



Newsletter – Friday 23rd October 2026

Click the link to view a [digital version of this newsletter](#)



Thank you for your support during this very busy first half term. Please find attached to the 'newsletter email' the Autumn Term (2nd half) dates letter. You will have already received a list of the 'key dates' for the school year. Our aim is to provide you with as much notice as possible with the main events that will take place. However, over the course of the school year, other opportunities for your children arise, hence a half-termly updated dates letter. Paper copies of the Autumn Term (2nd half) dates letter are available in the entrance area at school and there is a link on the opening page of the school website.



Attendance

See below for the **weekly winners** as well as **current classes and whole school attendance**:

Week:	1 st	%	2 nd	%	3 rd	%
21/9/26	Y1/2PD	100%	Y6AM	99.0%	Y3/4LB	98.5%
28/9/26	Y1TL	98.8%	Y2BH	98.7%	Y6AM	98.6%
					Y3GC	98.6%
5/10/26	Y4CB	98.7%	Y3GC	97.9%	Y1/2PD	97.7%
12/10/26	Y3GC	99.3%	Y5RT	97.9%	YR:NT	97.7%

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:KB	95.0%	Y1TL	97.1%	Y3GC	98.0%	Y5RT	93.9%
YR:NT	94.5%	Y1/2PD	97.6%	Y3/4LB	96.6%	Y5/6RO	92.0%
		Y2BH	96.6%	Y4CB	97.3%	Y6AM	96.7%
Whole school attendance: 95.8%							

*%s are up to and including Friday 16th October 2026

If you are ever 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](#)



Reception starters 2027 – The link on the Wigan Council website for 2027 Reception places is now open: [Primary School Admissions](#). The closing date for admissions is **Friday 15th January 2027**. There is no formal open event at St. George's Central, instead I 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.

Black History Month – Throughout October, we have been celebrating Black History Month. This year the theme is 'Honouring Our Communities' and encourages us to recognise the individuals whose everyday contributions shape, support and sustain our communities across the UK. The children have been learning about inspirational figures, their stories and their impact on our communities. They have expressed their reflections through artwork, writing and poetry and came together in an assembly to share these.



'Never settle for less than your best'

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' John 8:12



Poet Visit – We celebrated National Poetry Day by welcoming poet John Greenwood to St. George's Central. This year, the theme for National Poetry Day was 'Wonder'. We were lucky enough to hear John perform many of his poems. Children across school took part in a whole host of poetic experiences to help them develop their poetic writing techniques as well as their speaking, listening and performing skills.

Class Worship – It was great to welcome many of you into school for Y6AM Class Worship. Should you wish to attend the Class Worship of your child's class, please just come to the main entrance once you have dropped your children at their classroom door and we will welcome you into school for the **9:05am** start time. Each Class Worship lasts for about 20 – 30 minutes and there is always an opportunity for you to have a chat with your child at the end. See below for the dates of the remaining Class Workshops this year:



Class Worship date	Class	Class Worship date	Class
Friday 6 th November 2026	Y5/6RO	Friday 12 th March 2027	Y2BH
Friday 13 th November 2026	Y5RT	Friday 30 th April 2027	Y1/2PD
Friday 29 th January 2027	Y4CB	Friday 21 st May 2027	Y1TL
Friday 26 th February 2027	Y3/4LB	Friday 28 th May 2027	Reception
Friday 5 th March 2027	Y3GC	Friday 9 th July 2027	Darlington Street Nursery

There is also the Year 6 Leavers' Worship in school on Wednesday 21st July 2027.



Visit from Scientist, Gerry Tissier – Year 1 and 2 were visited by scientist Gerry Tissier earlier this month, who taught them all about pollinators and the importance of bees and butterflies. We were even lucky enough to plant wildflowers around school to encourage pollinators to our local area.

Heathy Schools Celebration Event – Four of our Year 6 children represented our school at the Wigan Healthy Schools & Colleges Annual Celebration Event, joining schools from across Wigan and Leigh to celebrate their work in promoting health and well-being. Our children gave a presentation about the mental health and well-being support available in our school and its positive impact on children. The Mayor of Wigan also attended to recognise schools' commitment to health and well-being across the area. Well done to our children for representing our school so well.



