

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Friday 24th May 2024

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We reach the end of another eventful half term which has included: 'Times Table Rockstars' Week, a visit to Tyldesley Library for our nursery children, an American Art Exhibition and Food Experience afternoon for our Year 5 and Year 6 children, a Nautical Experience afternoon for both Reception classes and much more.



We are already starting to make plans for the 2024/2025 school year. Part of that plan involves some new staff joining our team. In September, we welcome **Miss Dennett**, **Miss Offord** and **Mrs Rankin** who we are pleased to announce will be joining our teaching staff. Miss Duncan, who has worked at our school since January 2024 will also remain at our school in September, but will become **Mrs Barlow** as she is getting married over summer.



Miss Dennett



Mrs Barlow



Miss Offord



Mrs Rankin

*Ms Critchley will leave St. George's Central today. We thank her for her work over the past year.
Miss Peaty will undertake the Pastoral Mentor role on a temporary basis from after half term.*

Class attendance updates:



Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:KB	93.3%	Y1NT	95.5%	Y3ES	94.4%	Y5CB	92.7%
YR:OB	94.4%	Y1/2TL	95.8%	Y3/4EH	94.8%	Y5/6GC	94.1%
		Y2VG	94.3%	Y4NC	94.5%	Y6AM	95.0%
Whole school attendance: 94.6%							



**%s are up to and including Friday 17th May 2024*

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

Year 4 Low Bank Ground trip – Tuesday 7th May saw 29 children leave Tyldesley to spend 3 nights/4 days at Low Bank Ground in the Lake District for the annual Year 4 residential. The children spent time kayaking and orienteering as well as many other outdoor and adventurous activities. I am sure the children had a great time away from home, enjoying all these different experiences. Family members of the children who attended are invited to a short 'Low Bank Ground assembly' at **9:05am on Thursday 6th June** where the children will share their experiences with you.



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Key Stage 1 Indian Experience Day – On Thursday 9th May, our KS1 children enjoyed an 'Indian Experience Day'. The children took part in a workshop, learning about different Indian cultures and traditions, such as festivals and clothing. They also learned Bollywood dancing and performed this for each other. Inspired by the key text for this half term 'Lily's Garden of India', children tasted fruit that originated from various plants and trees in India. The children had a great day!

Year 2 'camp' – Friday 17th May saw some of our Year 2 children return to school for a fun-filled sleepover, in tents on our school field. We were lucky to secure the archery equipment from Wigan Council BeWell team for the evening and so the children had a great time before settling down for supper and bed. The following morning, after having some breakfast, the children went home. A fantastic time was had by all.



Year 3 and Year 4 'Oliver!' Performance – On Monday 20th May, Year 3 and Year 4 performed to parents and carers, reenacting several songs from the popular musical, 'Oliver'. The event tied in with their current learning on 'The Victorians'. We hope you enjoyed the show!

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. This was the final choir and musical performance of the year. The children have loved performing to an audience and have greatly improved in confidence over the course of this year.



Year 6 at Edge Hill University – On Thursday 23rd May, children in Year 6 visited Edge Hill University. The children took part in a practical sport session looking at effective communication and how this is transferable into multiple team sports. They also completed a classroom sport session focusing on performance analysis in sport. The children enjoyed a tour of the campus before returning to school. I attended Edge Hill to train as a teacher and I am currently continuing my studies there and so I know how good the facilities are. Hopefully this visit will inspire some of our children to attend Edge Hill (or any university to continue their learning).

'Stay and Plays' and open afternoons – It has been great to welcome parents/carers into our nurseries and Reception classes this week to spend some time learning alongside their children and taking part in a workshop about supporting their children to transition successfully to the next stage of their educational journey in September. Thank you to everyone who visited this week.



Class based Worship themes – During the second half of the Summer Term, children will focus on the following:

School Value: Justice

Reflective question: What can we do to make the world fairer?

Sun Protection in school – There are some steps you can take to help protect your child from the sun when they return to school after the half term break. As children will be outside for a relatively short period of the day, we advise that they should come to school with a water bottle, a sun hat and sun glasses and that any sun cream should be applied at home before children come to school so that re-application in school will not be necessary. We will adapt any outdoor activities within our Early Years and PE sessions and children will be encouraged to drink from their water bottles on a regular basis throughout the day.



Assessment Week – During week beginning **Monday 10th June**, children in Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will undertake end of year assessments in Maths, Reading and Spelling Punctuation and Grammar. During this week, all children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2 will undertake a phonics screening check. This will be delivered by staff in school and will involve the children being tested on their knowledge of the sounds of letters, and groups of letters, within words. In the same week, children in Year 4 will also be undertaking the national 'Multiplication Tables' check. Your child's results will be included in their end of year report that will be sent out on Friday July 12th July.

