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# St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery

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## 25 Years Celebration



St. George's School



Tyldesley Central School



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# Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

*'Never settle for less than your best'*

25 Years Celebration Whole School Worship: 9:15am – 10:00am

Welcome: Mr M Grogan (Headteacher)

Opening Hymn: A new commandment

*A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

*By this shall all know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another;  
by this shall all know that you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.*

Bible Reading: St. Mark Ch. 10 v 13 – 16

**Mr M Grogan (Headteacher)**

After the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

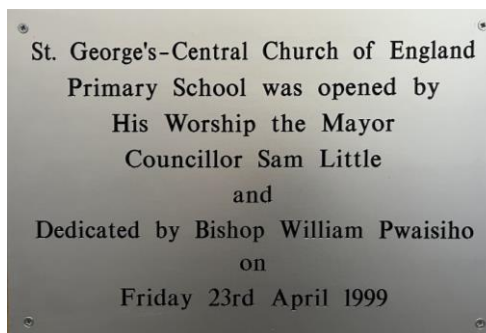
**All: Thanks be to God**

School Choir: Sun Arise

Biblical artwork

Children from each class share their class artwork with everyone and it is blessed by **Reverend Cath Eccles.**

Class	Story
Nursery LA	Creation
Nursery DS	Joseph's Coat
Rec: KB	Foolish Builders
Rec: OB	Widow's Mite
Y1	Queen Esther
Y1/2	Moses and the Burning Bush
Y2	Fiery Furnace
Y3	Feeding the 5000
Y3/4	Plagues of Egypt
Y4	Prodigal Son
Y5	Ruth and Naomi
Y5/6	Paul's Shipwreck
Y6	Ascension



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**Prayers**

**Reverend Cath Eccles** will say the Collect for the day.

**Mrs F Taylor (Chair of Governors):**

God of hosts,  
Who so kindled the flame of love in the heart of your servant George  
that he bore witness to the risen Lord  
by his life and his death:  
give us the same faith and power of love  
that we who rejoice in the triumphs  
may come to share with him in the fullness of the resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen**

**Mrs O O'Brien (Deputy Headteacher):**

We pray for all, who have responsibility for making educational policy – for Government, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment and staff, for the Borough of Wigan and the Officials of Wigan Council, for the Diocesan Board of Education and for the Governors of this school. Grant to them a true sense of vocation and the dedication necessary to establish an environment worthy of the children we seek to serve.

Lord, in Your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

**Mrs A Malley (Assistant Headteacher):**

We pray for the children of the school as they grow and learn and prepare for the challenges of life. May each one grow in self discipline, have strength and integrity of character, show respect and care for others and develop a right sense of value. May each one be wise and bold in spirit in the service of others and their Lord.

Lord, in Your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

**Mr I Hodcroft (Foundation Governor):**

We pray for those, who teach, that they may be taught by You, that with enlightened minds they may be enabled to set Your love before those in their care. Give them understanding and help them through their lives and words to strengthen faith and encourage the search for truth.

Lord, in Your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

**Mrs A Bowyer (ATHOS Consortium Improvement Partner and former St. George's and St. George's Central teacher):**

We pray for all parents and carers of children. May Your blessing rest on each home, so that parents and carers may be strengthened and guided by You to ensure that every home is a place of security and love, joy and laughter and that parents and carers together with teachers may work for the benefit and welfare of the children in their care

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**All: Hear our prayer**

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**Mrs S Davies (Early Years Leader):**

We give thanks for the vision, the dedication and commitment of those in the past, who by their generosity, courage and vision established a school here in Tyldesley, with a foundation of sound learning and Christian values. May we in our generation, continue in the same vein and, acknowledging the legacy of the past, be made worthy of the challenge presented to us in this generation.

