



Newsletter – Friday 20th December 2024

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Today is the final school day of 2024. Many things stand out for me as I reflect upon this year, it would however be remiss of me to not mention the [25 Years Celebrations](#). I look back with pride at the images from both the [school celebrations](#) and [church celebrations](#) and it reminds me just what a special place St. George's Central is and its huge role in our local community in the past and as we move into the future! This year, we have continued to adapt as our quest to continually improve and provide the best for your children is always at the forefront of our minds. I thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in 2025 where we will continue to offer excellent facilities and high quality experiences to support positive relationships and provide the best education for your children.

Class attendance updates:

Attendance



Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:CR	92.8%	Y1KB	94.6%	Y3ES	94.0%	Y5RO	95.0%
YR:NT	93.7%	Y1/2PD	95.8%	Y3/4LB	95.2%	Y5/6GC	94.1%
		Y2TL	95.7%	Y4CB	94.2%	Y6AM	91.6%
Whole school attendance: 94.3%							

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*%'s are up to and including Friday 13th December 2024

As I stated at the start of the school year: **'Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it is essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved performance in school which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects for your children. As well as this, good attendance helps your children to develop positive relationships with others and a sense of responsibility. Therefore please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day to benefit from all that St. George's Central has to offer.'**



2025 will see St. George's Central continue to offer your children a rich and varied range of opportunities: please ensure they are in school on time every day, so they do not miss out!

Please ensure you ring school at the start of each day that your child is absent so we can account for all our children.



****Thanks to your donations, we raised £278 for Children in Need and £439 for the Poppy Appeal****

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Visit to St. George's Church – Wednesday 13th November saw our Reception classes enjoy a visit to St. George's Church for the morning. During the visit Mr Hodcroft, one of our school governors, gave the children a tour of the church and shared important information about the building and its features.

Year 1 'sleepover' – Friday 15th November saw some of our Year 1 children return to school for a fun-filled sleepover in our school hall. The children enjoyed dancing to their favourite songs and played some party games before settling down into their sleeping bags for a movie. The following morning, the children enjoyed breakfast in the hall before going home for a much-needed rest. A fantastic time was had by all.



Road Safety Week – Monday 18th November saw the start of Road Safety Week with the theme 'After the Crash – Every road victim counts'. The children learned about road safety, why it is important and they celebrated all the road safety heroes who make roads safer, journeys healthier and help care for people after a road crash.

Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Deva Roman Discovery Centre – On Wednesday 20th November, children in Year 3 and Year 4 had a fascinating time in Chester as part of their learning about the Romans. On arrival at the Deva Roman Centre, children were greeted by Ancient Romans, who took them back 2000 years in time into Roman Britannia. The children immersed their senses in the Roman bath house, market street, and amphitheatre as they watched the drama unfold as Gladiators fought it out to the death! The children also enjoyed a Roman soldier tour, carrying shields and marching through Chester to the amphitheatre, where they partook in Roman formation soldier training.



Christmas at St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



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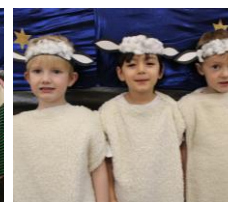
Click the links below to view our Christmas performances.

Year group	Performance details
Reception (both classes)	Children performed 'The Twinkly Nativity'
Year 1 and Year 2 (all children)	Children performed 'Don't be Afraid'

Congratulations and well done to all the children who took part in the performances this year. Thank you for all your help and support with providing costumes and helping the children to learn lines. A big thank you should also go to all the school staff involved with the shows who not only prepared the children for performances, but also ensured that all photographs were uploaded to Seesaw and that a final recording of the performance was ready to be shared for you to enjoy. You can see from some of the comments from our school visitors' book below how much people enjoyed all the opportunities to see their children perform:



*"Well done Reception. What an amazing show."
 "Brilliant Year Y1/2 Nativity! Loved it!!!"
 "Amazing performances all round as always!"*



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Thank you to everyone who attended all the performances. Through purchasing raffle tickets at school-based performances, you helped to raise **£363**, which was then used to fund Christmas parties and events in school. Thank you for your continued support.



