

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Friday 19th December 2025

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Today is the final school day of 2025. Many things stand out for me as I reflect upon this year, most notably the [Bicentennial Celebration of St. George's Church](#). Looking back at this service reminds me just what a special place St. George's Church is. Our school, just like the church, is at the heart of the Tyldesley community, both in the past and as we move into the future! This year, we have continued to adapt as our quest to continually improve and provide the best for your children is always at the forefront of our minds. I thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in 2026 where we will continue to offer excellent facilities and high-quality experiences to support positive relationships and provide the best education for your children.



Class attendance updates:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:CR	94.2%	Y1KB	94.3%	Y3GC	94.9%	Y5BH	93.9%
YR:NT	94.9%	Y1/2PD	96.7%	Y3/4LB	97.3%	Y5/6RO	96.5%
		Y2TL	96.5%	Y4CB	94.3%	Y6AM	95.1%
Whole school attendance: 95.4%							

*%s are up to and including Friday 12th December 2025

2026 will see St. George's Central continue to offer your children a rich and varied range of opportunities: please ensure they are in school on time every day, so they do not miss out!

Please ensure you ring school at the start of each day that your child is absent so we can account for all our children.

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

Click the link to view our [Graduated approach to attendance](#)



Visit to Tyldesley Library – Monday 1st December saw our nursery children visit Tyldesley library. We really appreciate our links to Tyldesley Library and the nursery children always enjoy their visits there. The focus this time was Advent. A huge thank you to Zoe and Joanne for the warm welcome, excellent story reading, wealth of lovely books and the inviting Christmas crafts on offer. Some children joined the library and received their personalised card during our visit so that they can benefit further from this excellent local facility. We are already looking forward to our next visit.

Year 5 and Year 6 trip to the Catalyst Museum – To support learning in Science, looking at how chemists create new materials, children in Year 5 and Year 6 went on a visit to the Catalyst Museum. During the visit, the children explored the interactive galleries and took part in two hands-on workshops based on exploring fantastic plastics and making medicines. The children had lots of fun observing chemical reactions and working as scientists.



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YouTube



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Click the links below to view our Christmas performances.

Year group	Performance details
Reception (both classes)	Children performed 'Hushaby Nativity'
Year 1 and Year 2 (all children)	Children performed 'Hooray In A Manger'

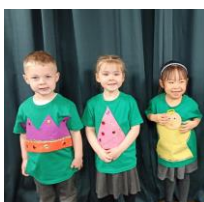
Congratulations and well done to all the children who took part in the performances this year. Thank you for all your help and support with providing costumes and helping the children to learn lines. A big thank you should also go to all the school staff involved with the shows who not only prepared the children for performances, but also ensured that all photographs were uploaded to Seesaw and that a final recording of the performance was ready to be shared for you to enjoy. You can see from some of the comments from our school visitors' book below how much people enjoyed all the opportunities to see their children perform:



"Excellent performance! The children were a pleasure to watch!!"
"Brilliant. Brought a tear to my eye. All children were fantastic."
"What a lovely performance! The singing was so joyful – it's what Christmas is all about."



Thank you to everyone who attended all the performances. Through purchasing raffle tickets at school-based performances, you helped to raise **£358**, which was then used to fund Christmas parties and events in school. Thank you for your continued support.



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Musical performances and school choir events



Our school choir has been busy getting into the Christmas spirit! Saturday 29th November saw our children take to the stage in Tyldesley Market Square to mark the switching on of the Christmas lights. The children performed brilliantly, singing a variety of traditional and more modern Christmas songs in front of an extremely large audience.

Parents/carers of children in Year 4 were recently treated to a tuned percussion performance from the children in Y4LB and Y4CB. Our school 'buys in' to the Wigan Music Service 'Wider Opportunities Music' scheme which means that each week a specialist music teacher (Mrs Lord) comes into our school to teach the children to play musical instruments. Our children learn to play a different percussion instrument each term – this term, the children have been learning to play plastic percussion. It was a great performance from the children. After Christmas, the children will be learning to play a different percussion instrument and there will be another whole school performance just before Easter.



