

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Wednesday 9th July 2025

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Our final newsletter of the school year will be emailed to you on Friday 18th July, which will be the final day in school for 2024 – 2025. Please see below for the staffing list for our Lancaster Avenue Nursery and a complete teacher list for September 2025 for our school site:



Lancaster Avenue staffing for 2025 – 2026

Nursery Manager – Miss Cowley
Deputy Manager – Mrs Helme
Early Years Assistant – Miss Gaskell



Darlington Street staffing for 2025 – 2026

Nursery – Mrs Davies
R: CR – Miss Rankin
R: NT – Miss Taylor
Y1KB – Miss Beswick
Y1/2PD – Miss Dennett
Y2TL – Mrs Leech
Y3GC – Miss Cohen
Y3/4LB – Mrs Barlow
Y4CB – Miss Billington
Y5BH – Miss Hynes
Y5/6RO – Miss Offord
Y6AM – Mrs Malley

Cover across school – Miss Gray and Miss Davies
Inclusion leader – Mrs Leech
Acting Deputy Headteacher – Mrs Malley
Headteacher – Mr Grogan



Part of our staffing changes for September 2025 will include Mrs Skinner moving from our Lancaster Avenue Nursery to work at our school site in Reception.



Last week we welcomed **Miss Jones** back into school to celebrate her time at St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery in a whole school assembly. Miss Jones has taken the decision to retire at the end of this school year after 45 years (yes...**45 years**) at St. George's/St. George's Central. Children, staff and governors all came together to congratulate Miss Jones for all her hard work over the years and to wish her well for the future. Although Miss Jones is looking forward to starting a new chapter in her life, I am sure we will see her again at St. George's Central. Thank you, Miss Jones, for everything you have done for our school community. You have been...and will be missed!

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Wraparound Provision update



Click the [link](#) to view the latest update I emailed to you all regarding Wraparound Provision at our school. Although staff are now in place, it looks like it will be September 2025 when 'Care, Love, Learn Childcare' will officially start to offer the full wraparound service advertised. Should you wish to reserve a place for your child, for September 2025, or if you have any enquiries for 'Care, Love Learn Childcare', then please email Helenet@carelovelearn.com.



Class attendance updates:

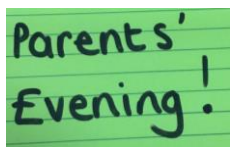


Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:CR	93.7%	Y1KB	95.1%	Y3VG	94.1%	Y5RO	95.2%
YR:NT	93.2%	Y1/2PD	96.0%	Y3/4LB	94.8%	Y5/6GC	94.6%
		Y2TL	95.5%	Y4CB	94.7%	Y6AM	91.4%
Whole school attendance: 94.5%							



*%s are up to and including Friday 4th July 2025

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



Summer Term Parents' Evenings – I hope you all enjoyed the parents' evenings that recently took place. I think that your children leading the way, presenting their learning, in an age-appropriate way, to both you and the class teacher was a fantastic way for you to hear about their school work. As I have previously stated, I believe that being able to speak/present in front of an audience is vitally important for your children as it will develop their confidence and support them as they move onto the next stage of their education/life.

Tri-Kidz – Tuesday 1st July saw 'Tri-Kidz' return to school to work with children in Year 1 to Year 6, turning them into triathletes as part of this day. Everyone enjoyed taking part in the usual cycling and running sessions. Well done to everyone! Tri-Kidz will return to our school next year and we look forward to working with them again.



Wider Opportunity Music – Parents/carers were recently treated to a percussion performance from the children in Year 4LB and Year 4CB. Our school 'buys in' to the Wigan Music Service 'Wider Opportunities Music' scheme which means that each week, Mrs Lord, a specialist music teacher, comes into our school to teach the children to play a variety of musical instruments. Our children learn to play a different percussion instrument each term. This term's project involved the children playing a range of plastic percussion including cups and boomwhackers. It was a great final performance of the year from the children.

Lancaster Avenue Nursery visit – Thanks to all the volunteers who accompanied our Darlington Street Nursery children as they visited our Lancaster Avenue Nursery earlier this week. I would like to thank all our Nursery families at both our sites for their support this year. Although many of the children will be starting in our Reception class, there are some nursery children who will be leaving us and so I wish you and your children well as they start their Reception year in September.



Bicentennial Church Banner – Artist, Kerry Howarth, returned to school to work with some of our children to create a banner to be presented at St George's Church's Bicentennial celebrations in September. The banner will be hung in church as a permanent reminder of the connection between school and church. Thanks must go to Kerry, the children thoroughly enjoyed working with her again.

