



# St John's CE Primary School Newsletter

## 28 November 2025

### **Prayer**

*Dear God,*

*Help us to be wiser day by day. We ask for courage and strength. Help us to know when to speak and when to remain silent. Help us to know when to take action and when to be still. Be with us in the decisions we take in our lives.*

*Amen*

## Message from Mrs Pullan



In Collective Worship this term, we have been looking at various different proverbs and how these can help and guide us in our everyday lives. We have looked at how worries can load us down but kind words can lighten the load, how patience can bring peace, being generous and helping those poorer than ourselves. Why not ask your children if they can remember any of the proverbs we have looked at!

On Monday 10th November, some of our governors came into school for a visit. The aim of the visit was to look at RE and speak to children about their RE learning. The feedback from the governors was all very positive, children were asked to think deeply about different topics such as 'The Trinity' whilst others compared different Christmas traditions that we all have. The children all spoke confidently and proudly about their RE books, they were enthusiastic about their learning and could even share how they had taken their RE learning home to share.

This term, we have had many enrichment opportunities with TED's day, a Planetarium visit, a class assembly, our Choir singing at Blighs and a Pantomime, to name just a few. I am sure the next three weeks will also be full of learning, excitement and a Christmas song or two!

Please don't forget to come along and support our PTA Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th November 12-3pm, we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

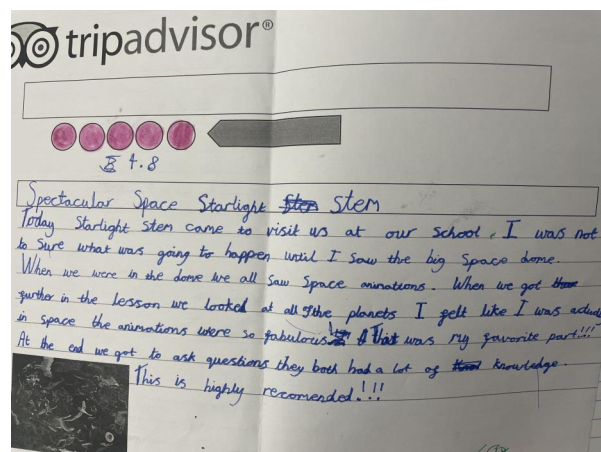
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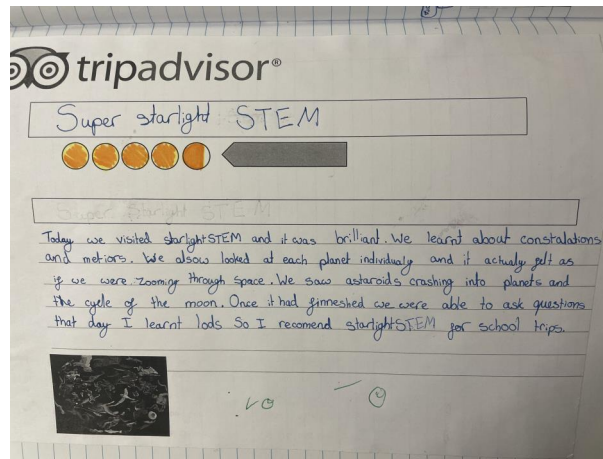
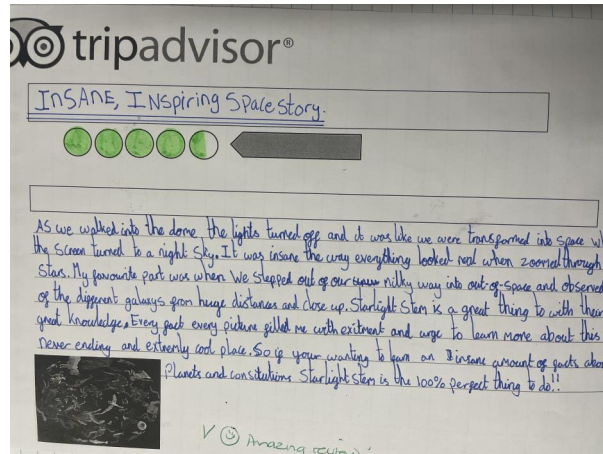
## Class activities



### Out of this World Adventure for Year 5 and Reception

Last week, we were thrilled to welcome the inflatable Starlight STEM Planetarium dome, taking Reception and Year 5 on an exciting journey into space. Mark and Sophie expertly guided us through the solar system, dazzling galaxies, and told us fascinating facts about moons, planets, and asteroids. They even helped us explore big questions like whether space ever ends! Year 5 followed up by writing their own Trip Advisor–style reviews, while Reception enjoyed sharing what they had learned in class. It was a truly out-of-this-world experience for everyone as you will see reading the children's reviews.





