

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Friday 23rd May 2025

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We reach the end of another eventful half term which has included: a 'Times Table Rockstars' Day, visits to St. George's Church and Tyldesley library for our nursery children as well as visits from author Susan Brownrigg and 'The Big Comedy Shop' for KS2 and a Blue Planet Exhibition for both Reception classes, including a performance for parents/carers.



Wraparound Provision update



Since the last newsletter update, we have met with 'Care, Love Learn Childcare' (CLLC) and agreed the finer details of the wraparound provision contract. CLLC are still awaiting their Ofsted registration and so until that is confirmed, they are unable to start at our school. We are currently working with CLLC to recruit staff for the various positions needed and I will continue to keep you updated as things progress. Click the link to view the ['Care, Love, Learn Childcare'](#) website.

Staffing update



As well as recently welcoming Mrs Firth (pictured left) to our school, as a teaching assistant in our Darlington Street Nursery, we are already starting to make plans for the 2025/2026 school year. For September 2025, we will welcome Miss Hynes (pictured right) who we are pleased to announce will be joining our teaching staff.



Class attendance updates:



Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
YR:CR	93.8%	Y1KB	95.0%	Y3VG	94.1%	Y5RO	95.9%
YR:NT	94.1%	Y1/2PD	95.7%	Y3/4LB	95.0%	Y5/6GC	95.3%
		Y2TL	96.2%	Y4CB	94.9%	Y6AM	92.1%
Whole school attendance: 94.8%							



*%s are up to and including Friday 16th May 2025

If ever you are unsure about sending your child into school please click: [Is my child too ill for school?](#)



Sun Protection in school – There are some steps you can take to help protect your child from the sun whilst in school. As children will be outside for a relatively short period of the day, we advise that they should come to school with a water bottle, a sun hat and sunglasses and that any sun cream should be applied at home before children come to school so that re-application in school will not be necessary. We will adapt any outdoor activities within our Early Years and PE sessions and children will be encouraged to drink from their water bottles on a regular basis throughout the day.

****Please note: as well as PE days, we are happy for your children to come into school in their school PE kit on hot days where you feel that this clothing will make them feel more comfortable. So that we have an agreed long-term approach in place, after half-term, you will receive a link to an online School Uniform consultation survey****

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Year 4 Low Bank Ground trip – Tuesday 6th May saw 31 children leave Tyldesley to spend 3 nights/4 days at Low Bank Ground in the Lake District for the annual Year 4 residential. The children spent time ghyll scrambling and kayaking as well as many other outdoor and adventurous activities. I am sure the children had a great time away from home, enjoying all these different experiences. Family members of the children who attended are invited to a short 'Low Bank Ground assembly' at 9:05am on Thursday 5th June where the children will share their experiences with you.



VE Day 80th Celebrations – On Thursday 8th May, we celebrated VE Day 2025, marking 80 years since the end of World War Two. We started the day with a celebration worship of remembrance led by vicar, Michelle Evans. Throughout the day, we completed a range of different activities including: making spitfires, baking and research. Mrs Culshaw made us a VE Day themed lunch and a special VE Day cake to enjoy in the afternoon.

Reception Trip to 'Imagine That' in Liverpool – Reception had a fantastic time on their trip to Imagine That. The day was fun-filled with lots of different investigations and experiments! The children enjoyed making slime, snow, bath bombs and fridge magnets. They became fully immersed in the role play village, visiting the pizza parlour, hairdressers, supermarket, musical stage and construction site to name a few. It was a wonderful day.



KS1 trip to Blackpool – On Wednesday 14th May, children in Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a sunny day out in Blackpool. They visited Blackpool Tower and learnt about the history of Blackpool in the tower's 4D cinema before taking the lift to the top of the tower. Some of the children even braved the glass floor! The children also had a wonderful time on the beach before heading home.

Year 2 'camp' – Friday 16th May saw some of our Year 2 children return to school for a fun-filled sleepover, in tents on our school field. The children enjoyed using the archery equipment provided by Wigan Council BeWell team, playing mini golf and lots of playground games before having some supper and settling down in their tents for the evening. The following morning, after having some breakfast, the children went home. A fantastic time was had by all.



Musical performance – Parents/carers were recently treated to our usual half termly musical performance. As well as hearing the choir sing, it was good to see all the children who learn instruments in school perform for everyone. This was the final choir and musical performance of the year. The children have loved performing to an audience and have greatly improved in confidence over the course of this year.

'Stay and Plays' – It has been great to welcome parents/carers into our nurseries and Reception classes this week to spend some time learning alongside their children and taking part in a workshop about supporting their children to transition successfully to the next stage of their educational journey in September. Thank you to everyone who visited this week.



Year 5 and Year 6 Curious Critters visit – On Thursday 22nd May, children in Year 5 and Year 6 received a visit from Curious Critters linked to their learning in Science on how plants and animals adapt to survive. Danny brought along different insects and animals and explained how these have adapted to survive in their natural environments. The children also had the opportunity to get up close with the different critters and handle them.

Class based Worship themes – During the second half of the Summer Term, children will focus on the following:

School Value: Hope

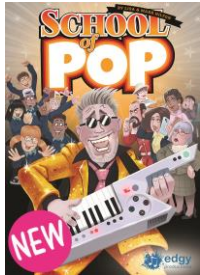
Reflective question: How does hope help to change your perspective?



