

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Friday 27th February 2026

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The recent half-term break signifies the half-way point of the school year. As we take our first steps into March, I am sure we are all looking forward to lighter nights, warmer weather and more wonderful opportunities for the children at St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery. Thanks to everyone who completed an online survey as part of the School Uniform consultation. We will use this feedback to produce a final version of the policy that we will email out to you all over the coming weeks.

I would like to introduce Mrs Laura Morgan to you all as a new Foundation Governor. Mrs Morgan first attended a governing body meeting last April. Please see information below from Mrs Morgan:

Mrs Morgan: *Originally from Chester, I moved to Tyldesley (via Bath and Bristol) in 2022 and married my husband at Christmas time that same year. Since moving to the parish, I have attended St George's Church with my family. I believe it is important to take an active part in the community in which you live and through this involvement we can make a positive impact to all that live there – my main motivation for becoming a governor. Although having previously studied interior architecture at university, I moved into the world of education, completing an undergraduate and PGCE in Education Studies in 2013. I recently started a new teaching role in a local primary school after working in a large inner city school in Manchester. I took a step down from leadership and chose a school close to home to regain a better work life balance. I have been heavily involved in curriculum development and have been Year 6 lead with a focus on the successful transition to secondary school. Alongside this, I have mentored several early career teachers (ECTs), with the aim of improving the standards of teaching and giving them the best start to their career. My hope is that these experiences will add value to the governing body. Outside of school, I am a hockey mum! Both my husband and step-sons (16 and 19) take an active role in Bolton Hockey Club, with the littlest boy, nearly one and a half, not far behind them! I love cooking, especially throwing a big feast for my friends and family, gardening (I'm a regular at the RHS) and seeing the world!*



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

School Value: Hope

Reflective question: What gives you hope?

Class attendance updates:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:CR	94.3%	Y1KB	95.2%	Y3GC	95.1%	Y5BH	93.8%
YR:NT	94.9%	Y1/2PD	96.8%	Y3/4LB	96.9%	Y5/6RO	96.1%
		Y2TL	96.9%	Y4CB	95.1%	Y6AM	95.5%
Whole school attendance: 95.5%							

*%s are up to and including Friday 13th February 2026

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](#)

Year 5 and Year 6: mobile phones – At St. George's Central, children in Year 5 and Year 6 are permitted to bring their mobile phone to school **only** if they are walking to and/or from school on their own. This week our new 'system' for handing in and storing phones started. Click [here](#) to view the letter I recently emailed to parents/carers of children in Year 5 and Year 6.



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Nursery places for September 2026



It is never too early to have your child's name down on our nursery lists for either our Lancaster Avenue Nursery or our Darlington Street (school based) Nursery. If you have a 2 or 3 year old child who will be needing a nursery place at either of our nurseries for September 2026 then please contact Mrs Smith at our school site (01942 883773) who will add you to our lists so that you will then receive letters in April/May inviting you to our 'Welcome Sessions'.



Year 3 and Year 4 Creative Writing Workshops – On Tuesday 27th January, children in year 3 and 4 enjoyed taking part in creative writing workshops with Emma Tilbury from The Lowry. The children were inspired by their current class book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, to create poems describing the fantasies of Narnia. All the children's work has been entered into The Lowry's 2026 Creative Writing Challenge, with the chances of receiving awards and performing their work on The Quays Stage.

CHIME Music Project – Reception children have started the CHIME Music Project with Mrs Shirley from Wigan Council's Music Team. The children are thoroughly enjoying the sessions, enthusiastically exploring music through singing, movement and listening activities, developing their confidence and creativity along the way. This exciting project will continue for both classes next half term, and we look forward to seeing their musical skills grow.



Children's Mental Health Week – We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week, this year's theme was 'This is My Place', celebrating the importance of belonging in our communities. Throughout the week, we explored activities that help the children feel safe, valued, and connected—whether at home, with friends, or in school. As part of this celebration, we held a 'Dress to



Express' Day early on in the week, where children were welcomed into school wearing an outfit to express their uniqueness. It was wonderful to see such diversity within our school. Towards the end of the week, Toni Marie visited school and led Mindfulness and Movement Sessions with all our classes. Children learned ways to express and support their emotions.



Brathay Hall – Recently, 23 children spent a week at Brathay Hall in the Lake District for the annual Year 5 residential. The children spent the week exploring the countryside, orienteering, ghyll scrambling as well as many other outdoor and adventurous activities. I am sure the children had a great time away from home, experiencing all these different activities. Family members of the children who attended are invited to a short 'Brathay Hall assembly' at **9:05am on Thursday 12th**

March where the children will share their experiences with you. On this day, the winner of the '*Alan Murgatroyd Award for Outdoor Education*' will be announced and presented with their award.

'Oliver!' dress rehearsal – On Tuesday 3rd February, our Year 6 children were invited to Fred Longworth High School to watch the performance of 'Oliver!' the musical. It was wonderful to see some of our past pupils singing, dancing and acting. It was an enjoyable experience for all.



On Friday 6th February, we came together as a school to mark '**Heart Month**'. It was lovely to see children honour this by wearing something red. We learned about the choices we can make within our lifestyle to keep our hearts healthy. On this day, we raised **£177**, which was donated to 'Healing Little Hearts' charity. Thank you all for your support.

