

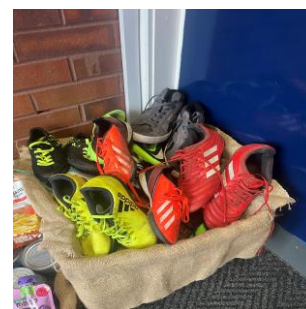


Newsletter – Friday 21st November 2025

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It was lovely to see so many of you at our parents' evening during the first week of this half term. Supporting your children in this way will have positive benefits for their long-term future. As well as reflecting on events over the past month, this newsletter is looking forward to the Christmas period and so please take time to note dates and times of events that will be taking place over the next few busy weeks.

School entrance area – We have recently made some additions in our school entrance area. Although this area is very small, it already houses paper copies of all our key information and a basket of reading books for you to take, read and return. We have recently added some further baskets which we think you may find useful. One basket contains **food items** that you are welcome to nip in and take, another basket contains items of **school uniform**. Again, please feel free to have a look to see if you can make use of the uniform items. A third basket has been added and this contains **sports items** (mainly trainers and football boots at the moment). These baskets will be regularly 'topped-up' by school, however If you are able to contribute any items to these please bring them to the school office – all donations are welcome. Please feel free to come into the entrance area at any time to see what is offer.



Class attendance updates:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:CR	95.7%	Y1KB	95.0%	Y3GC	95.4%	Y5BH	94.9%
YR:NT	95.9%	Y1/2PD	96.6%	Y3/4LB	98.0%	Y5/6RO	96.9%
		Y2TL	96.2%	Y4CB	94.6%	Y6AM	94.6%
Whole school attendance: 95.8%							

*%s are up to and including Friday 14th November 2025

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](#)



Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 9th November saw an amazing turn out of children and staff at the Remembrance Sunday parade. It is important to ensure that future generations continue to remember the bravery that members of the armed forces demonstrated in the past and continue to show today. As a school, we are proud to be part of this event and so thank you to everyone for your commitment.

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Anti-Bullying week – Monday 10th November saw the start of Anti-Bullying Week focusing on this year's theme 'Power of Good'. We began the week with Odd Socks Day, celebrating what makes each of us unique and reminding everyone of the importance of showing kindness and acceptance to others. Throughout the week, the children explored how even the smallest positive actions can have a powerful impact. It was a wonderful celebration of friendship, respect, and the difference we can all make by using our 'Power of Good' to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

KS1 1960's Workshop – Children in Key Stage 1 took part in a 1960's workshop as part of their learning in History. They learned about 1960's fashion and famous news events from the 60's – including the moon landing. They also learned about the genres of music and styles of dancing that were popular in the 60's and they even tried a spot of dancing for themselves. They enjoyed handling some artefacts from that era but their favourite part of the day was listening to music by The Beatles. I think some of the children may have a new favourite band.



****Thanks to your donations, we raised £191 for Children in Need****



Y5/6RO visit to Avia Studios for a 'Poetry Together' Celebration – On Friday 14th November, Y5/6RO went on a visit to Aviva Studios in Manchester. This trip formed part of the 'Poetry Together Celebration', where Y5/6RO shared poetry with their parents/carers and grandparents as part of their open afternoon. At the event, the children really enjoyed taking part in the workshops, where they worked with two different poets, learning all about different types of poetry. The children left feeling inspired to begin writing their own poetry and share it with their family and friends.

Year 1 'sleepover' – Friday 14th November saw some of our Year 1 children return to school for an exciting sleepover in the school hall. The evening was filled with fun as the children danced to their favourite tunes and joined in with lively party games. Later, they settled into their sleeping bags to enjoy a cosy movie night together with snacks. The next morning, everyone shared a delicious breakfast before heading home for a well-earned rest. It was a memorable night enjoyed by all!



Road Safety Week – Monday 17th November saw the start of Road Safety Week with the theme 'Safe Vehicles Save Lives'. The children learned how well-designed, safe vehicles can help prevent accidents and reduce harm if they do happen. The children also learned about the importance of everyone playing a part in keeping our roads safe.

Boxing Taster Sessions – On 17th November, children in Y2 to Y6 took part in Boxing Taster Session with Boxing for Better coach, Dave Morris. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning how to take part in boxing in a fun and safe way. They learned about their footwork and stance whilst boxing, completed some partner pad work where they learnt more about shots and combinations, took part in boxing relays and even some fitness circuits. Click the link to view information about [Boxing for Better](#).



Y6 Knife Crime Awareness – Year 6 recently received a visit from our local PCSO's to discuss the dangers and consequences of knife crime. We thought about the effects of knife crime on the offender, victim and their family.

Autumn Term assessments – During the week commencing Monday 24th November, children in Year 1 – Year 6 will be undertaking end of term assessments in Maths, Reading and SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). Should you have any questions about these assessments, then please see your child's teacher.



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Tyldesley Christmas lights – During the evening of Saturday 29th November, our school choir will be helping to spread Christmas cheer at the Tyldesley Lights switch-on event on Tyldesley market square, singing some popular Christmas songs and carols. Our children are due to perform at 6:00pm. Please come and support our school choir if you can. Children in the choir will receive a letter shortly with further details about this event.

*****Don't forget that Friday 5th December will be the final day of extra-curricular clubs until January 2026*****

Reception starters 2026 – The link on the Wigan Council website for 2026 Reception places is now open: [Primary School Admissions](#). The closing date for admissions is **Thursday 15th January 2026**. There is no formal open event at St. George's Central, I will show people around school on an **individual basis**. Please contact the school office to make an appointment to meet with me and have a look round our school.