Musical performances and school choir events



Our school choir has been involved in a few events over the last few weeks. Saturday 30th November saw our children join 'The Lottery Winners' on stage in Tyldesley Market Square to mark the switching on of the Christmas lights. The children performed brilliantly, singing a variety of traditional and more modern Christmas songs in front of an extremely large audience. Last week, the children



sang at the Community Carol Service at St. George's Church. It was great to see our children sing: *'When Christmas Comes to Town'* and *'Mary's Boy Child'*.



Parents/carers of children in Year 4 were recently treated to a tuned percussion performance from the children in Y4LB and Y4CB. Our school 'buys in' to the Wigan Music Service 'Wider Opportunities Music' scheme which means that each week a specialist music teacher (Mrs Lord) comes into our school to teach the children to play musical instruments. Our children learn to play a different percussion instrument each term – this term, the children have been learning to play

African drums. It was a great performance from the children. After Christmas, the children will be learning to play a different percussion instrument and there will be another whole school performance just before Easter.

Additionally, this week, our half-termly musical performance took place with our choir being joined by our musicians from across school so that they could perform to the many visitors who came along. As well as hearing the choir sing, it was great to see some of the children who learn instruments in school perform for everyone. The next musical performance in school will be on **Wednesday 12th February 2024**.



Thanks to all the families who attended and supported these musical events and to Miss Gray who brought the children together.

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Table Tennis Taster Session – On Monday 18th November, children from St. George's Central joined with children from seven other schools to take part in a Table Tennis Taster Session at Fred Longworth High School.

Badminton Taster Session – On Monday 25th November, 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.



KS2 'Strictly Schools' Dance Competition – Wednesday 27th November saw some KS2 dancers take part in the KS2 'Strictly Schools' Dance Competition against three other schools. Well done to all the children who worked incredibly hard, learning different styles of dance and difficult routines. Congratulations to Fleur and Hanna who finished as **runners up** in the 'Cha Cha' dance section.



Zumba Taster Session – Some Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a Zumba Taster Session. The session was led by Anna Collins from Astley Zumba. Zumba Taster Sessions for Year 3/4 and Year 1/2 children will take place in the new year.

ATSA Stage School Workshop – Friday 29th November saw the second ATSA event take place, in collaboration with our local libraries. Four children from Year 5 joined with children from three other local schools for a Stage School Workshop at Atherton Library, led by Lisa Lundie. The children explored the life of Haigh Hall's Lord Ludovic the astronomer and used Physical Theatre, Essence Machine and Still Image to create and perform their own full class piece of theatre.



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

- **'Access to Success' Boccia Competition**
- **KS1 Sportshall Athletics**
- **Mixed and Girls' Football**
- **KS1 Circus Skills Workshop**
- **KS2 Dodgeball Competition**
- **Y3/4 Mindfulness and Movement Taster Session**
- **'Active Minds' Team Building' Competition**

January/February 2025

Attached to the newsletter email today is our [Spring Term \(1st half\) dates letter](#). Paper copies of this are available in our entrance area. It will be a busy start to the year and so please make sure you continually refer to this letter so that you know when things are happening. Earlier this week, our [Spring Term \(1st half\) extra-curricular clubs letter](#) was emailed to you.



Class based Worship themes – During the first half term of 2025, children will be focusing on the following:

School Value: Endurance

Reflective question: Is Endurance the same as being stubborn?

Reception starters 2025 – Applications need to be submitted by **15th January 2025** for your child to start in our Reception class in September 2025. Please ensure that if you have a church card to support your Reception application you hand this in at the school office by **Friday 28th February 2025**.



Yesterday, our KS2 Carol Service took place in church. This is always one of the last events of the year and, for me, it very much signifies the start of Christmas. This is the final newsletter of 2024. School doors will re-open for children on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**. Thanks again for all your support over the past 12 months. It is very much a team effort to ensure that we all follow the mantra of *'Never settle for less than your best'*. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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