Lord, in Your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

**Reverend Cath Eccles:**

Teach us, gracious Lord, to begin our works with fear, to go on in obedience, and to finish them in love, and then to wait patiently in hope, and with cheerful confidence to look to You, whose promises are faithful and rewards infinite; through Jesus Christ our Lord

**All: Amen**

**All say together:**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**Address:**

**Reverend Cath Eccles**

**Dedication and Blessing of the school:**

**Rt Reverend Jonathan Ruhumuliza**

O loving God, whose Son Jesus Christ sat among the teachers,  
bless this School, which we celebrate today  
in honour of our Patron St. George;  
that it may be a place  
for sound learning,  
new discovery  
and the pursuit of wisdom;  
and grant that those who teach here and those who learn here  
may find you to be the source of all truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

**All: Amen**

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**Vote of thanks**

Mr E Wright (Service Lead Standards and Learning: Wigan Council)

**Final Blessing:**

Reverend Cath Eccles

**Closing Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine**

*Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining:  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.*

CHORUS

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire,  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your word,  
Lord, and let there be light!*

*Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
Shine on me, shine on me.*

CHORUS

*As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory;  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me, shine on me.*

CHORUS



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**Blessing of the 'Reflection areas' by Reverend Cath Eccles**

**Early Years and Key Stage 1:**



**Key Stage 2:**



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iSingPOP Concert at St. George's Church: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

To complement our celebrations, the children have taken part in the iSingPOP project which culminates with a performance for our families in St. George's Church. The positive Christian messages from within the songs children have learnt further cement our relationship with God. Performing and worshipping within St George's Church also provides us with an opportunity to further strengthen our links with the church community, and so maintaining and sustaining Christian consistency since our school's foundation, some 195 years ago.



**iSing**  
**POP**



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The school was initially founded by the 'National Society' in 1829, under strict specifications that there had to be at least 6 square feet of floor space for each child, with the school rooms being at least 10 feet high. Boys and girls were taught separately in a room divided by a curtain. A typical day included prayers followed by reading, writing, arithmetic and religious instruction.

The school continued to grow and was extended in 1858. Later, St George's became an 'infants and juniors' school, as secondary education was reformed and local authority education departments became more involved. By 1938, 174 pupils were on the roll in School Street. The war years saw the school used as an air-raid shelter and First Aid Centre.

In January 1963, the School Inspector reported that: *'All the staff are on excellent terms with the children whose behaviour and response was most rewarding'*. A significant date was that of 5<sup>th</sup> August 1968, Mr Allan Hilton came to St. George's with his aim, (as was in 1829), *'to educate the children of Tyldesley in the best possible manner'*.

In the latter years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century it became more and more obvious that the physical restraints of the venerable buildings were holding back a modern curriculum and a new school was planned.

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## Central School



By 1892, the population of Tyldesley had grown to such an extent that a new school was urgently needed at the East end of the town. The Church was anxious that such a school should also serve as a mission, rather than be a Board School (controlled by members of Tyldesley Local Board, the forerunner of the Urban District Council) and so late in 1892 building commenced on Darlington Street School, later to become known locally as *'The Mission School'*.

The land was donated by William Ramsden, (a local colliery owner) at a cost of £600. On 22<sup>nd</sup> October that year, (a grey, rainy Saturday) Mr Ramsden's wife Sarah laid the foundation stone for the new school. The ceremony took place amidst a gathering of local dignitaries and was preceded by a march from St. George's Church, accompanied by a brass band.

The school was opened on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1893 with a complement of 215 children and just 2 teachers, all being accommodated in the hall building. The main building was added four years later. On Sunday, the hall was used as a chapel and early photographs show the desks turned into pews, an organ, a lectern and an altar in the apse. Two stained glass windows were in the east wall. One was dedicated to the memory of William Ramsden and the other to the memory of John Kay, manager of the Wellington pit, who was killed in an explosion at the pit in 1895. For many years, John Kay had taken the lead in developing 'Sunday School' and keeping the 'Mission' to its original purpose.

Teaching 'English as a second language' has always been important as so many of the early pupils at the 'Mission' only spoke Welsh at home!