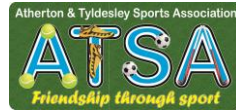
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Music Gala Concert – On Tuesday 8th July, our musicians attended the Gala Concert at Robin Park Arena, featuring performances from the Wigan Youth Brass Band, Strings Ensemble, and Youth Chamber Choir. The children also joined in two pieces: Fire! and Feelin' Good. We hope this inspiring event shows them what they can achieve through continued musical learning. If you would like your child to start instrumental lessons in the next academic year, please contact the school office for details

Annual Reports feedback – On Friday, you will receive your child's annual report. Don't forget to complete and return the feedback sheet as part of this. Any thoughts and feedback on the report as well as the year are appreciated. Please ensure that you return any completed forms to class teachers at school by **Wednesday 16th July**.



Cycle Speedway Competition – Some Year 5 and Year 6 children recently took part in this event at Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club competing against three other teams. Well done to the children who finished as **runners up** at this event.

Year 5/6 Rounders – Thursday 26th June saw our Year 5/6 rounders team take part in the ATSA competition. Well done to the children who made up the team.



Residential Sports Weekend – Four Year 6 children recently took part in an ATSA residential Sports Weekend at Low Bank Ground in the Lake District where they competed against children from four other schools in archery, kayaking, orienteering and running. After the times from all the events were added up, I am pleased to announce that: ***our team were crowned the overall winners of the whole event. In terms of overall individual awards, Evie finished as overall 1st placed girl, Matylda finished as overall 3rd placed girl and Troy finished as overall 2nd placed boy. In the cross-country running, Evie finished as 1st placed girl, Gabby finished as 2nd placed boy which meant our whole cross-country team finished in 1st place. Matylda finished as 1st placed girl and Evie was the 2nd placed girl in archery. In Kayaking, Troy finished as 1st placed boy and Evie was 1st placed girl, which meant our overall kayaking team finished 1st place. Our children finished 3rd in orienteering.*** Well done to all our team members who were excellent ambassadors for our school through the whole weekend.



Tri-Kidz Event – Eight of our children recently took part in the ATSA/Tri-Kidz Event against four other schools. On the Monday morning, our children had to run one lap of the school field, cycle for two minutes on a static bike and then finish by running another lap of the field without stopping. The children did well, but unfortunately did not qualify for Wednesday's event. Well done to the children who represented our school.



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Zumba Taster Session – Some Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in a Zumba Taster Session alongside children from four other schools. The session was led by Anna Collins from Astley Zumba.

'Access to Success' Athletics – Thursday 3rd July saw our children joined with children from two other schools to take part in the ATSA 'Access to Success' Athletics event at Rowan Tree Primary School.



KS2 Tag Rugby Competition – Our tag rugby team took part in a competition on Thursday 3rd July against ten other schools. Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.

Tennis Taster Session – Earlier this week, four children from KS2 took part in a Tennis Taster Session at Tyldesley Tennis Club. The children will return on Monday 14th July to take part in a Tennis Competition against children from three other schools.



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. On Monday 14th July, we will email you the key dates letter for 2025 – 2026. The final newsletter of the year will be sent home on Friday 18th July (our final school day of the year!). On the next page, please see the list of the remaining events taking place before we break up for Summer.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

Remaining School Events for 2025

Date	Event
Thursday 10 th July	'Turn Wigan Purple Day' for Wigan and Leigh Hospice
	Year 6 Leavers' Service for Tyldesley Schools at St. George's Church: all Year 6 children (10am) – parents and carers invited
Friday 11 th July	Cultural Day – <i>see email from Miss Taylor (sent on Monday 30th June)</i>
	Annual School Reports and books sent home today
Monday 14 th July	Year 6 FREE trip to Drayton Manor (leave school at 7:30am)
	Darlington Street Nursery Leavers party
	Key dates for 2025/2026 emailed to parents/carers
	ATSA Tennis Competition at Tyldesley Tennis Club for 4 KS2 children (4pm – 5pm)
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 6 Leavers' disco: 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 16 th July	'Team treat' day for the winning team – <i>more details to follow</i>
	Lancaster Avenue Nursery End of year party
Friday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Worship in the school hall (9:10am): parents/carers welcome
	Newsletter emailed to parents/carers
	Lancaster Avenue Nursery closes at 3:00pm
	School closes at 3:20pm

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