

# St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



## Newsletter – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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After a fantastic month, it looks like everyone has settled into school life with our youngest children starting in Nursery, Reception and others settling in new classes. It was pleasing to see so many of you at our 'Meet the teacher' meetings throughout September and it was great to welcome our Reception parents/carers and Reverend Cath into school for our 'Welcome to our school Worship' last week. It was lovely to see many of you in St. George's Church for the bicentennial celebrations last Sunday. Harvest Celebrations have taken place in school today with Reverend Cath. Thanks, as always, for your fantastic support with donations. We will ensure these are distributed within the community over the coming month.



**\*\*Please let your child's teacher know if you require a school laptop so that your child can access all our wonderful online resources for their home learning activities. We have laptops ready to re-issue so please let us know in school\*\***

**Attendance** – Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it is essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved performance in school, which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects for your children. As well as this, good attendance helps your children to develop positive relationships with others and a sense of responsibility. Therefore please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day to benefit from all that St. George's Central has to offer. See below for current classes and whole school attendance:



Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
YR:CR	97.2%	Y1KB	93.7%	Y3GC	98.9%	Y5BH	95.3%
YR:NT	96.6%	Y1/2PD	94.1%	Y3/4LB	98.3%	Y5/6RO	97.8%
		Y2TL	98.9%	Y4CB	98.3%	Y6AM	95.5%
Whole school attendance: 96.8%							

\*%s are up to and including Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025



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



**2025 – 2026 School Impact Plan Summary** – Each year we develop key priorities for each area of school and set about putting actions into place in order to achieve these via our annual School Impact Plan. We usually have 5 key priorities, with actions to support our improvement in these areas across school. We have a detailed plan in place, for each priority area. For your convenience we have summarised, and listed for you, 3 of the key ways that we are aiming to make positive progress towards achieving each key priority this year, click the link to view our

[2025 - 2026 School Impact Plan Summary](#)

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**Nursery/Reception swimming sessions** – Swimming sessions at The Pelican Centre have continued this year for our Nursery and Reception children with the first groups currently enjoying their sessions. It was wonderful to see the children having fun whilst learning important skills at the same time. Over the course of the school year, all Nursery and Reception children will be having a group of six swimming sessions. We are sure the children will enjoy their sessions and gain lots of water confidence.



**Parent/carer workshops** – It was great to see so many of you at our recent workshops. Thanks to Mrs Leech for leading our whole school 'Inclusion workshop'; Mrs Leech, Miss Beswick, Miss Dennett and for leading the Reading and Phonics Workshop for KS1 parents/carers and Mrs Malley for leading the Reading Workshop for KS2 parents/carers last night. Please see below for other upcoming parent/carers workshops:

Date	Event
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Reception Reading and Phonics Workshop</b> for <b>Reception</b> parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:30am & 6:00pm – 6:30pm. Select which session is best for you to attend
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Maths Workshop</b> for <b>Year 5 and Year 6</b> parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:30am & 6:00pm – 6:30pm. Select which session is best for you to attend
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Maths Workshop</b> for <b>Year 3 and Year 4</b> parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:30am & 6:00pm – 6:30pm. Select which session is best for you to attend
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Maths Workshop</b> for <b>Year 1 and Year 2</b> parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:30am & 6:00pm – 6:30pm. Select which session is best for you to attend
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Maths Workshop</b> for <b>Nursery and Reception</b> parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:30am & 6:00pm – 6:30pm. Select which session is best for you to attend

**School photographs** – **Don't forget.....**we will receive our first visit of the year from the school photographer on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. On this day he will visit both our Darlington Street School site for the morning and our Lancaster Avenue Nursery site for the afternoon. Please note:

- \*photographs will be taken of children either individually or with school based siblings (see next bullet point);
  - \*only children who attend St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery will be photographed;
  - \*any Darlington Street Nursery children who do not usually attend Nursery on a Tuesday morning are invited to school at 9:00am to have their photograph taken;
  - \*any Lancaster Avenue Nursery children who do not usually attend Nursery on a Tuesday afternoon are invited to nursery at 1:00pm to have their photograph taken.
- All children will have their photograph taken and a small 'sample' photograph will be sent home for you to decide if you would like to complete any purchases.



**National Poetry Day** – Next Thursday is National Poetry Day: an annual mass celebration that encourages all to enjoy, discover and share poetry. This year, the theme is 'Play'. To celebrate this in school we will be receiving a visit from poet Tom Stocks who will work with classes across school delivering some creative reading and writing workshops. The children will come together at the end of the day in a celebration assembly where they perform a variety of poems. Like last year, your children will be learning a poem over the course of each half term so that they can perform it to others across school/in class. Each poem has been carefully selected so that it links to other topic areas that your children will be learning about and you will see in your child's year group how there is a poem in the English section. Maybe you could learn the poem together? Click the link to view our [Curriculum Overviews](#).

**Puberty lessons** – This half term, children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be visited by 'HH Kids' who will be delivering a specialised puberty package to support the delivery of our PSHE and Relationships and Sex Education curriculum. Lessons will explore: visible and emotional changes during puberty, personal hygiene and an outline to the stages of pregnancy. Throughout the sessions, the children will develop their understanding of ways to manage changes, stay safe and keep healthy. Click the link to see information about **all areas** that we cover as part of the [PSHE Curriculum](#).



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**Class Worship and Musical Performances in school** – We have planned for the children to share their learning with you from each class, via our ‘usual’ Class Worship approach. Before the next newsletter, **Y6AM Class Worship** will have taken place on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. There will also be regular musical performances by our musicians and our school choir throughout the year. The first one of these this year is on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**, 9:05am start in the school hall. You are all very welcome to attend these events in school. Click the link to view the [Music Booklet](#) Miss Gray has recently developed, which provides details of all our music events this year. Please note: no letters will be issued for any of our Class Worships or Musical Performances and there is no need for you to provide us with prior notice of your attendance. Simply turn up on the day and enjoy!

