

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Friday 20th June 2025

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In preparation for our transition days next week, children in Reception – Year 5 will come home today with a letter informing you of their class teacher for September 2025. This letter contains all the information you will need to support you with our transition activities next week.



As you will all be aware, earlier this week, the funeral took place of a much-loved former pupil, Eva Thornley. Eva sadly passed away before we broke for May half-term. Part of Eva's legacy at St. George's Central is that each February, we mark International Childhood Cancer Day. As well as continuing to do this, over the next few months, I will liaise with Eva's family about how we can have something permanent in place at our school to remember how special Eva was to everyone in the Tyldesley and St. George's Central community. ❤️

Wraparound Provision update – We recently worked with 'Care, Love, Learn Childcare' to recruit staff to lead and work within our new wraparound provision. Those people are currently going through an induction process, ensuring everything is in place. We are now awaiting formal Ofsted registration so we can open our new provision. I will most likely send you an update, via email, before the next newsletter.



Class attendance updates:

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
YR:CR	93.6%	Y1KB	95.1%	Y3VG	94.3%	Y5RO	95.5%
YR:NT	93.6%	Y1/2PD	95.9%	Y3/4LB	94.8%	Y5/6GC	95.0%
		Y2TL	95.9%	Y4CB	95.0%	Y6AM	91.8%
Whole school attendance: 94.6%							



*%s are up to and including Friday 13th June 2025

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



Year 5 and Year 6 Viking Day – On Tuesday 3rd June, Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a Viking Experience Day as part of their History topic for this half term. They learned all about what it was like to live as a Viking. During this experience, they got to look at many different Viking weapons and try on some Viking jewellery. They even got to try on different Viking clothing, including helmets and chain mail.

Pride Awareness Month – This month we have celebrated Pride Awareness Month. The children have learned how Pride is a celebration of people being proud of who they are. They thought about the importance of equality, inclusivity and celebrating love. The children have explored how we are all different, celebrated their differences and thought about what makes them proud of themselves. They reflected on how we can challenge LGBTQ+ discrimination in our school and the wider world.



Y6 'Emerge' transition event – On Wednesday 4th June, our Year 6 children joined with Year 6 children from St. Stephen's to take part in an 'Emerge' event at St. George's Church. The event was organised by Manchester Diocese and involved bringing Year 6 children together to think about their transition to high school in a fun, creative and Christian way.

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Music Alive – On Thursday 5th June, children in Y1 – Y6 were treated to a musical performance from the members of Wigan Music Service's woodwind ensemble. Children were introduced to the different instruments in the woodwind family and had the opportunity to listen to these instruments being played. Children were also given a leaflet about learning instruments in school. If you would like your child to begin having instrumental tuition in school, please contact the school office.

Y6 London residential – Some of our Y6 children recently experienced a two-day residential visit to London. The trip involved the children enjoying a bus tour of London, a boat tour on the Thames, a trip to the theatre to watch the musical 'Wicked', a visit to London Tower Experience and a London Eye Experience. Many thanks to Mrs Malley, Miss Cohen and Mrs Gray who accompanied the children on the trip.

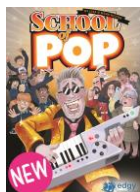


Year 3 and Year 4 Mediterranean Experience – On Tuesday 17th June, children in Year 3 and 4 took part in a Mediterranean Experience Day. The children started the day by sampling a range of pre-made dishes from Spain, Italy and Greece, before attempting to create their own Mediterranean inspired meal. Children cooked Italian pizzas, Spanish tortillas and Greek souvlaki. At the end of the day, all three classes joined together to try each other's meals. The children really enjoyed trying dishes from other countries, comparing the variety of flavours from around the Mediterranean. Throughout the day, the children also enjoyed creating Mediterranean art and listening to and appraising a range of Mediterranean music.

Pictures from our recent Sports Days



Extra-curricular clubs – After today, there will be no more extra-curricular clubs until September 2025. I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff who have given up their time to lead these clubs, at lunchtimes and after school throughout this year. In September, we will continue to offer a range of extra-curricular clubs each half term for your children to take part in.



KS2 end of year production – Rehearsals for Y6 children are now well under way for the end of year KS2 production. This will start to gather pace over the next few weeks as the stage will be set up in the hall. 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). Please see ticket information and performance details below, taken from our Summer Term (2nd half) dates letter:

Dates	Ticket information/Performance details:
From Monday 16 th June	*Tickets available for KS2 production from Miss Peaty's room at 8:40am, each day this week: Y6 parents/carers only: 2 ticket per family in total
From Monday 23 rd June	*Tickets available for KS2 production from the school office at 8:40am, each day this week: Y3 – Y5 parents/carers: 2 tickets per family in total
Monday 30 th June	Any remaining *tickets available for KS2 production from the school office at 8:40am: ALL KS2 parents/carers
Monday 7 th July	KS2 Production: School of Pop (6:00pm start)
Tuesday 8 th July	KS2 Production: School of Pop (1:45pm start)
Wednesday 9 th July	KS2 Production: School of Pop (6:00pm start)
Monday 14 th July	A filmed version of School of Pop will be uploaded to YouTube

**There is no charge for tickets. You will need to bring your ticket with you to the performance, as the number on your ticket is your seat number.*

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Y6 leavers' service – Monday 16th June saw our Y6 children attend a leavers' service at Manchester Cathedral. This service is held annually and involves all the Y6 children from across the Manchester Diocese. This year, the children from our school were asked to make a prayer chain displaying prayers of thanksgiving for their time at primary school. They also made a prayer box containing prayers for Year 5 as they prepare for Year 6.