Sports Update

**ROBERT DRAPER**

**Removals & Storage  
Sevenoaks**

**robertdraper.co.uk**

## Netball

On Wednesday 19th November, 6 pupils took a short trip to Wally Hall to play a netball match. We well, going 3-1 up in the first quarter, but some strong shooting from Wally Hall resulted in them winning 11-6.

The whole team, Eden, Teddy, Megan, Betty, Amber and Sam should be proud of themselves for playing in such cold conditions. Well done Team!



Celebrating our children's success



**Ellis** (year 2) got creative with a cardboard box and decided to turn it into this fabulous robot!

He covered the box in tinfoil, made a speed dial using a split pin and used part of an old sat nav to get to use the circuit board to be the robot's heart. Amazing job Ellis!





**Effie and Aoife** (year 3) have been playing rugby for Sevenoaks since September and played their first games against Tonbridge and Tunbridge wells. They did really well and are enjoying representing girls rugby!



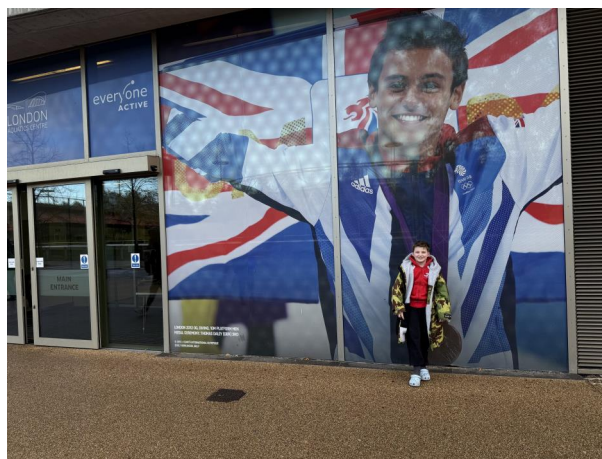
**Mollie** (year 4) won second prize in the library's Summer Reading Challenge, which was a £25 book token - congratulations Mollie!

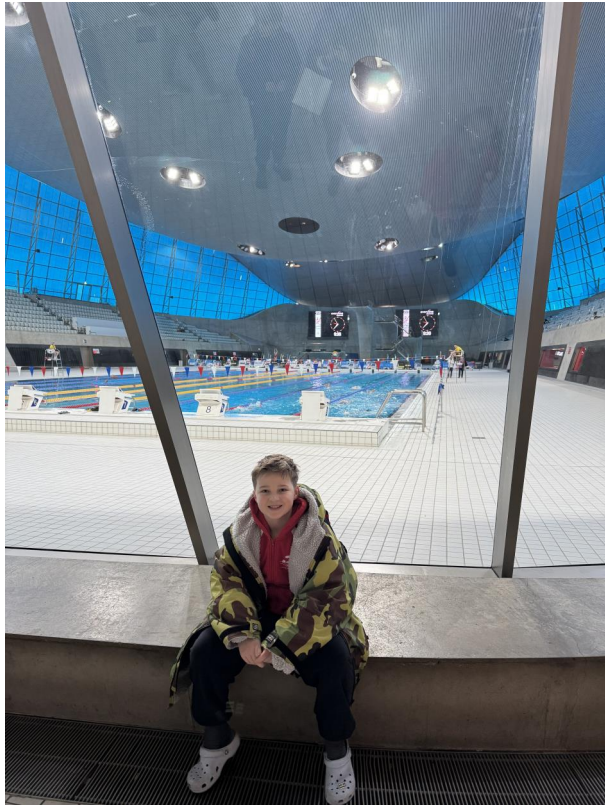


Oskar, Arthur and Aoife in (year 3) who received a total of 11 badges between them at Beavers - brilliant work!



**Harry** (year 6) recently trained at the London Aquatic Centre and has qualified for Kent Championships, at the end of the season - amazing Harry!





## Notices



### Toys/Fidget Toys

A gentle reminder that children should **not bring fidget toys or any other toys from home** to school for the following reasons:

1. Children are becoming distracted by the toys which are detracting from, rather than enhancing, their learning.
2. The loss of, or damage to, such toys is resulting in upset and therefore lost teaching and learning time.
3. Other children are becoming distracted by the use of such toys by their peers.
4. Children are spending time comparing toys rather than focussing on the lesson at hand.

