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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to share that our school will be supporting **Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal** this year.

Operation Christmas Child is a wonderful project that gives children the opportunity to help others in need across the world. By filling a shoebox with small gifts such as toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun surprises, your child can bring joy to a child who might otherwise receive nothing this Christmas.

Over the coming weeks, our **Worship Leaders** will be helping to promote this special initiative, supporting pupils who wish to take part. This appeal reflects our school's core values of generosity and community.

Participation is completely optional, but we hope that many families will get involved. Together, our school community is aiming to create at least 30 shoeboxes!

How You Can Help

Option 1: Contribute to the Class Shoebox

Each of our four classes will be creating a shoebox together as a class.
You can donate small items to be included.

Suggested items include:

- A bar of soap
- A small toy
- Socks or gloves
- Pencils and a sharpener
- Writing pad or stickers
- Small games

Please check with your child's class teacher to see which items would be most helpful to bring in.

Class shoeboxes will be assembled on Tuesday, 11th November. Please ensure all donations are brought to class by Monday, 10th November.



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Option 2: Make Your Own Shoebox at Home

If you would like to create a shoebox as a family, please follow these simple steps:

Step 1: Collect a leaflet from the school office.

Step 2: Find a shoebox.

Step 3: Fill it with suitable gifts — please read the leaflet carefully to ensure no prohibited items are included.

Step 4: Include a project donation (this step **must** be completed for a family shoebox – this step will be covered by school for the Class Shoebox)

- A minimum £5 donation is suggested by the charity to cover essential project costs.
- You can enclose cash in the provided envelope **inside your shoebox** or make your donation online through the 'Follow Your Box' option on the Samaritan's Purse website.
- Online donors can print a barcode to include in their box to track which country it is sent to.

Step 5: Personalise your box.

You may wish to include a short note, photo, or drawing from your child to make the gift even more personal and special.

Step 6: Drop off your shoebox! Please secure each shoebox with a rubber band and bring it to school by **Wednesday 12th November 2025.**

Our school will deliver all shoeboxes to the local collection point on **Friday 14th November 2025.**

Thank you for your support in helping us share kindness and joy with children around the world this Christmas.

Warm regards,

The St George's School Staff Team