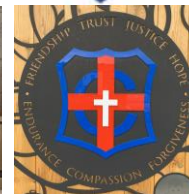




## Newsletter – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023



This is the final newsletter of the school year with today being the final day at St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery for our Year 6 children. Most of these children started in either our nursery in 2015 or Reception in 2016 (with some starting at other times) and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Year 6 families for all you have given over the years. Some of you will not be returning with other children in September and so I wish you and your children well as they embark on the next stage of their life. Remember, just because you leave, does not mean we stop caring and so please come back and see us in the future. Click the first link to see the KS2 production which starred our Year 6 children and click the second link to see a photo video which includes some images of the children's time at our school:

[KS2 production](#)

[Year 6 2022-2023](#)

In May, our Year 6 children undertook formal tests which were externally marked. As you can see from the results below for our school, when compared with national data, there are many positives to celebrate and also areas where we are to improve. Well done to the Year 6 children:

| Key Stage 2 SATs results                       |                    |         |                                   |       |               |
|--|--------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|
|  | EXPECTED STANDARD+ |         |                                   |       |               |
|  | Reading            | Writing | Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar | Maths | *All subjects |
| <b>SGC results:</b><br>Expected standard+      | 77.1%              | 85.4%   | 77.1%                             | 79.2% | 75.0%         |
| <b>National results:</b><br>Expected standard+ | 73%                | 71%     | 72%                               | 73%   | 59%           |
|  | **GREATER DEPTH    |         |                                   |       |               |
|  | Reading            | Writing | Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar | Maths | *All subjects |
| <b>SGC results:</b><br>Greater Depth           | 14.6%              | 16.7%   | 20.8%                             | 22.9% | 6.3%          |

\*All subjects – Reading, Writing and Maths

\*\*National data for Greater Depth, not yet formally confirmed



**Ofsted report** – Click the link to view the report from our [June 2023 Ofsted inspection](#). This is the third time Ofsted have inspected St. George's Central while I have been Headteacher. The report reads really well and I am extremely proud of our school and the whole #SGC community. Thank you for your continued support to me and our staff as we look to work together to provide the very best for your children and the community. Many of the things we undertake we could not do without you. I look forward to continuing to serve you and our community as we look to further improve our provision and offer.

**Mrs Kearns** – So after 28 years, today is goodbye and good luck to Mrs Kearns who retires from her Learning Mentor role. I would like to thank Mrs Kearns for all her hard work, care and commitment over the years and wish her all the best for her retirement. I am sure we will see Mrs Kearns, 'out and about' in the community and she will always be welcome back at our school.



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**'Turn Wigan Purple Day'** – Thank you for your support celebrating Wigan and Leigh Hospice's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. Your children looked fantastic and once all the donations were counted, we managed to raise **£300.90**. Thanks again for your support.

**ATSA Y3/4 Rounders Competition** – Our Year 3/4 Rounders team took part in a competition on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July against eight other schools. Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.

**ATSA Y5/6 Crown Green Bowling Competition** – Our Y5/6 Crown Green Bowling team took part in a Crown Green Bowling Competition against four other schools. Well done to our children who made up the team.



In total, **186 different children** from St. George's Central have taken part in ATSA events during 2022/2023.

Click the link below to see a photo video, of all the events that have taken place: [ATSA 2022-2023](#)

### **Information for September 2023**

| Year groups               | Start of school day                              |                                      | End of school day                |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                           | Doors open for children to start to enter school | Doors closed for start of school day | Doors open for end of school day |
| Lancaster Avenue Nursery  | 8:55am*  | As children arrive                   | 3:00pm                           |
| Darlington Street Nursery | 8:50am**   | As children arrive                   | 3:00pm**                         |
| Reception – Year 6        | 8:40am   | 8:50am                               | 3:20pm                           |

**Please note:** officially, nursery sessions start at 9:00am and finish at 3:00pm. As a sign of good faith and to support you with any other children attending our school:

\*we will open our Lancaster Avenue Nursery doors at 8:55am at the start of the day.

\*\*we will open our Darlington Street Nursery doors at 8:50am at the start of the day. We will also allow families who have **siblings further up school** to collect nursery children up until 3:10pm.

**September 2023 PE kits** – Please could you ensure that all children from Y1 – Y6 have both our indoor and outdoor PE kits as outlined in the pictures. Reception children only need the indoor PE kit that will be kept in school. Nursery children will only need pumps and these will also be kept in school.

The indoor PE kit should include:

- Plain navy blue shorts with school logo
- School blue/white PE t-shirt
- Plain white T-shirt with school logo
- Black Pumps



The outdoor kit should include:

- School tracksuit top with school logo
- School tracksuit trousers
- Trainers

**No branded or named sportswear is to be worn for PE lessons, other than trainers (eg no Nike tracksuit pants or football shirts etc).**  
**If you have a child in Y1 – Y6, please ensure you make use of the school outdoor PE kit voucher to purchase the NEW school outdoor PE kit (including school logo on tracksuit top) for the reduced rate of £15 from Icon Embroidery.**

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On our PE plan, below, you will see how children in **Nursery and Reception** will have a lot of time in our school hall. Some of these sessions will be used for a physical 'indoor PE lesson' and some sessions may be used to do other activities. Children in **Year 3 and Year 4** will start swimming at the Pelican Centre **after February 2024 half term** and, like previous years, on the days classes go swimming they can wear their outdoor PE kit to school. More details about swimming will be provided in the January 2024 newsletter.