Two other 'church' schools should also be noted as having been part of the local education scene and contributing to our current school's development. The Infant School in Johnson Street forwarded its Junior pupils to St George's for more than 60 years, before St George's Shakerley School was opened in the 1960's and its Headteacher moved to this new school. In the early 2000's attempts were made to create a Federation between St George's Central and Shakerley schools, but sadly with little support and Shakerley was closed in 2007. A self-standing day nursery remains on the site, which became our Lancaster Avenue Nursery site in 2016.

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## Headteacher Welcome: April 2024

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery.

We are an above average sized Church of England Primary School with a teacher led nursery for 3 and 4 year olds on our school based site on Darlington Street and an off-site nursery on Lancaster Avenue in Tyldesley for 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

Our children can start their education with us at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery when they are 2 years old. When they have reached their third birthday, they can attend either our Lancaster Avenue Nursery or our school based Nursery on Darlington Street.

We have a standard admission number of 45 children in each year group. We have two Reception classes which means we have 11 classes in total throughout school. We are very proud of the ways in which we use our impressive indoor and outdoor environments to inspire and enthuse our children. We are continually looking for new ways to improve and develop these to ensure our provision is the best it can be for our children. The children will be taught by talented, enthusiastic and caring staff who use their expertise to extend the learning experiences of all children both in our school environment and further afield during trips and activities.

In our school, education is about children experiencing the joy of discovery, solving problems and being creative. We aim to develop their sense of awe and wonder, and their excitement about the world. The curriculum we deliver is characterised by high expectations and is broad, balanced, personalised and skills based – the fusion of excellence and enjoyment. Teaching supports children's individual needs and abilities.

As a Church of England School we lay the foundations for life, nurturing spiritual and moral awareness through the study and worship of the Christian Faith, and other faith communities and cultures.

Our school motto of: 'Never settle for less than your best' is at the heart of everything we do in school and, together with parents, carers, governors, the church and local community, each and every child is encouraged to follow this principle.

We pride ourselves on being a warm, caring and inclusive school that constantly works to build partnerships with parents and the local community. Our close work with St. George's Church helps to ensure that Christian Values and respect for others are embedded within the ethos, teaching and daily worship of the school.

Please feel welcome to come and look around the school and meet the staff and children.

I look forward to seeing you,

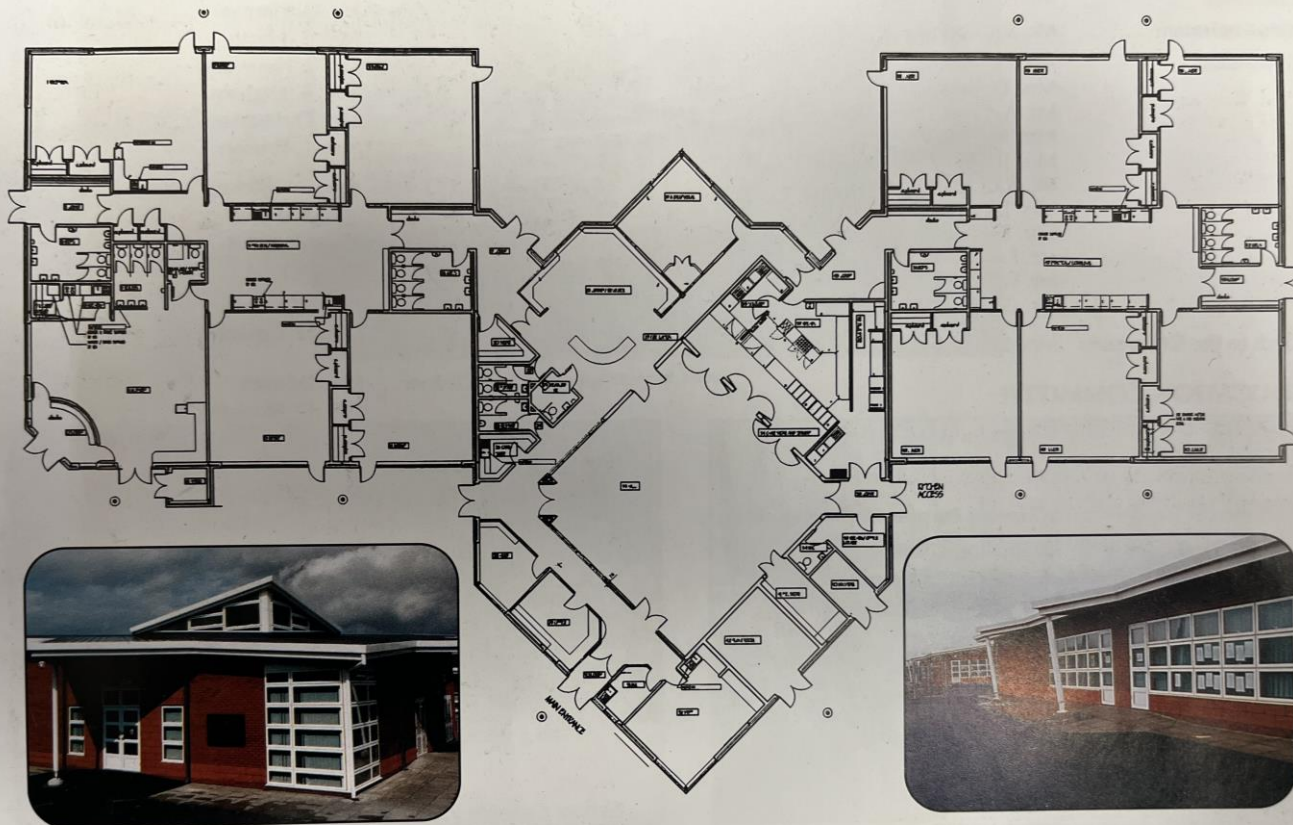
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Mr Mark Grogan  
Headteacher