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Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 10th February saw us celebrate Safer Internet Day. Even though internet safety is taught throughout the year in school, this day always provides us with an opportunity to remind ourselves of how best to stay safe online. Our school was visited by 'Altru Drama' who undertook some online safety workshops in classrooms with children in Key Stage 1. Children in Key Stage 2 watched a performance called 'Tangle Web', which highlighted the dangers of online use and how children can consider ways that can make their own internet use safer. Click the link should you wish to find out more about E-Safety at our school: [E-Safety at our school](#).



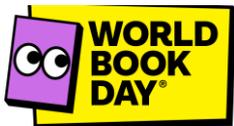
Musical performance – Parents/carers were recently treated to our usual half termly musical performance. As well as hearing the choir sing, it was good to see all the children who learn instruments in school perform for everyone. The next choir and musical performance in school will be on Wednesday 1st April 2026.

'Lunar New Year' 2026 – On Thursday 12th February, we celebrated Lunar New Year – the 'Year of the Fire Horse'. Each class experienced a range of activities throughout the day to develop their understanding of Lunar New Year,. It was a wonderful way to join in celebrations for the 'Year of the Fire Horse'.



'Stay and Plays' and open afternoons – It has been great to welcome you all into our school over the last few weeks to spend some time learning alongside your children. Thank you to everyone who visited.

On Friday 13th February, our school community came together to mark **International Childhood Cancer Day**. It was heart-warming to see children honour this by wearing something orange. We took time to learn about the incredibly brave children, young people and families affected by cancer, and discussed how we can support them as a caring community. On this day, we raised **£191**, which was donated to The Azaylia Foundation to support the fight against childhood cancer. Thank you all for your continued support.



World Book Day – On Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. This is an annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading. To celebrate this in school, children can come to school in non-uniform and bring in their favourite book to share. We will be receiving a visit from poet, Dommy B who will work with classes delivering some creative reading and writing workshops.

British Science Week – Our Science leader, Miss Billington, will be arranging a variety of Science based activities during week commencing Monday 9th March to celebrate British Science Week. The theme this year is 'Curiosity: What's your question?'



World Down Syndrome Day – On Thursday 19th March, we will be marking World Down Syndrome Day by taking part in the DSUK Sunflower Challenge. Children will be planting sunflowers to take home, learning that, just like sunflowers, we all grow and bloom in our own unique way. This special day is all about celebrating individuality, kindness and inclusion within our school community.

Red Nose Day – We will be supporting Red Nose Day on **Friday 20th March** by having a non-uniform day for a £1 donation for all children and staff. Children will take part in fun activities linked to this year's theme 'Take Yourself Funny for Money'.



Easter Worship/Service – On Tuesday 31st March, there will be an Easter Worship for our school nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 children in school. Due to space in school, we will be unable to accommodate any parents/carers for this. Our Key Stage 2 Easter Service will take place in St. George's Church at 10:00am on Thursday 2nd April. All members of the St. George's Central community are invited to this service in church. We hope to see you there.

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Easter Bingo in school – At 6pm on Tuesday 31st March, there will be an Easter Bingo event taking place in school. Tickets will be priced at **£3 per person or £10 for a family of four**. They will be on sale from the school office from **Monday 9th March**. Please note, you must bring your ticket with you on the night. To support this event, there will be a non-uniform day in school on **Friday 27th March**, for a donation of an Easter Egg.



'Kickstarterz' Taster Session – On Monday 26th January, some of our Reception children took 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 alongside children from other schools.

KS1 Kurling Competition – Thursday 29th January, saw our KS1 Kurling team take part in a competition against seven other schools. Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.



Lacrosse Taster Session – Some Year 6 children were given the opportunity to take part in a new sport for ATSA, as Mrs Wood from Parklee led a Lacrosse Taster Session at Atherton High School. The children learned how to handle the lacrosse stick, catching and cradling the ball. Well done to our children who took part in this new event.

Zumba Taster Session – Some Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in a Zumba Taster Session. The session was led by Anna Collins from Astley Zumba.



Orienteering Competition – Wednesday 11th February saw two of our Year 6 children travel to St. Richard's in Atherton to take part in an Orienteering Competition against nine other schools. Well done to the children who finished in **3rd place** in this event.

First Aid for Sport – Some of our Y6 children took part in a First Aid for Sports session at Garrett Hall. The children learned basic first aid skills with a focus on the types of injuries children may experience in competitive sports.



Football leagues – Our girls' football team started their matches earlier this week, playing their first two games. They are playing their next two games later today. Our mixed team have now completed all their league fixtures. They played seven games in total, winning six and drawing one, which meant that they finished as **2026 ATSA Mixed**



Football League Champions! The girls' league will conclude at Easter. In the Summer Term, there are further ATSA Football events for both our mixed and girls' team, as well as events for our KS1 children. Look out for the dates letter and club letters for further details.

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

- **KS2 Swimming Gala** **'Access to Success' Football** **KS2 Graham Jackett Cross Country**
- **Reception Kickstarterz Taster Session** **Y1/2 Mindfulness and Movement Taster Session**
- **KS1 Poetry Performance** **KS1 Dance Competition**

The next newsletter will be sent out on Thursday 2nd April (paper copies will be available in the letter holders in the entrance area at school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery). This will be the last day of the Spring Term and our school site and Lancaster Avenue Nursery site will close on this day and re-open to children on **Tuesday 21st April 2026**. Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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