

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Wednesday 8th July 2026

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Our final newsletter of the school year will be emailed to you on Friday 17th July, the final day in school for 2025 – 2026. Please see below for the staffing list for our Lancaster Avenue Nursery and a complete teacher list for September 2026 for our school site:



Lancaster Avenue staffing for 2026 – 2027

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



Darlington Street staffing for 2026 – 2027

Nursery – Mrs Sherwood
R: KB – Miss Beswick
R: NT – Miss Taylor
Y1TL – Mrs Leech
Y1/2PD – Miss Dennett
Y2BH – Miss Hynes
Y3GC – Miss Cohen
Y3/4LB – Mrs Barlow
Y4CB – Miss Billington
Y5RT – Mr Trew
Y5/6RO – Miss Offord
Y6AM – Mrs Malley

Cover across school – Miss Gray, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Sharma and Mrs Skinner
Inclusion leader – Mrs O'Brien



Assistant Headteacher (*Mon – Thurs*) – Mrs Malley
Deputy Headteacher (*Mon – Thurs*) – Mrs O'Brien
Deputy Headteacher (*Fri*) – Mrs Malley
Headteacher – Mr Grogan



**Miss Cowley will begin her maternity leave in September/October 2026.*

The recruitment process for this position is currently taking place: I will provide an update in our final newsletter on Friday 17th July.

Class attendance updates:

Attendance 

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:CR	94.2%	Y1KB	94.6%	Y3GC	95.0%	Y5BH	93.9%
YR:NT	94.8%	Y1/2PD	95.5%	Y3/4LB	96.7%	Y5/6RO	95.8%
		Y2TL	96.4%	Y4CB	94.3%	Y6AM	95.9%
Whole school attendance: 95.3%							

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*%s are up to and including Friday 3rd July 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](#)

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Reception Trip – Reception had a fantastic day at 'Imagine That' in Liverpool, enjoying a range of exciting hands-on activities. The children made snow, bath bombs and slime, painted their own magnets, and took part in a fascinating science workshop exploring dry ice. They also loved exploring the different role-play areas, making it a fun-filled day of creativity, discovery and imaginative play.



The Red Card Racism Workshops – On Monday 29th June, our KS2 classes took part in engaging workshops, delivered by a company called 'Show Racism the Red Card'. Through age-appropriate activities, discussions and interactive learning, the children explored the importance of respect, equality and inclusion for everyone. The workshops helped children to develop their understanding of racism, challenge current stereotypes and recognise the positive impact of celebrating diversity within our school and wider community. The sessions encouraged children to reflect on their own actions and language, promoting kindness, empathy and a sense of belonging for everyone.

KS1 Titanic Workshop – On Tuesday 30th June, children in KS1 enjoyed an exciting Titanic workshop. They learned about the passengers and crew, exploring how social class shaped life on board, and discovering the events leading up to the ship's tragic sinking. They also investigated the role of icebergs, bringing this famous moment in history to life through engaging, hands-on activities.



New school entrance banner



On Thursday 2nd July we were pleased to have artist Kerry Howarth back into school to work with a selection of children to create a new school entrance banner. The banner will welcome everyone into our school and the design will reflect our school building, values, and motto. We will update you with a photograph of the completed banner which will be in place for September 2026.



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 tuned percussion instruments. It was a great final performance of the year from the children.

Music Gala Concert – On Tuesday 7th July, our musicians attended the Gala Concert at Robin Park Arena, entitled, 'Around the World in 60 Minutes'. This featured performances from the Wigan Youth Orchestra. The children also joined in with a massed piece, the traditional Maori song, 'Te Iwi E'. 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. Click [here](#) to see more about the music offer at St. George's Central.



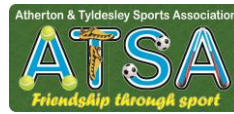
Annual Reports feedback – On Friday, you will receive your child's annual report. Don't forget to complete and return the feedback sheet as part of this. Any thoughts and feedback on the report as well as the year are appreciated. Please ensure that you return any completed forms to class teachers at school by **Wednesday 15th July**.

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Show your support for England Days – Many thanks for your support with these days over the last few weeks. Yet again we have ‘shown our support’ for England in their World Cup campaign whilst supporting both the local community and Atherton and Leigh Foodbank. Thanks again for your tremendous support.



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, Erin finished as overall 1st placed girl and Teddy finished as overall 3rd placed boy. In archery, Sino finished as 2nd placed girl and Teddy finished as 2nd placed boy which meant our whole archery team finished in 1st place. Erin finished as 2nd placed girl in the cross country running which helped our whole cross country team finish in 2nd place. Erin’s 2nd place finish in the kayaking also helped our whole team finish in 2nd place in the team total. Our children had the quickest orienteering time.** Well done to all our team members who were excellent ambassadors for our school throughout the whole weekend.



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. Congratulations to our team who finished as **winners** of this event.

KS2 Tag Rugby Competition – Our Tag Rugby team took part in a competition on Tuesday 30th June against eight other schools. Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.



KS2 Kwik Cricket – Our Kwik Cricket team took part in the Atherton section of the Kwik Cricket competition on Wednesday 1st July at Astley and Tyldesley Cricket Club. Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.

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



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'Access to Success' Athletics – Thursday 2nd July saw our children joined with children from three other schools to take part in the ATSA 'Access to Success' Athletics event at Rowan Tree Primary School.

Football 'play-off' match – Winning the Tyldesley section of the football league meant that our mixed football team qualified to play the winners of the Atherton Section of the league in the annual 'play-off' match where our team were narrowly beaten in a tough match against Parklee. After the game, our team were presented with their trophy and medals for winning the Tyldesley section of the league.



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 Tuesday 14th July to take part in a Tennis Competition against children from five other schools.

ATSA Logo Competition winner

Congratulations to Bella, from Stephen's who won the ATSA Logo Competition. Several of the designs by our children were selected as 'finalists', but I am sure you will agree that the design below is a fantastic effort and reflects how ATSA has evolved over the years:



On Monday 13th July, we will email you the key dates letter for 2026 – 2027. The final newsletter of the year will be sent home on Friday 17th 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 2026

Date	Event
Thursday 9 th July	'Turn Wigan Purple Day' for Wigan and Leigh Hospice, children wear something purple for £1 donation Whole School Assembly with Wigan and Leigh Hospice (9:00am)
	Year 6 Leavers' Service for Tyldesley Schools at St. George's Church: all Year 6 children (10am) – parents and carers invited
Friday 10 th July	Cultural Day – more information to follow from Miss Taylor
	Annual School Reports and books sent home today
Monday 13 th July	Year 6 FREE trip to Drayton Manor (leave school at 7:30am)
	Nursery Leavers party
	Key dates for 2026 – 2027 emailed to parents/carers
Tuesday 14 th July	ATSA Tennis Competition at Tyldesley Tennis Club for 4 KS2 children (4pm – 5pm)
	Year 6 Leavers' disco: 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 15 th July	'Team treat' day – more details to follow
Friday 17 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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