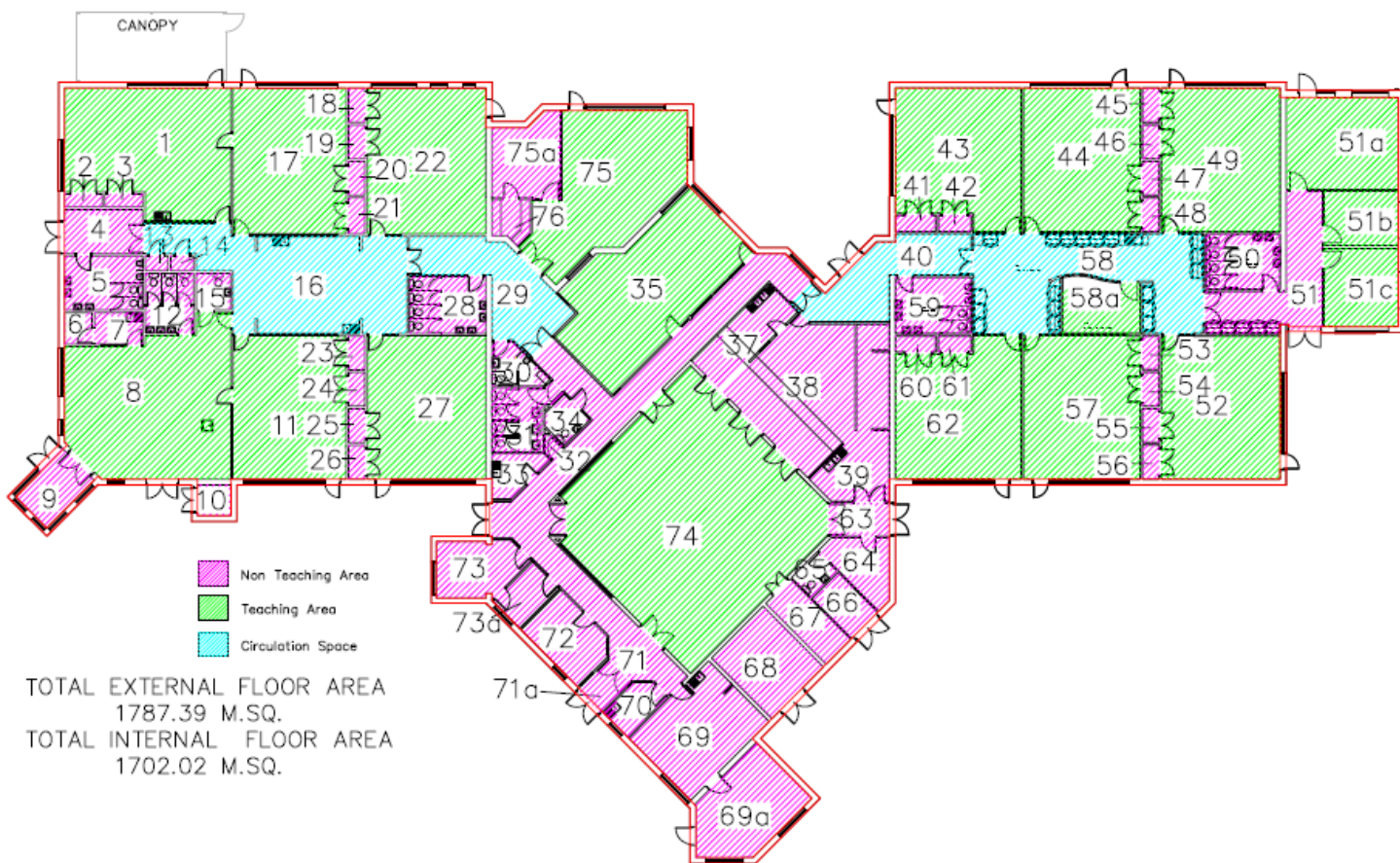
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**School plan: April 1999**

