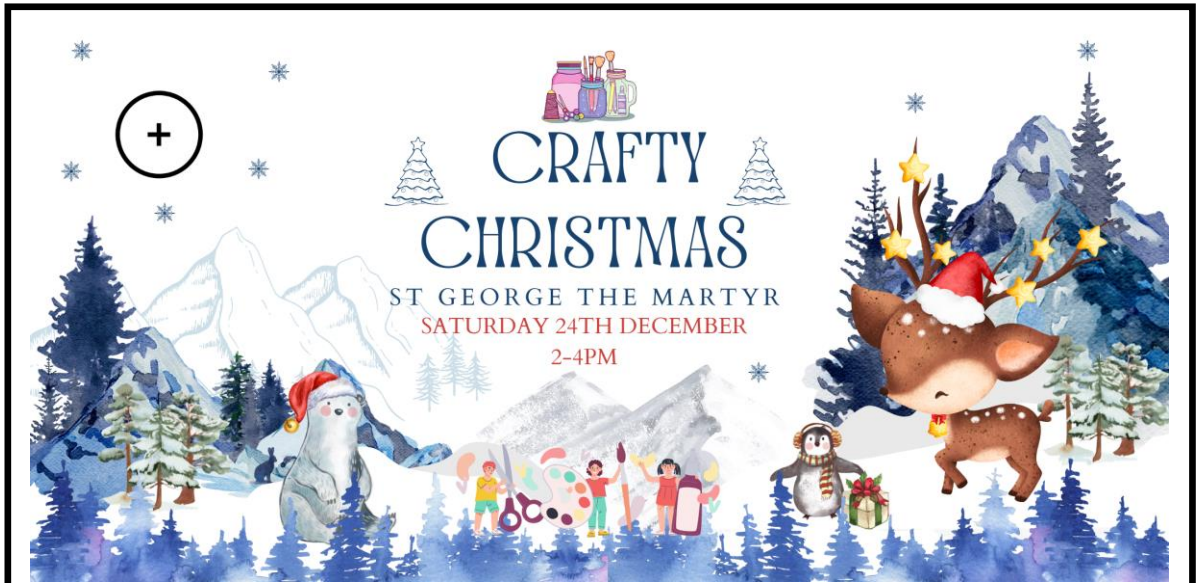
Where in the World is Baxter Bear? – Reception Workshop



Reception had a fantastic drama workshop with the Freshwater Theatre Company. They learnt all about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and went on a whirlwind tour along with Baxter the Bear, travelling by train, ferry or plane, to learn more!

They found out fascinating information about places such as the Houses of Parliament, castles in Scotland, the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland and all about the game of rugby in Wales. They had a wonderful time learning geography through drama, pretending to go on trains planes and boats!

Information for Parents



Rev Jamie is happy to invite you to a free event 'Crafty Christmas' at St George the Martyr Church from 2.00pm – 4.00pm on Saturday 24th December. This is a chance for kids to be stuck into some arts, crafts (and dancing!) in preparation for the big day! Parents can chill in the comfy seats and read the papers.



Information for Parents

Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small. Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to speak to the class teacher. You can also speak to myself or Miss Jackson (Deputy Headteacher).

A member of the office staff will also be available in the playground in the morning. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile.



**Mrs Rebecca
Harris**
Headteacher

Prayer

Dear God,

**Bless our school.
Let Compassion,
Honesty and Integrity
live here.**

**Help us to be kind and
patient with one
another and always
show respect. Protect
all of us and help us
to make our school
and the world a better
place.**

Amen.



Please remember the importance of your child being at school on time and being in school every day.

Holidays during school term time will not be authorized.

Information for Parents

Please see below key dates for your diaries this term:

DECEMBER

Tuesday 13th December: Christmas Performance at 2.00pm

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Panto in the morning and Christmas Performance at 2.00pm

Thursday 15th December: Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch today, and party bags 😊

Friday 16th December: School finishes at 2.00pm



SGTM WEEKLY AWARDS

Star Learners / Christian Value certificates

Attendance

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
Nursery	90.8%
Reception	89.2%
Year 1	93.3
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	94.2%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	93.8%
Whole School	93%

Reading

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
Year 1	96%
Year 2	84%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	93%

Well done Year 3 and Year



Go shine in the world as Jesus did, with compassion, honesty and integrity.