**Children in Year 1 – Year 6 can come to school in their PE kit on the day that they have outdoor PE and on the day they have indoor PE.** The only item of PE kit that will need to remain in school are pumps as children may prefer to walk to school in trainers. So that your child feels 'comfortable' all day in school when it is their indoor PE day (especially on a cold Autumn day), they could wear their full school tracksuit for both days that they have PE (with maybe their shorts underneath on the indoor days). Some children may prefer to come in their shorts on these days.

| PE timetable: September 2023                                      |                      |   |  |  |  |
|---|----------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Outdoor lessons:<br>Kit needs to be worn for school on these days |                      |   | Indoor lessons:<br>Kit needs to be worn for school on these days (Y1 – Y6) |  |  |
| Day   | Class                | Time  | Day  | Class                                      | Time   |
| <b>Monday</b>   | *Y4NC                | 2:15pm – 3:00pm                                       | <b>Monday</b>  | **Early Years<br>Nursery<br>Y2CS<br>Y5/6GC | 9:45am – 10:30am<br>10:40am – 11:15am<br>1pm – 1:45pm<br>2:15pm – 3:00pm |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | Y6AM<br>Y1NT<br>Y5HJ | 1:15pm – 2:15pm<br>2:15pm – 3:00pm<br>2:15pm – 3:00pm | <b>Tuesday</b>   | Y3/4EH<br>Nursery<br>Y4NC<br>Y1/2TL        | 9:45am – 10:30am<br>10:40am – 11:15am<br>1:15pm – 2pm<br>2pm – 2:45pm    |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | Y1/2TL               | 1:30pm – 2:15pm                                       | <b>Wednesday</b>   | Reception<br>Nursery<br>Y1NT<br>Y5HJ       | 9:45am – 10:30am<br>10:40am – 11:15am<br>1pm – 1:45pm<br>2:15pm – 3:00pm |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | Y5/6GC<br>*Y3ES      | 1:15pm – 2:15pm<br>2:15pm – 3:00pm                    | <b>Thursday</b>  |  |  |
| <b>Friday</b>   | Y2CS<br>*Y3/4EH      | 1:30pm – 2:15pm<br>2:15pm – 3:00pm                    | <b>Friday</b>  | Reception<br>Nursery<br>Y6AM<br>Y3ES       | 9:45am – 10:30am<br>10:40am – 11:15am<br>1:15pm – 2pm<br>2pm – 2:45pm    |

\*Until February 2024 half term when swimming starts

\*\*Kickstarterz sessions on a rota basis: Nursery, R:KB and R:TK

### School Uniform reminders:

**\*\*All uniform and PE kit MUST be named\*\***

**\*\*One pair of stud earrings (silver/gold studs) – no other piercings are permitted\*\***

**\*\*A smart and sensible wrist watch may be worn\*\***

**\*\*Make-up, nail varnish, false nails, nail extensions and temporary tattoos are not permitted\*\***

**\*\*Hairstyles not considered appropriate for school include:**

**brightly-coloured/dyed hair, shaved lines, headwear with bold patterns or colours, excessive hair accessories\*\***

**\*\*Hair products such as wax, gel or hairspray should not be applied and long hair must be tied up\*\***

**\*\*No trainers – plain black school shoes only\*\***

Click the link to see the full version of our: [School Uniform Policy](#)

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## New things at St. George's Central from September 2023

As part of our continuing school improvement there will be some 'additions' to school life when we return in September:

\*Each year group will access our **Forest School** as part of our curriculum offer. These sessions will take place each Friday and will be led by either Miss Killian or Miss Ridout. Further information will be provided in our September newsletter. Click the link below to see which term these sessions will take place for your child: [Forest School Overview](#)

\*Each year group will work towards 'completing' their **SGC Life Skill**, both in school and with your support at home. Information was emailed out earlier this week regarding this. Click the link to see our SGC Life Skills in full: [SGC Life Skills](#)

\*Children in Nursery and Reception will start **swimming sessions** at The Pelican Centre. The children will go in small groups over a six week period so that by the end of the year, all the children will have accessed these new sessions. Information has recently been sent to our Nursery and Reception families about this and information will be included in our first newsletter before we start back in September.

In September, we will also be continuing with:

\*Regular visits to Hillcrest Residential Home for each class

\*The residential opportunities for each year group (Y1 – Y6). Click the link to view this for your child's year group:

[Whole School Residential Plan 2023/2024](#)

This is the final newsletter of this school year and so I hope you all have a great summer. For those of you who will not be here in September – good luck for the future! For those returning, we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Click the link to view the full 2023/24 Key dates letter or pick one up from the letter holders in our school entrance area:

[2023/24 Key dates letter](#)

Thank you for your continued support throughout this last school year. Everything we do for your children could not be achieved without an effective partnership between school and home. Of course, nothing could be achieved without the support of our brilliant staff team who have continued to go 'above and beyond', working hard to ensure that your child's education, welfare and safety is paramount. I personally thank everyone for their support and look forward to working with everyone in the new school year.



Mr M Grogan, Headteacher



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