School Plan



**School plan: April 2024**



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

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Governing Body: April 2024



Mrs F Taylor – Chair of Governors



Mr M Grogan – Headteacher



Mr P Costello – Vice Chair of Governors



Mrs L Bashford – Foundation Governor



Mr I Hodcroft – Foundation Governor



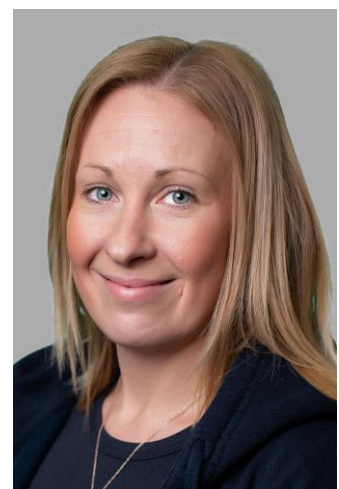
Mr H Eccles – Foundation Governor



Miss R Dandy – Foundation Governor



Mrs D Buck – Parent Governor



Mrs A Malley – Staff Governor

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## Staffing Structure: April 2024

### Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher – Mr M Grogan (Designated Safeguarding Lead, Early Career Framework Induction Tutor)

Deputy Headteacher – Mrs O O'Brien (Assessment Lead, Key Stage 1 Lead, Early Reading Lead, Collective Worship Lead and Ethos Council)

Assistant Headteacher – Mrs A Malley (Key Stage 2 Lead, English Lead, Science Lead, Early Career Teacher Mentor and ITT Mentor)

Early Years Leader – Mrs S Davies (Early Years Curriculum Lead, Early Career Teacher Mentor)

School Business Manager – Mrs N Smith

### Leadership Team

Mr N Cooke (Maths Lead)

Mrs T Leech (Inclusion Lead)

Ms S Critchley (Pastoral Mentor)

### School Office

Mrs L Renton

### Early Years

#### Darlington Street Nursery

Nursery teacher – Mrs S Davies (Lancaster Avenue Nursery link teacher)

### Reception

Reception teacher – Miss K Beswick (Early Career Teacher, Cultural Capital Lead, School Council Lead)

Reception teacher – Mrs O'Brien

### Key Stage 1

Year 1 teacher – Miss N Taylor (Computing Lead, 'Green Room' Lead, PSHE Lead, British Values Lead)

Year 1/2 teacher – Mrs T Leech (Picture News Lead)