'Times Table Rock Stars' Day – On Friday 16th October, we celebrated TT Rockstars Day. Children competed in their 'teams' across school, answering a range of multiplication and division questions. Learning times tables through accessing TT Rockstars online is something that is essential for children, all year round, to support their learning in Maths.

Reception visit to Tyldesley Library – Reception enjoyed a fantastic visit to the library on Monday 19th October, sharing stories, taking part in a craft activity and learning how to become members. A big thank you to all our families who supported the visit.



Bikeability sessions – Throughout this week, some Year 6 children have taken part in 'Bikeability' sessions. They learned 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 (including E-Bikes and E-Scooters) are brought onto our school site they are pushed and not ridden to reduce the risk of accidents.**

Please also remember that:

-Electric scooters cannot be stored during the day on our school site.

-Children cannot come to school, on an electric scooter, without an adult present for the duration of their journey.

'Never settle for less than your best'

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' John 8:12

Musical Performance in school – It was lovely to welcome many of you into school on Wednesday this week for the first musical performance of the school year. Thanks to Miss Gray, who brought the children together for this performance. Our musical performances take place each half term and involve our choir being joined by our musicians from across school. Click the link to view the [2026 - 2027 SGC Music Booklet](#) which provides details of all our music events this year. See below for the dates of the remaining musical performances this year:

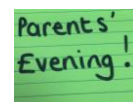


Musical performance dates
Wednesday 16 th December 2026
Wednesday 10 th February 2027
Monday 22 nd March 2027
Wednesday 26 th May 2027



'Stay and Plays' and open afternoons – It has been great to welcome you all into our school this week to spend some time learning alongside your children. Thank you to everyone who visited. Our next planned 'Stay and Plays' and open afternoons will be in January and February 2027.

Autumn Term parents' evening – Earlier this week, you should have received a paper copy of your confirmed parents' evening time slot as we look forward to welcoming you into school for these meetings after the half term. Please see the table below with our 'updated plan' for the Autumn Term parents' evening:



Date	Event
Wednesday 21 st October	Paper copies of confirmed parents' evening time slots will be sent home
Monday 2 nd November	Lancaster Avenue Nursery Parents' Meetings throughout the week
	Parents' Evening in the school hall for the following classes (2:00pm – 5:00pm): Y3GC, Y3/4 LB, Y4CB, Y5RT, Y5/6RO, Y6AM
Tuesday 3 rd November	Parents' Evening in the school hall for the following classes (2:00pm – 5:00pm): Darlington Street Nursery, Reception: KB, Reception: NT, Y1TL, Y1/2PD, Y2BH
Wednesday 4 th November	Parents' Evening in the school hall for the following classes (2:00pm – 5:00pm): Y3GC, Y3/4 LB, Y4CB, Y5RT, Y5/6RO, Y6AM
Thursday 5 th November	Parents' Evening in the school hall for the following classes (2:00pm – 5:00pm): Darlington Street Nursery, Reception: KB, Reception: NT, Y1TL, Y1/2PD, Y2BH

*****Please note, our appointment times at school are now from 2:00pm – 5:00pm.***

If your appointment is during the school day, you are able to take your child/ren home once you are ready to leave**

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.



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 **Saturday 31st October 2026**. 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 2027 of the name of the Secondary School that your child will be going to.

The work to upgrade our school heating system is now complete and so from Monday 2nd November, the whole school site will be accessible again. Please continue to:

-stick to the paths

-keep off school equipment (mainly gym equipment)

-avoid ball games before and after school

-avoid riding bikes/scooters on the school grounds.

Please NEVER use the school car park to access our school site and always take responsibility for your children while on school premises. Thank you for your support and understanding throughout these works.

'Never settle for less than your best'

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' John 8:12

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

School Value: Endurance

Reflective question: When have you needed to show endurance?



Year 3 Low Bank Ground Residential – A reminder to all our Year 3 parents/carers, that if you would like your child to attend the Year 3 residential trip to Low Bank Ground, Cumbria in March 2027, then please ensure we receive a deposit of £20 (in an envelope, or online) by **Friday 6th November 2026**. Children's places on this trip will be confirmed when all deposits have been collected.

