

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Wednesday 10th July 2024

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Thanks to everyone who responded to our annual 'three stars and a wish' survey. Last Friday, I emailed the feedback from this survey out to you. If you missed the email, you can click the link to view the [survey results](#). As there is so much happening in school at this time of year, our next newsletter will be sent out to you on Friday 19th July, which will be the final day in school for 2023/2024. Please see below for the staffing list for our Lancaster Avenue Nursery and a complete teacher list for September 2024 for our school site:



Lancaster Avenue staffing for 2024/2025

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



Darlington Street staffing for 2024/2025

Nursery – Mrs Davies
 R: CR – Miss Rankin
 R: NT – Miss Taylor
 Y1KB – Miss Beswick
 Y1/2PD – Miss Dennett
 Y2TL – Mrs Leech
 Y3ES – Miss Scotting
 Y3/4LB – Mrs Barlow
 Y4CB – Miss Billington
 Y5RO – Miss Offord
 Y5/6GC – Miss Cohen
 Y6AM – Mrs Malley

Cover across school – Miss Gray and Mrs O'Brien
 Inclusion leader – Mrs Leech
 Assistant Headteacher – Mrs Malley
 Deputy Headteacher – Mrs O'Brien
 Headteacher – Mr Grogan

**Miss Cowley will start her maternity leave in October*



Class attendance updates:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:KB	95.1%	Y1NT	95.6%	Y3ES	94.7%	Y5CB	92.5%
YR:OB	95.7%	Y1/2TL	96.0%	Y3/4EH	94.7%	Y5/6GC	94.4%
		Y2VG	94.3%	Y4NC	95.8%	Y6AM	94.9%
Whole school attendance: 94.8%							



**%'s are up to and including Friday 5th July 2024*

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

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Parents' Evening!

Summer Term Parents' Evenings – I hope you all enjoyed the parents' evenings that recently took place. I think that your children leading the way, presenting their learning, in an age appropriate way, to both you and the class teacher (and to me in the case of Year 6) was a fantastic way for you to hear about their school work. I believe that being able to speak/present in front of an audience is vitally important for your children as it will develop their confidence and support them as they move onto the next stage of their education/life.

Lancaster Avenue Nursery visit – Thanks to all the volunteers who accompanied our Darlington Street Nursery children as they visited our Lancaster Avenue Nursery last week. I would like to thank all our Nursery families at both our sites for their support this year. Although many of the children will be starting in our Reception class, there are some nursery children who will be leaving us and so I wish you and your children well as they start their Reception year in September.



Tri-Kidz – Monday 1st July and Tuesday 2nd July saw 'Tri-Kidz' return to school to work with children in Year 1 to Year 6, turning them into triathletes as part of this day. Everyone enjoyed taking part in the usual cycling and running sessions. Well done to everyone! Tri-Kidz will return to our school next year and we look forward to working with them again.

Wider Opportunity Music – Parents/carers were recently treated to a percussion performance from the children in Year 4EH and Year 4NC. 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 African drums, including the Djembe and the Dundun. It was a great final performance of the year from the children.



Library Competition – Congratulations to Shermine who was one of the winners of the drawing competition based on 'What I love about Tyldesley' organised by Wigan Libraries. Shermine and her family attended a presentation earlier this week at Tyldesley library where she met the other winners and was presented with a prize from Wigan Libraries and a SlushFather gift voucher from Sterling Services. The artwork will go on display in the community until the renovations are of the library are complete and then they will be permanently displayed in the new Stanley Street library.

Forest School sessions – Over the course of this year, children in each year group have benefitted from Forest School sessions. The feedback from these sessions has been highly positive and children have gained invaluable skills. This provision is now very much part of the curriculum offer at SGC and we are very much looking forward to sessions continuing each Friday (apart from Year 6 who have a 4 day block in June) throughout 2024/2025. We are sure it will further promote self-esteem, creativity and confidence in an outdoor learning environment:



Half term	Year group for Forest School sessions
Autumn Term 2024 (1 st half)	Year 5
Autumn Term 2024 (2 nd half)	Year 4
Spring Term 2025 (1 st half)	Year 3
Spring Term 2025 (2 nd half)	Year 1
Summer Term 2025 (1 st half)	Year 2
Mon 23 rd June – Thurs 26 th June 2025	Year 6



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 as a whole are appreciated. Please ensure that you return any completed forms to class teachers at school by **Wednesday 17th July**.



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Eco stall – Saturday 13th July will see our Eco Council host a stall at the Tyldesley Makers’ Market. The children have been busy working alongside Vicky Tyrrell from 'For Tyldesley', planting and looking after their own tomato plants which they will be selling on their own stall. The children have also been creating eco-friendly 'plant markers' to label their plants, encouraging healthy and flourishing gardens. Thank you to everyone who has donated their time and effort to support this.



Residential Sports Weekend – Four KS2 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: **Layla finished first and Teegan finished second in the girls’ cross country running event. Meli finished second in the boys’ cross country running event. Harrison finished sixth in the kayaking event. In the overall girls’ category, Layla came third. Our whole team came first overall in the cross country running event, first overall in the orienteering event** and so as a **whole team, we finished second overall.** Well done to all our team members who were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Tri-Kidz Olympic Event – Eight of our children recently took part in the ATSA/Tri-Kidz Olympic event against four other schools. On the Monday morning, our children had to run one lap of the school field, cycle for two minutes on a static bike and then finish by running another lap of the school field without stopping. The children did a great job and qualified as one of the top four schools who returned on the Wednesday morning. A ‘live’ draw took place and our children faced Holy Family ‘B’ in a direct ‘knock out’ relay race, in the same events. Our children were successful in this and progressed to the final where I am proud to announce that, after a ‘play-off’ race, our team were **crowned the ATSA Tri-Kidz 2024 overall champions.** Great effort and determination from the whole team!



Cycle Speedway Competition – Some Year 5 and Year 6 children recently took part in this event at Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club competing against five other teams. 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 three other schools. The session was led by Anna Collins from Astley Zumba.



KS2 Tag Rugby Competition – Our tag rugby team took part in a competition on Wednesday 5th July against seven other schools. Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.

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

****Y3/4 Rounders Competition****

****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. On Monday 15th July, we will email you the key dates letter for 2024/2025. The final newsletter of the year will be sent home on Friday 19th 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

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Remaining School Events for 2024

Date	Event
Thursday 11 th July	‘Turn Wigan Purple Day’ for Wigan and Leigh Hospice
	Year 6 Leavers’ Service for Tyldesley Schools at St. George’s Church: all Year 6 children (10am) – parents and carers invited
	ATSA Y3/4 Rounders Competition at Meadowbank School for Y3/4 team (3:45pm start)
Friday 12 th July	Annual School Reports and books sent home today
Monday 15 th July	Year 6 FREE trip to Drayton Manor (leave school at 7:30am)
	Key dates for 2024/25 emailed to parents/carers
Tuesday 16 th July	Nursery Leavers party
	KS1 trip to Liverpool Maritime Museum
	ATSA Tennis Taster Session at Tyldesley Tennis Club for 4 KS2 children (4pm – 5pm)
	Year 6 Leavers’ disco: 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 17 th July	‘Team treat’ day for the winning team – <i>more details to follow</i>
Friday 19 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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