Year 2 teacher – Miss Gray (Art and Design Lead, Music Lead and MFL Lead)

### Key Stage 2

Year 3 teacher – Miss E Scotting (Geography Lead, History Lead)

Year 3/4 teacher – Miss E Hobson (Early Career Teacher)

Year 4 teacher – Mr N Cooke (PE Lead)

Year 5 teacher – Miss C Billington (Design Technology Lead)

Year 5/6 teacher – Miss G Cohen (Early Career Teacher, Eco Council Lead, RE Lead)

Year 6 teacher – Mrs A Malley

### PPA cover throughout school

Mrs L Duncan (Supply staff member)

### Teaching Assistants

#### Lancaster Avenue Nursery

Miss S A Cowley (Nursery Manager)

Mrs R Helme (Nursery Deputy Manager)

Miss K Bonner (Supply staff member) (Early Years Assistant)

Miss D Buckland (Supply staff member) (Early Years Assistant)

Miss J Gaskell (Early Years Assistant)

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## Teaching Assistants continued

### Darlington Street Nursery

Miss A Jones

Mrs L Skinner

### Reception

Miss R Derighetti: R:KB (Lunchtime Supervisor)

Mrs T Tuffin: R:OB (Lunchtime Supervisor)

Mrs B Tomines (Supply staff member): Reception classes (Lunchtime Supervisor)

### Key Stage 1

Mrs J Westlake: Y2VG (Lunchtime Supervisor)

Mrs T Woodward: Y1/2TL (Lunchtime Supervisor)

Mrs A Hupton: Y1NT (Lunchtime Supervisor)

### Key Stage 2

Ms S Critchley (Lunchtime Supervisor)

Miss O Peaty: Y6AM (Lunchtime Supervisor)

Mrs A Sharma: Y5/6GC (Lunchtime Supervisor)

Mrs V Imhoede (Supply staff member): Y5CB (Lunchtime Supervisor)

Miss L Douglas-Holmes (Supply staff member): Y4NC (Lunchtime Supervisor)

Mrs R Rigby: Y3/4EH (Lunchtime Supervisor)

Mrs White: Y3ES (Lunchtime Supervisor)

### Breakfast Club

Miss O Peaty and Mrs R Rigby

### Caretaker

Mr C Kieran

### Cleaners

Ms E Higgins and Mrs S Gentle

### Kitchen Staff

Mrs A Culshaw – Kitchen supervisor

Mrs L Greensmith – Kitchen assistant

Mrs L Hughes – Kitchen assistant

Forest School sessions are led by Wigan Council BeWell staff each Friday



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**Key school events (2016 onwards)**

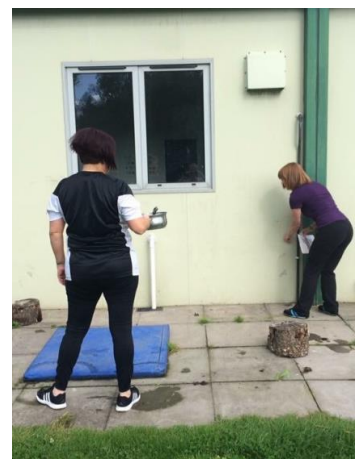
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**Samba Band at Olympic event: July 2016**