Annual Reports and School books – For children in nursery – Year 6, your child's annual school report will be sent home on **Friday 11th July**. On the report, there is an opportunity for you to comment and let us know any thoughts and feedback on the year. Please ensure that you return any completed forms to class teachers in school by **Wednesday 16th July**. This last half term, all children have started their new school books that they will take with them to their new class in September. We will therefore be sending your child's school books (May 2024 – May 2025) home on **Friday 11th July**. We are required to keep a sample of books as evidence of work completed in previous academic years. Therefore, a small number of children will not bring some of their books home this time. If this is the case for your child, please call into school to have a look at them. They will be given them to keep at the end of next year.

Y6 LEAVERS' EVENTS



Leavers' service in church – This will take place at St. George's Church on Thursday 10th July (10am start). Family members of the Y6 children are invited to come and watch as the children 'perform'. The whole service will involve other local primary schools.

Drayton Manor – Year 6 will make their way to Drayton Manor on Monday 14th July. A letter will soon be sent out to Y6 children providing the finer details of this trip.

Leavers' disco – This disco will be for Y6 children only and will take place on Tuesday 15th July, 5:00pm – 7:00pm (including pizzas).

Leavers' service in school – This will take place in school on Friday 18th July (9:10am start). Family members of the Y6 children are invited to come and watch as the children 'perform' for the final time at St. George's Central. The whole service will not only incorporate a performance from the children but will involve end of year prize giving – we hope to see you there.

Team Treat Day – Throughout the year, your child will have been earning team points, for their work and behaviour, for their team: St Matthew, St Mark, St Luke or St John. Miss Peaty is organising a 'Team Treat' day on Wednesday 16th July where all children from the overall winning team (as shown by how far that team has moved on our guided busway display) will have a trip to Leigh Spinners Mill to watch a film (drinks and snacks will be provided by school). Letters will be sent out soon to children who are on the winning team.



Art Exhibition – Children from our school have recently taken part in the second ATSA Art Exhibition. As well as individual pieces of artwork being submitted, the seven schools involved created a collaborative piece of work. As part of the event, not only were visitors to the exhibition able to view all the artwork on display, they were also treated to performances from our school choir. Well done to all the children involved in this event.

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Chess Competition – Two of our children recently took part in the ATSA Chess Competition. A team was picked from our 'child-led' chess club to go to Hindsford School to play against children from three other schools. Our children played well against tough opposition.

KS2 Mixed Football Cup Competition – On Friday 7th June, our mixed football teams took part in an ATSA competition involving five schools. Well done to our children who took part in the event.



Cycle Speedway Taster Session – Five children from Year 6 recently took part in a Cycle Speedway Taster Session at Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club. The children will return on Monday 23rd June to take part in a Cycle Speedway Competition against children from three other schools.

Singing Festival – On Wednesday 11th June, our school choir took part in a Singing Festival at St. George's Church. This event involved the children performing two songs alongside other local schools. The children from our school performed 'Roar' and 'Million Dreams'. Well done to our school choir.



KS1 Girls' Football Festival – A team of girls from KS1 recently took part in a Football Festival hosted at Astley Tots Plot. Well done to the children who made up the Year 1 and Year 2 teams.



Mindfulness and Movement Taster Session – On Wednesday 18th June, some of our Reception children visited Toni Marie Yoga Studio in Atherton to take part in a Yoga Taster Session with children from two other local schools.



'Access to Success' Kurling Competition – Yesterday afternoon saw our children take part in an ATSA 'Access to Success' Event at Rowan Tree Primary, competing against children from three other schools. Congratulations to our team who were crowned the **winners** of this event.



Netball league – A group of children recently represented the school in netball matches against children from five other schools. Well done to all the children that took part in the matches.



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

Cycle Speedway Competition **Y5/6 Rounders Competition** **Residential Sports Weekend**
 Tri-Kidz Competition **Zumba Taster Session** **'Access to Success' Athletics** **KS2 Tag Rugby**
 Tennis Taster Session

As well as being on the school website, there are paper copies of this newsletter available in the letter holders in the entrance area in school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery. The next newsletter will be sent out on Wednesday 9th July. Have a great few weeks.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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