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KS2 end of year production –Rehearsals for Y6 children have started and the children now know the part they will be playing in the end of year KS2 production – The School-O-Vision Song Contest. Y6 children will now need to spend the half-term break learning their lines so that, upon their return to school, they can ‘polish’ off their performance by practising on stage without the need for scripts. Although Y6 make up the main cast for this performance, the children from Y3, Y4 and Y5 play a major role in making up the choir that sing all the songs during the play (which is a key aspect in telling the story). The dates and times of the performances are included on the Summer Term (2nd half) dates letter, which is attached to the newsletter email.

Sports days

Our sports days this year will take place on the following days:

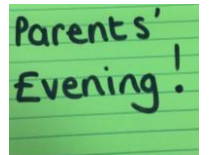


Monday 17th June – Nursery
 Tuesday 18th June – Reception
 Wednesday 19th June – Year 1 and Year 2
 Thursday 20th June – Year 3 and Year 4
 Friday 21st June – Year 5 and Year 6



You are very welcome to attend our sports days, which will all be on our school field/playground and will start at 9:30am.

Parents’ Evenings – This year, we will be continuing with the additional Summer Term parents’ evening that has taken place for the last couple of years. These involve you coming into school and listening to your child as they ‘present’ their learning to you. The approaches year groups across school take may vary slightly, however the consistent element will be that the speaking will be led by your children. As well as yourselves, and the class teacher, I will be present at all Year 6 presentations as the children not only reflect on their time in Year 6 but also their time at our school. The dates and times for these are on the [page 8 of the key dates letter](#) and letters will be sent out on Monday 10th June.



Art Exhibition – ATSA will hold its first ever Art Exhibition in June 2024. As well as individual pieces of artwork being submitted, the schools involved have been creating a collaborative piece of work that will eventually be permanently displayed at Leigh Spinners Mill. Over this last half term, our children have joined the children from other schools, attending weekly sessions at St. Stephen’s Primary School to start to form this piece. I cannot wait to see what the final piece will look like.

Y3/4 Futsal Competition – Friday 26th April saw our Y3/4 Futsal teams take part in a competition against nine other schools. Our team won two matches and drew one match, which meant the team narrowly missed out on qualifying for the final. Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.



‘Active Minds’ Spelling Competition – On Tuesday 30th April, two of our Year 6 children took part in the ATSA ‘Active Minds’ Spelling Competition. The children competed in a number of rounds in which they were asked to spell a broad selection of words, with a varying degree of difficulty linked to different areas of the curriculum. Well done to our children who finished as **runners up** at this event.

Flag American Football Taster Session – Thursday 9th May, saw some of our children take part in a Flag American Football Taster Session. The session took place at Tyldesley Rugby Union Club and was led by James Higham from Leigh Miners American Football Club. The children who attended this session will represent our school in the ATSA Flag American Football Competition that will take place on Thursday 6th June.



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KS2 Girls' Football Cup Competition – On Monday 13th May, our girls' football team took part in an ATSA competition involving nine schools. The children from St. George's Central played very well, narrowly missing out on qualifying for the final. Well done to the girls who made up the team.

Zumba Taster Session – Wednesday 15th May saw six children from Year 1 and Year 2 take part in a Zumba Taster Session, led by Anna Collins from Astley Zumba.



KS1 Football Festival – A team of footballers from KS1 recently took part in a Football Festival hosted at Pennington FC. Well done to the children who made up the Year 1 and Year 2 teams.



'Kickstarterz' Taster Session – Earlier this week, three of our children were joined by Reception children from three other schools to take 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.

'Active Minds' Times Table Competition – Well done to our two Year 4 children who took part in the ATSA 'Active Minds' Times Table Competition earlier this week.



Residential Sports Weekend – On Wednesday, children from the four schools taking part in the ATSA Sports Weekend came together at St. George's Central. The children took part in various 'ice-breaker' activities in preparation for their weekend at Low Bank Ground, in the Lake District, at the end of June. Our Year 6 children will be competing against the children from other schools in kayaking, orienteering and running. We will be hoping for a good performance from our children in what will be one of their final ATSA events representing St. George's Central.

'Let's Play!' music event – The 'Let's Play' music event took place last night at St. Richard's Catholic Club in Atherton. The event involved children from schools across Atherton and Tyldesley coming together to showcase their musical talents. Well done to our children who participated in this event including guitarist, Louie, keyboard player, Anna, brass player, Teegan and our brass ensemble: Shermine, Annie, Kyra and Meredith. The children performed amazingly in front of a large audience. Thank to Miss Gray for organising this event on behalf of ATSA.



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

- **All Sports Holiday Provision** **KS2 Netball League** **Y6 Fishing Competition** **Chess Competition**
- **Flag American Football Competition** **Mixed Football Cup** **Y6 Cycle Speedway Taster Session**
- **Reception Yoga Taster Session** **KS1 Girl's Football Festival** **Young Filmmakers Event** **Access to Success Kurling**

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 21st June. This day will be the final day of extra-curricular clubs for the school year. 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. I will see you all in school on Monday 3rd June. Have a great half term break with your family.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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