**'Little Stars' becomes St. George's Central CE Nursery (Lancaster Avenue): July 2016 - August 2016**



**Open Day at St. George's Central CE Nursery (Lancaster Avenue): September 2016**



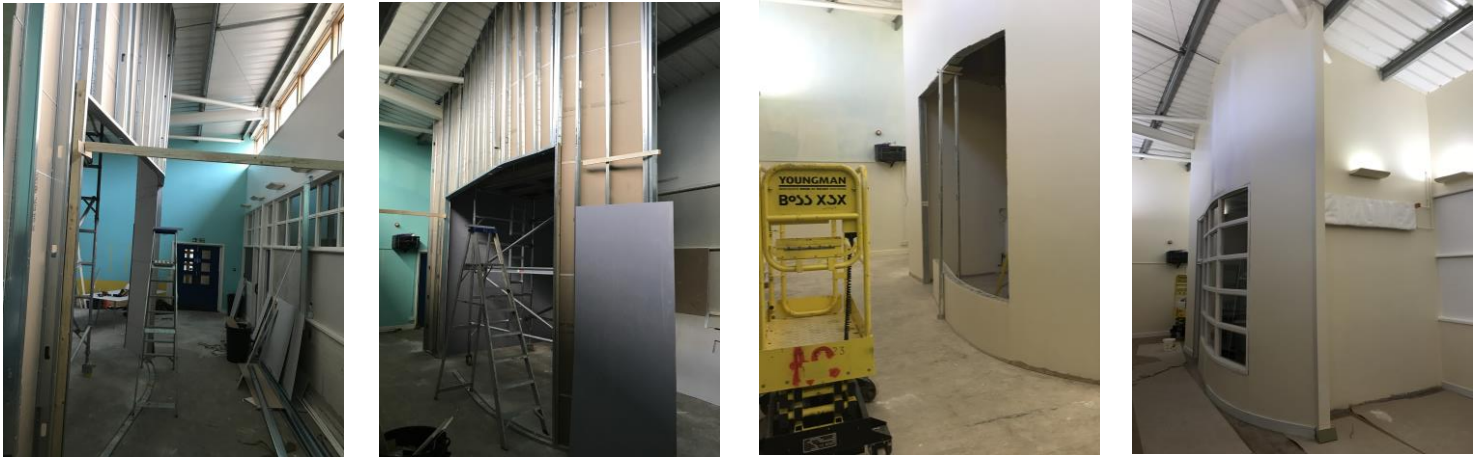
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[Internal building work \(re-modelling of KS2 resource area\): July 2017 - April 2018](#)



[External building work \(re-modelling of KS2 resource area\): July 2017 - April 2018](#)



[Opening of the extension: April 2018](#)



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[Opening of our new School Library \(whole school assembly with Levi Tafari\): Friday 28th September 2018](#)



[Opening of our new School Library \(opening ceremony with Levi Tafari\): Friday 28th September 2018](#)



[Our new School Library: Friday 28th September 2018](#)



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[Mosaic created for Shakerley Community Centre: Friday 12th October 2018](#)



[Mosaic installed at Shakerley Community Centre: Tuesday 4th December 2018](#)



[20 years celebration \(school\): Monday 23rd April 2019](#)



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[20 years celebration \(church\): Monday 23rd April 2019](#)



[20 years celebration \(time capsule\): Thursday 25th April 2019](#)



[20 years celebration \(open evening\): Thursday 25th April 2019](#)



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[Tour of Britain Cycle Race passes through Tyldesley: Saturday 14th September 2019](#)



['Heart of the Community Award': Wednesday 15th January 2020](#)



['Thank You Tyldesley' Award: Monday 22nd March 2021](#)



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[Development of the Tyldesley Mosaic: May 2022](#)



[Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations \(Development of our Jubilee Garden\): May 2022](#)



[Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations \(Opening of our Jubilee Garden\): Friday 27th May 2022](#)



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[Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations \(Jubilee Service\): Friday 27th May 2022](#)



[Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations \(Jubilee Parties\): Friday 27th May 2022](#)



[Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Tyldesley: Saturday 4th June 2022](#)



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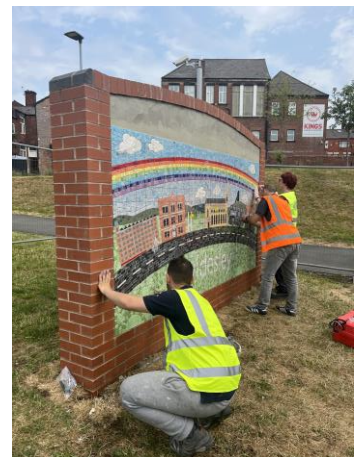
['The Martin Lynn Contribution to Sport' Award: Saturday 12th November 2022](#)