**Autumn Term parents’ evening** – We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Autumn Term parents’ evenings. At our Darlington Street site, we will be sending home the parents’ evening letter on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Over the next few weeks, Miss Cowley will contact all ‘pre-school’ families at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery site to arrange a meeting time. See the table below, with our Autumn Term parents’ evenings ‘plan’:



Date	Event
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Paper copies of parents’ evening letters will be sent home (please check bags)
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Select an ‘evening’ and a ‘time slot’ that would be most convenient for you
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Return your child’s completed form to the class teacher by today
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Our teachers will meet in school to arrange time slots to coordinate times for siblings
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Paper copies of confirmed parents’ evening time slots will be sent home
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>Lancaster Avenue Nursery Parents’ Meetings</b> throughout the week
	Parents’ Evening in the school hall for the following classes (4:00pm – 7:00pm): <b>Darlington Street Nursery, Reception: CR, Reception: NT, Y1KB, Y1/2PD, Y2TL</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents’ Evening in the school hall for the following classes (4:00pm – 7:00pm): <b>Y3GC, Y4CB, Y5BH, Y5/6RO, Y6AM</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents’ Evening in the school hall for the following classes (4:00pm – 7:00pm): <b>Darlington Street Nursery, Reception: CR, Reception: NT, Y1KB, Y1/2PD, Y2TL, **Y3/4LB</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents’ Evening in the school hall for the following classes (4:00pm – 7:00pm): <b>Y3GC, Y3/4LB, Y4CB, Y5BH, Y5/6RO, Y6AM</b>

***\*\*Please note: new date for Year 3/4LB***

For all appointments, please ensure that you arrive 5 minutes before your allocated time. To ensure we are able to accommodate all families, there will be a time limit of 10 minutes. I will be available in the school hall on all school-based evenings should you need to speak to me – no appointment will be necessary for this. I look forward to seeing you then.



**Reception starters 2026** – The link on the Wigan Council website for 2026 Reception places is now open: [Primary School Admissions](#). If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, you can now submit an application for your child to start our Reception class in September 2026. The closing date for admissions is **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. Should your child attend either of our nurseries and you have any questions or if you require any support with completing the form, then please do not hesitate to contact us in school. Should you know anyone with children starting school in September 2026, please let them know that, like every year, I will show people around school on an **individual basis**. Please ask people to ring or email (using the details in the footer of this newsletter) and we will make an appointment to meet with me and have a look round our school.

**Bikeability sessions** – Towards the end of this half term, some Year 6 children will be taking part in ‘Bikeability’ sessions. The children will be learning how to cycle safely on the road including signalling, positioning and how to complete safety checks on their bikes. **A reminder for all, when bikes and scooters are brought onto our school site they are pushed and not ridden to reduce the risk of accidents.**



***\*\*Please remember that dogs are not permitted on our school site, on leads or carried\*\****

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**Stay and play and open afternoons** – Parents/carers of children in our **Nurseries and Reception** will be welcomed into school during week commencing **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October** for the first of our ‘Stay and Play’ sessions. Please see either Miss Cowley, Mrs Davies, Mrs Rankin or Miss Taylor to sign up to one of the sessions, which will take place on various days and times during that week. During that same week, parent/carers of children in Year 1 – Year 6 will have an opportunity to spend some time in school as part of our open afternoons:

Date	Event
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Open afternoon for Y5BH, Y5/6RO and Y6AM (2:00pm – 3:00pm)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Open afternoon for Y1KB, Y1/2PD and Y2TL (2:00pm – 3:00pm)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Open afternoon for Y3GC, Y3/4LB and Y4CB (2:00pm – 3:00pm)

*There is no need to sign up for any of the open afternoons, simply wait at the school office for the 2:00pm start.*

**Year 1 ‘sleepover’ meetings** – At **6pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**, a meeting will take place for parents/carers of Year 1 children regarding the Year 1 sleepover in school. This meeting is for **all Year 1 parents/carers** as we would like you all to hear the information about the sleepover before fully committing to your child attending. The meeting is for adults only and so there will be a crèche available for children. The ‘official’ letters regarding the sleepover will be sent home the day after the meeting.



**Secondary School applications** – For the parents/carers of children in Year 6, do not forget to complete your child’s application for Secondary School by the closing date of **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**. The main information page and admissions booklet can be accessed by clicking on the following link: [Secondary School Admissions](#). You will be notified in March 2026 of the name of the Secondary School that your child will be going to.



**ATSA Sports Council** – Some members of the ATSA Sports Council recently came together at St. George’s Central. Each school within ATSA selects two Sports Council members and so this was an ideal opportunity for the children to come together to discuss ideas to improve ATSA.



**Boxing Taster Session** – On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, three children from Year 5/6 were joined by children from eight other local schools for a Boxing Taster Session at our school. ‘Boxing for Better’ coach, Lewis, led the session and the children experienced a variety of fitness activities linked to boxing.

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

- \*\*Y6 Advanced Writing Workshop\*\*      \*\*KS2 Poetry Performance\*\*      \*\*Reception Kickstarterz Taster Session\*\*
- \*\*Y5/6 Mindfulness and Movement Taster Session\*\*      \*\*Y3/4 Futsal Competition\*\*      \*\*Access to Success Yoga and Dance\*\*
- \*\*Y5/6 Comedy Workshops\*\*      \*\*KS2 Cross Country Competition\*\*

As well as being on the school website, there are paper copies of this newsletter available in the letter holders in the entrance area in school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery. The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Have a great month.

*Mr M Grogan*

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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