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Assessment Week – During week beginning **Monday 9th June**, children in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will undertake end of year assessments in Maths, Reading and Spelling Punctuation and Grammar. During this week, all children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2 will undertake a phonics screening check. This will be delivered by staff in school and will involve the children being tested on their knowledge of the sounds of letters, and groups of letters, within words. In the same week, children in Year 4 will also be undertaking the national 'Multiplication Tables' check. Your child's results will be included in their end of year report that will be sent out on Friday July 11th July.



KS2 end of year production – Rehearsals for Y6 children have started and the children now know the part they will be playing in the end of year KS2 production – School of Pop. Y6 children will now need to spend the half-term break learning their lines so that, upon their return to school, they can 'polish' off their performance by practising on stage without the need for scripts. Although Y6 make up the main cast for this performance, the children from Y3, Y4 and Y5 play a major role in making up the choir that sing all the songs during the play (which is a key aspect in telling the story). The dates and times of the performances are included on the Summer Term (2nd half) dates letter, which is attached to the newsletter email.

Sports days

Our sports days this year will take place on the following days:

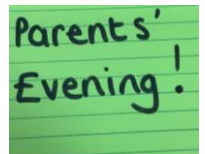


Monday 16th June – Nursery
 Tuesday 17th June – Reception
 Wednesday 18th June – Year 1 and Year 2
 Thursday 19th June – Year 3 and Year 4
 Friday 20th June – Year 5 and Year 6



You are very welcome to attend our sports days, which will all be on our school field/playground and will start at 9:30am.

Parents' Evenings – This year, we will be continuing with the additional Summer Term parents' evening that has taken place for the last couple of years. These involve you coming into school and listening to your child as they 'present' their learning to you. The approaches year groups across school take may vary slightly, however the consistent element will be that the speaking will be led by your children. As well as yourselves, and the class teacher, I will be present at all Year 6 presentations as the children not only reflect on their time in Year 6 but also their time at our school. Letters for these evenings will be sent out on Monday 9th June.



Flag American Football Taster Session – Thursday 8th May, saw some of our children take part in a Flag American Football Taster Session. The session took place at Tyldesley Rugby Union Club and was led by Niall Collins from Leigh Miners American Football Club. The children who attended this session will represent our school in the ATSA Flag American Football Competition that will take place on Wednesday 4th June.

Foot Golf Taster Session – Thursday 8th May saw two children from Year 3 and Year 4 take part in a Foot Golf Taster Session at Boomers and Swingers Golf Range in Astley.



KS2 Girls' Football Cup Competition – On Monday 12th May, our girls' football team took part in an ATSA competition involving nine schools. The children from St. George's Central played very well, qualifying for the final where they were narrowly beaten, to finish as **runners up**. Well done to the girls who made up the team.

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Year 3/4 Rounders – Thursday 15th May saw our Year 3/4 rounders team take part in the ATSA competition. Well done to the children who made up the team.



KS1 Football Festival – A team of footballers from KS1 took part in a Football Festival hosted at Pennington FC. Well done to the children who made up the Year 1 and Year 2 teams.



'Kickstarterz' Taster Session – Earlier this week, three of our children were joined by Reception children from two other schools to take part in a fun, fitness 'Kickstarterz' Taster Session. This was a great opportunity for some of our children to take part in their first ever 'after school' ATSA event.



Times Table Competition – Well done to our two Year 4 children who took part in the ATSA 'Active Minds' Times Table Competition earlier this week. Well done to our children who finished as **runners up** in this event.

Comedy Workshop – Children from two other schools joined children from St. George's Central to take part in a 'Comedy Workshop' led by 'Big Comedy Shop'. The children enjoyed comedy games and got to create their own funny characters and comedy sketches, using wigs, hats, props and lots of silly imagination.



Residential Sports Weekend – On Wednesday, children from the five schools taking part in the ATSA Sports Weekend came together at St. George's Central. The children took part in various 'ice-breaker' activities in preparation for their weekend at Low Bank Ground, in the Lake District, at the end of June. Our Year 6 children will be competing against the children from other schools in running, archery, kayaking and orienteering. We will be hoping for a good performance from our children in what will be one of their final ATSA events representing St. George's Central.

'Access to Success' Boccia Competition – Yesterday, children from St. George's Central took part in the 'Access to Success' Multi-skills Competition at Rowan Tree Primary School against children from eight other schools. Well done to our children who took part in this event.



'Let's Play!' music event – The 'Let's Play' music event took place last night at St. Richard's Catholic Club in Atherton. The event involved children from schools across Atherton and Tyldesley coming together to showcase their musical talents. Well done to our children who participated in this event including keyboard players Olivia, Anna, Ophelia and Isabella, pianist Hooman and saxophonist. The children performed amazingly in front of a large audience. Thank to Miss Gray for organising this event on behalf of ATSA.

Before the next newsletter, children from St. George's Central will be taking part in the following ATSA events:

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| **Flag American Football Competition** | **Art Exhibition** | **Chess Competition** | **KS2 Netball League** |
| **Mixed Football Cup** | **Y6 Cycle Speedway Taster Session** | **Singing Festival** | |
| **Reception Mindfulness and Movement Taster Session** | **KS1 Girl's Football Festival** | **Access to Success Kurling** | |

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 20th June. As well as being on the school website, there are paper copies of all newsletters available in the letter holders in the entrance area in school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery. I will see you all in school on Monday 2nd June. Have a great half term break with your family.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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