[Coronation Celebrations: Friday 5th May 2023](#)



[Construction and Installation of the Tydesley Mosaic: May 2023 - June 2023](#)



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[Formal unveiling of the Tyldesley Mosaic: Thursday 22nd June 2023](#)



[Blessing of the Forest School: Tuesday 12th September 2023](#)



[The Challenge Cup in School: Friday 22nd September 2023](#)



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[Opening of Mini Golf Course on Playground: Tuesday 26th March 2024](#)



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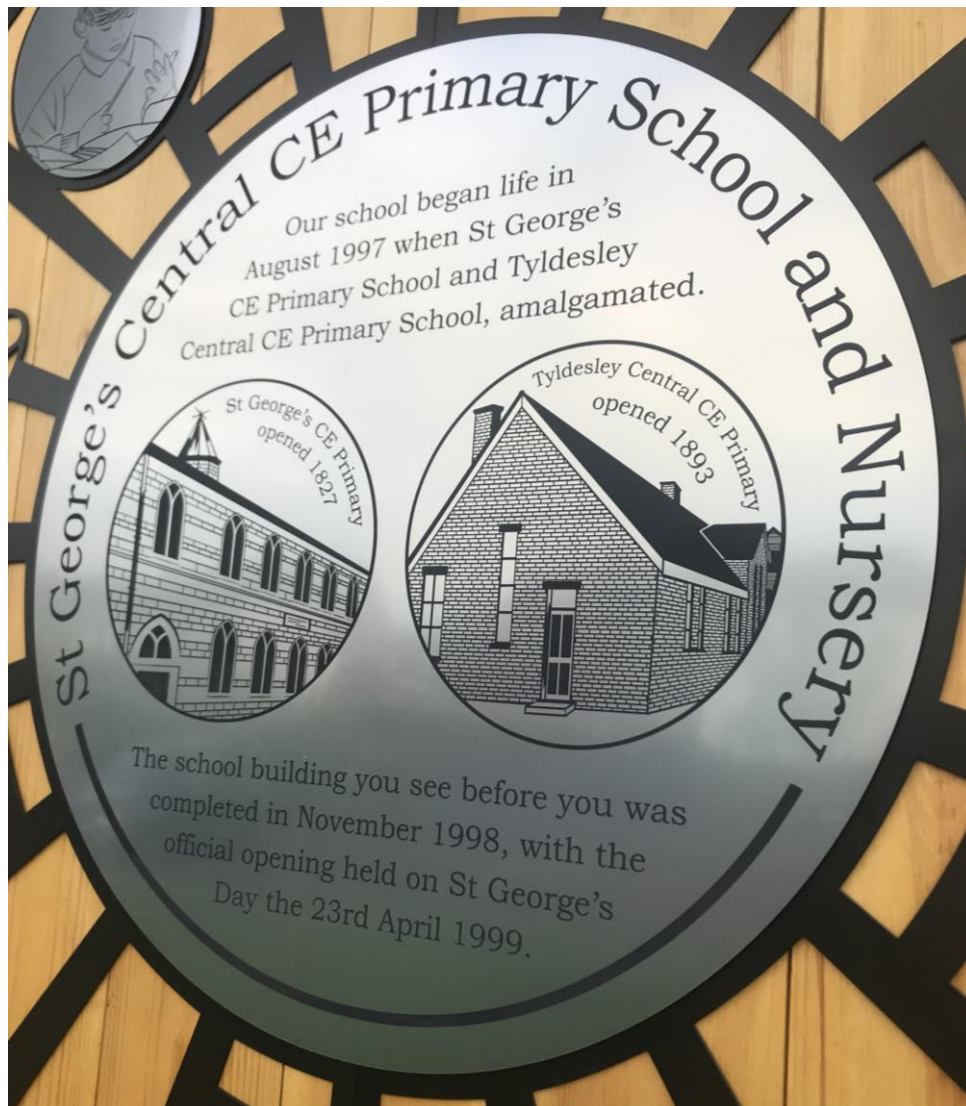
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