Additionally, this week, our half-termly musical performance took place with our choir being joined by our musicians from across school so that they could perform to the many visitors who came along. The next musical performance in school will be on **Wednesday 11th February 2026**.

Thanks to all the families who attended and supported these musical events and to Miss Gray who brought the children together.



Badminton Taster Session – On Monday 24th November, children from St. George's Central joined with children from seven other schools to take part in a Badminton Taster Session at Fred Longworth High School.



KS2 'Strictly Schools' Dance Competition – Wednesday 26th November saw some KS2 dancers take part in the KS2 'Strictly Schools' Dance Competition against three other schools. Well done to all the children who worked incredibly hard, learning different styles of dance and difficult routines. Congratulations to Olivia and Anna who were crowned **winners** in the 'Cha Cha' dance section and Daisy and Thisuli who finished **3rd** in the 'Jive' section.



Zumba Taster Session – Some Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a Zumba Taster Session. The session was led by Anna Collins from Astley Zumba. Zumba Taster Sessions for Year 3/4 and Year 1/2 children will take place in the new year.



ATSA Stage School Workshop – Friday 28th November saw four children from Year 5 join with children from five other local schools for a Stage School Workshop at Atherton Library, led by Lisa Lundie.

ATSA Comedy Showcase Performance – Monday 1st December saw the first-ever ATSA Comedy Showcase Performance Event take place. Children from four schools joined with children from St. George's Central to take part in a series of Comedy Workshops over the past five weeks. This time was used for the children to develop their 'comedy routine' for their performance which took place at The Snug in Atherton. Thanks to Ali and Charlotte for supporting the children and Rachael at The Snug for hosting the final ATSA event of the year.



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January/February 2026

Attached to the newsletter email today is our [Spring Term \(1st half\) dates letter](#). Paper copies of this are available in our entrance area. It will be a busy start to the year and so please make sure you continually refer to this letter so that you know when things are happening. Earlier this week, our [Spring Term \(1st half\) extra-curricular clubs letter](#) was emailed to you.

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

****'Access to Success' Basketball Competition**** ****KS1 Sportshall Athletics**** ****Mixed and Girls' Football****
****KS1 Circus Skills Workshop**** ****KS2 Dodgeball Competition**** ****Y3/4 Mindfulness and Movement Taster Session****
****'Active Minds' Team Building' Competition****



Class based Worship themes – During the first half term of 2026, children will be focusing on the following:

School Value: Friendship

Reflective question: What are your three essential ingredients for a friend?

Year 3 Forest School – A letter was sent out to all Year 3 parents/carers this week regarding the upcoming Forest School sessions. These sessions will start on Friday 9th January 2026 and take place each Friday until Friday 13th February 2026. If you could please complete and return the Forest School permission form for your child and return it to their class teacher by Wednesday 7th January 2026.



Reception starters 2026 – Applications need to be submitted by **15th January 2026** for your child to start in our Reception class in September 2026. Please ensure that if you have a church card to support your Reception application you hand this in at the school office by **Friday 27th February 2026**.



Care, Love, Learn Childcare – Many thanks to Care, Love, Learn Childcare who I am sure you will agree have been a welcome addition to our school offer this year. The staff team has sent the following message:

Thank you so much to all the children, parents and carers for a wonderful first term. We appreciate all the love and

support we have received with breakfast and after-school provision. We cannot wait for all the exciting things we have planned for the new year.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Helene, Ene and all the Care, Love, Learn Childcare Team.



Yesterday, our KS2 Carol Service took place in church. This is always one of the last events of the year and, for me, it very much signifies the start of Christmas. This is the final newsletter of 2025. School doors will re-open for children on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**. Thanks again for all your support over the past 12 months. It is very much a team effort to ensure that we all follow the mantra of 'Never settle for less than your best'. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher



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