Forest School sessions – Friday 6th November will see our **Year 4 children** start [Forest School sessions](#). Half of the year group will have a session in the morning, and the other half of the children during the afternoon. For our Year 4 children, these sessions will take place each Friday, up to and including Friday 11th December, and will be led by staff from the BeWell team from Wigan Council. Some additional clothing is required for these sessions and we do have resources in school to support your children with this.



Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 8th November will see our children take part in the annual Remembrance Sunday parade in Tyldesley. When we return to school after half term, a letter will be sent out inviting children to join us as we walk with the community from the market square to the Cenotaph. The service is always well attended by the community and by children from St. George's Central. Look out for the letter during the first week back in school inviting your children to take part.

Children in Need – One Friday 13th November, we will once again be supporting Children in Need with our Pudsey Bear Fun Run! This year's theme is 'Challenge Yourself', and children will take part in their school teams, enjoying fun activities and challenges along the route. Children are invited to wear their PE kits to school and bring a £1 donation to support this worthwhile cause. They are also welcome to wear a Children in Need themed hair accessory if they wish. Click the link for [more information](#) about the event and ideas for activities to enjoy at home.



KS2 Poetry Performance – On Thursday 1st October, National Poetry Day, our children took part in the ATSA 'Poetry Performance' evening at The Snug in Atherton. The event was introduced by poet Syke Lilly, who told us a bit about her work and performed some of her poems. Our children then performed poems they had learned on stage to an audience. The ATSA KS1 Poetry Performance event will be on Thursday 18th March, to celebrate World Poetry Day.

'Kickstarterz' Taster Session – On Monday 5th October, three 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.



Badminton Taster Session – 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.

Mindfulness and Movement Taster Session – Some Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a Mindfulness and Movement Taster Session. The session was led by Toni Aspinall from Toni Marie Yoga.



'Never settle for less than your best'

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' John 8:12



Y5/6 Chair Drumming Taster Session – On Thursday 8th October, children from 6 different schools participated in a chair-drumming taster session. The children started by undertaking some body percussion warm-ups before learning about how a chair can mimic a full drum kit. Children then had a go at playing along to some popular songs following a graphic score.

Year 3/4 Futsal Competition – Friday 9th October saw the Y3/4 Futsal team take part in a Futsal Competition against seven other schools. Well done to our team who topped their group and made it to the final where they were narrowly beaten and finished as **runners up** in the competition.



Advanced Writing Workshop – On Friday 9th October, some children from Year 6 joined with children from five other schools to attend an Advanced Writing Workshop at Atherton Library. The session was led by author, Dan Worsley. Dan shared some stories, along with writing tips and hints about how to improve your own stories. Dan then challenged the children to create a piece of writing based on a pirate character they met on a ship.

Y5/6 Basketball Competition – Our Basketball team recently took part in a competition against nine 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' Yoga and Dance – Last week, children from our school enjoyed an ATSA Yoga and Dance Taster Session at Rowan Tree Primary.

Comedy Workshops – Earlier this week, our children were joined with children from two other schools to take part in the first of five Comedy Workshops. Charlotte from the 'Big Comedy Shop' will lead the sessions as the children prepare for the ATSA Comedy Showcase Performance at The Snug on Monday 30th November.



KS2 Cross Country – Yesterday morning, some children from St. George's Central took part in Cross Country races, against children from sixteen other schools, at Atherton High School. The children had been training hard at dinnertimes and so it was great to see all their hard work pay off as the children finished as **runners up**! Well done to **all** members of the team!

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

****Y6 Road Safety Quiz** **KS2 Kurling Competition** **Flag American Football League****
****'Access to Success' Dodgeball Competition** **Y5/6 Table Tennis Taster Session****

As well as being on the school website, there are paper copies of all newsletters available in the letter holders in the entrance area in school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery. Our school will close today at 3:20pm and our Lancaster Avenue Nursery will close today at 3:00pm. Both sites will re – open for children on **Monday 2nd November**. Don't forget that it is parents' evening the first week back when we return to school. Have a great half term with your family.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

'Never settle for less than your best'

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' John 8:12