'Active Minds' Road Safety Quiz – Thursday 6th November saw two Year 6 children from St. George's Central make up a quiz team for the ATSA 'Active Minds' Road Safety Quiz. The children had spent the last month brushing up on their road safety knowledge and did very well against children from seven other schools.

Kurling Competition – Thursday 6th November saw our KS2 Kurling team take part in a competition against seven other schools. Well done to the children who represented our children at this event.



Y5/6 Basketball Competition – On Tuesday 11th November, our Basketball team took part in a competition against seven other schools. The children played well and almost qualified for the final. Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.



'Access to Success' Dodgeball Competition – Thursday 13th November saw our children take part in an ATSA 'Access to Success' Dodgeball Competition at Rowan Tree Primary, competing against children from seven other schools. Well done to our team.



Table Tennis Taster Session – On Monday 17th November, children from St. George's Central joined with children from ten other schools to take part in a Table Tennis Taster Session at Fred Longworth High School.



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

****Y6 Badminton Taster Session** **KS2 'Strictly Schools' Dance Competition** **Y5/6 Zumba Taster Session****
****Y5 Stage School Workshop** ** ATSA Comedy Showcase Performance****

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Information about Christmas at St. George's Central (1/2)



****On Friday 5th December, all children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper/non-uniform.****

Christmas Performances

Date	Performance dates/times
Monday 8 th December	Darlington Street Nursery Christmas Singing Stay and Play: 9:00am start Reception Christmas performance: 2:30pm start Year 1/Year 2 Christmas production: 6:00pm start
Tuesday 9 th December	Darlington Street Nursery Christmas Singing Stay and Play: 9:00am start Reception Christmas performance: 9:30am start Year 1/Year 2 Christmas production: 2:30pm start
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception Christmas performance: 9:30am start Darlington Street Nursery Christmas Singing Stay and Play: 2:00pm start Year 1/Year 2 Christmas production: 6:00pm start
Thursday 11 th December	Lancaster Avenue Nursery Christmas Celebration Stay and Play: 2:30pm start
Friday 12 th December	Lancaster Avenue Nursery Christmas Celebration Stay and Play: 9:30am start

Area of School	*Ticket information*
	All tickets available from Monday 24th November 2025
Lancaster Avenue Nursery	Please see Miss Cowley to sign up to attend one of the Christmas 'Stay and Plays'.
Darlington Street Nursery	Please see Mrs Davies to sign up to attend one of the Christmas 'Stay and Plays'.
Reception	4 tickets per child/family available across all 3 performances: numbered tickets will be available from Mrs Tuffin in Rec: NT classroom from 8:40am (please head to the external Reception classroom door at the rear of school to see Mrs Tuffin)
Key Stage 1	2 tickets per child/family available across all 3 performances: numbered tickets will be available from Miss Derighetti in the library from 8:40am (please head to the external library door on playground at the rear of school to see Miss Derighetti)

There will be no charge for any tickets

Please keep the tickets you receive and bring them with you, as the number on them is your seat number for the performance



Babies and other children – Please note that tickets for the **school-based** performances are for older siblings and adults **ONLY**. For those who need to bring children, babies or toddlers, a crèche will be provided. This also includes all children from St. George's Central who will have seen all dress rehearsals.

Photographs and digital recording – Please ensure that your devices are turned off or on silent during all performances. We will have already taken individual and group photographs of the children in their costumes which we will upload to Seesaw. From Seesaw, you can save and print images yourself, in your preferred style at your leisure. A selection of images will be uploaded to our School Facebook page and staff 'X' accounts.



*****Please note: both the Reception and Year 1/Year 2 performances on Tuesday 9th December will be filmed by school with final versions being uploaded to our school YouTube page before we break for Christmas. Final links will then be emailed to you and sent via Seesaw. Please let us know by Friday 28th November if you would prefer your child not to be filmed*****

Please bring cash (£1 for a strip of tickets) if you would like to enter the raffle at each school-based performance.



Pantomime in School – This Christmas we will be having a Pantomime in school for children in Nursery to Year 6. This year, we are looking forward to watching 'Dick Whittington' in our school hall, performed by 'Chaplins Pantos', which all children from Nursery to Reception will be able to enjoy.

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Information about Christmas at St. George's Central (2/2)



Christmas 'class based' party days



Monday 15th December: Year 5 and Year 6 party day

Tuesday 16th December: Year 3 and Year 4 party day

Wednesday 17th December: Year 1 and Year 2 party day

Thursday 18th December: Reception and Nursery party day

It is non-uniform for children when it is their party day.



KS2 Carol Service – On Thursday 18th December, all KS2 children will be taking part in our Christmas Service, held at St George's Church at 10am. This year, the children will be re-telling the traditional Christmas story through narration, song and prayer. All parents/carers are welcome to the service for a 10am start, we hope to see you there.

Christmas disco details: Thursday 18th December 2025

Y1 & Y2

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Children to bring their disco clothes to school and remain in school at home time to get changed.

The disco will be **£2 per child** (cash brought to the school office beforehand).

There will be some light refreshments included and children will not need to bring any other money on the night.

Y3 – Y6

5:00pm – 6:30pm

The disco will be **£2 per child** (cash brought to the school office beforehand).

There will be some light refreshments included and children will not need to bring any other money on the night.

All children are to be collected by an adult at 6:30pm and so there is no need for children to bring a mobile phone with them to the school disco.



Christmas dinner – Christmas dinner will be served to all children and staff in school on **Friday 19th December**.

Should your child be on packed lunches and you would like them to have a Christmas dinner then please let the school office know by **Monday 1st December**. There is **no need for you to send any Christmas crackers into school** for Christmas dinner. School will provide everything for your child on the day.

The next newsletter and Spring Term (1st half) dates letter will be emailed out on **Friday 19th December**. On this day, we break up for Christmas. Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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