

Northam St George's Weekly News

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Headteacher's message

Growing, achieving and flourishing together in mind, body and spirit.

Dear Parents/Carers

A second week at school and it feels very settled and busy! The teachers have written a summary of the learning in classes – please enjoy reading these and chatting to your child about their week.

Our Learning Power for this half term is Respect and this week in collective worship we explored what it meant to be respectful in school. We have three very simple rules for all children in school:

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Ready

I have been so impressed with the efforts that children are making to follow these rules and for their exploration of what respectful looks like. Well done St George's!



Around The Classes



In the **Woodlands**, we have had a great first week. The children have settled really well into lunchtime routines, learning expectations and demonstrating positive behaviour choices. This week the children visited the Wilderness for the first time and enjoyed exploring the wonderful outdoor space. Our Drawing Club book is 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. The children have painted and decorated their own owls and recreated their own version of the story. Please ask your child to share with you what the story is about.

It was so wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and into **Lemon class** this year. The children were so excited to see their friends and are settling beautifully into the new routines of Year 1. We have had a lovely week continuing to get to know each other. Our English this term is based around the text 'Dear Zoo'. We have been making stick puppets to retell the story and have been learning the writing elements needed to make a good sentence. Our math's this term is place value. We have been counting forwards and backwards in ones and counting objects. The children also enjoyed a range of activities and games along with their PE sessions, ICT and RE learning. Well done Lemon class, I hope you have a lovely weekend everyone.



What a busy week in **Apple Class**! This week we found a beautiful hat in one of the trees in the playground; we found out it belongs to Millie! We have read the story 'Millie's Marvellous Hat' by Satoshi Kitamura. We have used this story to remind ourselves about nouns and adjectives and we all designed and wrote descriptions of our own hat. In PE this week we have been practising the skill of agility. We have played games that have helped us focus on moving our bodies quickly and easily and we have discussed the importance of this skill in games like football and tennis. Have a great weekend!

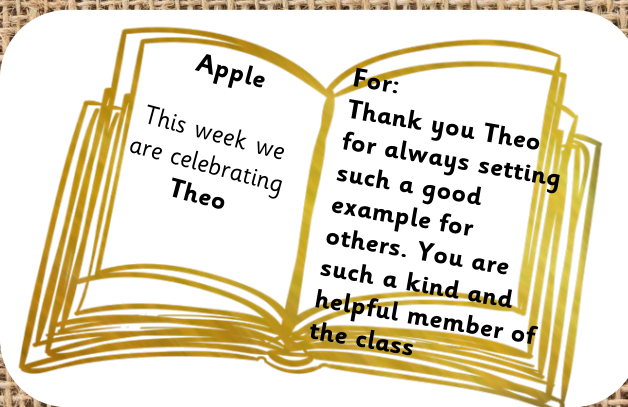
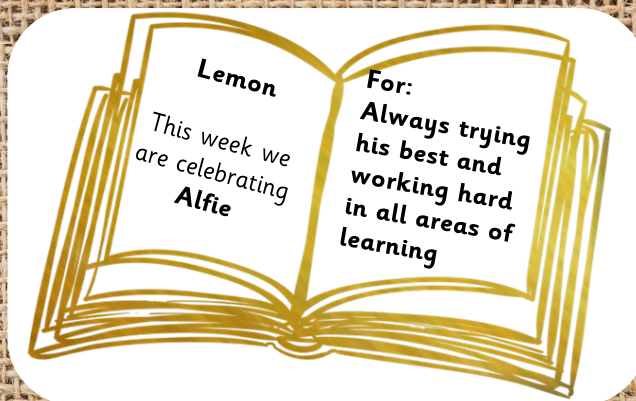
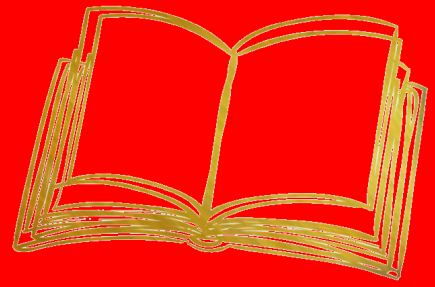
In the Orchard, the children have settled in really well and are becoming familiar with the daily routines. They have enjoyed coming together for carpet time, listening to rhymes, and enthusiastically joining in with the actions.

The children have particularly enjoyed exploring the oats and developing their fine motor skills by using small scoops to fill containers. They have also been exploring numbers and have loved listening to and joining in with number songs such as *Five Little Speckled Frogs*.

Outdoor learning has been a real highlight. The children have loved spending time in the wilderness area, running through the grass, and exploring the natural environment. They have enjoyed collecting and investigating leaves, helping them to develop their curiosity and understanding of the world around them.



Golden Book



Dates 2026 - 27



Key Dates for 2025-26

Autumn Term		
Date	Activity	Location
Tuesdays	Woodlands Forest School	The wilderness
23 September	Tempest school photos	St George's hall
28 September	Appledore Book Festival author visit	Reception and Nursery Classes
30 September	Appledore Book Festival author visit	Year 2 Apple Class
01 October	Appledore Book Festival author visit	Year 1 Lemon Class
08 October	KS1 trip Lynmouth Cliff railway and Woody Bay	Apple and Lemon Class
08 October	Library visit for Storytime	Nursery Class
Date to be confirmed	Harvest Festival	St Margaret's Church
WB 19 October	Parent/Carer Teacher consultations	Your child's classroom
23 Oct	Non Pupil Day	
26 Oct – 30 Oct Autumn Half Term		
2 November	Pupils return to school	
WB 16/11/26	Anti-bullying week	
11 November	Open Phonic Lessons for parents and carers	Reception Classes
03 December	Reception Nativity Performance (afternoon)	School Hall
10 December	KS1 Christmas Play Performance (afternoon)	School Hall
10 December	KS1 Christmas Play Performance 5:00pm	School Hall
16 December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
16 December	Christmas dinner day	School Hall
Date to be confirmed	Christmas Service	St Margaret's Church
21 Dec to 05 Jan - Christmas Holidays		
Spring Term		
Date	Activity	Location
05 Jan	Non Pupil Day	
06 Jan	Pupils return to school	
08 Feb	Individual Reports	
15 to 19 Feb Spring Half Term		
23 March	World Book Day	
Date to be confirmed	Easter Service	St Margaret's Church
26 March – 09 April - Easter Holidays		
Summer Term		
Date	Activity	Location
13 and 14 April	School Art Exhibition	School Hall
23 April	St George's Day	
01 May	Northam Mayfair – Year 2 Maypole dancing	The Rectory - Northam
Wednesdays	Year 2 Swimming Lessons	Northam Pool
Tuesdays	Year 1 Beach School	Northam Beach
Wednesdays	Year 2 Swimming Lessons	Northam Pool
Tuesdays	Year 1 Beach School	Northam Beach
03 May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	
06 May	Ascension Day Service	St Margaret's playground
WB 24 May	Parent / Carer Teacher Consultations	Your child's classroom
31 – 4 May Half Term		
30 June	Sports Day	School Field
07 July	Reserve Sports Day	School Field
16 July	Whole School Music Celebration	
22 July	Final day of summer term for pupils	
23 July	Non pupil day	