There may be some children who, after careful observation by their teacher, are seen to use fidget **tools** (*not* toys) to enhance their learning and focus in the classroom. If this is the case, the class teacher will issue such a tool to the child and will teach the child how to use this tool appropriately.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## Fundraising



### Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget we are taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on **Thursday 11 December!** By pulling on our Christmassy knits and donating, we'll be supporting children in the UK and around the world to keep safe, healthy, and learning. We'll be helping them fight for the future they deserve.

Click here to take you to our Just Giving page<sup>1</sup> to donate £2 (or more if you're feeling generous...) and it will go straight to Save the Children. The money we raise could go towards some amazing things like:

£2 could buy a packet of seeds for a family in Kenya to grow their own food, after drought has killed their crops.

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<sup>1</sup>[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/CJD250016769?utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/CJD250016769?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL)

£8 could buy a blanket to keep a child in Ukraine warm through winter.

£15 could pay for two weeks of super-powered peanut paste to help a child beat hunger.

£20 could buy enough supermarket vouchers for two children in the UK.

£40 could provide a family in Gaza with a Baby Kit to give them the items they need to provide basic care to their infant.



## Special Mentions



### RECEPTION

**Max and Marla**, for being so brave and trying new challenges in class. Trying their best in all they do and never giving up!

**Haydn and Sophie M-B**, for always being amazing helpers, lending a hand to teachers and friends - well done.

**Freddie**, for showing such enthusiasm in writing his letters

**Sophie MC** for taking on new challenges in writing with a smile and never giving up - great work!

## **YEAR 1**

**William**, for being a super mathematician and very quick to pick up subtracting using a number line.

**Arlo**, your focus this week has been incredible and you have embraced the 'Rainbow Challenges'. Well done you!

**Amaya**, for her enthusiastic engagement with her learning and her fabulous dancing at the panto!

## **YEAR 2**

**Luka P**, for not giving up when the work is tricky and always trying your best. You should be very proud of everything you have achieved!

**Caleb**, for always showing other the right thing to do and taking his role as an angel in the nativity seriously - well done!

**Olivia**, for always brightening our day with your positivity and working hard on your task.

## **YEAR 3**

**Rei**, for always being kind, helpful and friendly to all - your classmates and your teachers. Thank you Rei!

**Tilly**, for working so well with your group to write a TU advert - great ideas and great cooperation.

**Oskar**, for being an excellent paleontologist and looking for clues in fossils for science!

## **YEAR 4**

**Fabian**, for working so hard in English to write your poetry, you were determined to make it the best you could which led to a brilliant set of poetry!

**Edie**, for persevering in Maths this week and even practising at home to make sure your column method was perfect!

**Una**, for always having a positive attitude at school and trying your best in everything! Especially in Maths where you always ask for a challenge! Well done!

## **YEAR 5**

**Noah**, for your determination and resilience shown when completing a challenging maths problem. You persevered even though it was tricky. What a wonderful quality to have - never give up trying!

**Frankie**, for your amazing independent story writing. It was fantastic to see you enjoying your writing and saying how proud you were! Well done.

**Nia**, for acting on feedback in all lessons, improving presentation and ensuring she's working to do her best! Keep this positive attitude up!

## **YEAR 6**

**Freddie**, for working hard in maths lessons and problems solving the more difficult questions.

**All of year 6**, for for working hard and writing your class assembly - well done.

**Matilda C**, for working hard in Maths, especially in fractions.

## Diary Dates



Please check Parentmail/school website calendar<sup>2</sup> for full details.

Please note that for some future events, details may not have been sent out yet and are to follow.

### **November**

29.11.25—12.00-15.00 Christmas Fair

### **December**

02.12.25—19.00 St Luke's Carol Service

05.12.25—Year 5 and 6 Football Match (*confirmed players*)

10.12.25—Christmas Lunch (*please pre-book*)

11.12.25—Christmas Jumper Day

11.12.25—09.15 Year 5 Class Assembly

15.12.25—14.00 KS1 and Reception Christmas Show (*book via School Cloud*)

16.12.25—14.00 KS1 and Reception Christmas Show (*book via School Cloud*)

17.12.25—18.00 Carol Service, St John's Church

18.12.25—**13.30 Early finish**

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<sup>2</sup><https://www.stjohnssevenoaks.co.uk/calendar/?calid=2&pid=9&viewid=3>

