



Newsletter – Friday 28th February 2025

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Time does seem to fly as we find ourselves just over half-way through the school year. Over the next few weeks, I am sure we are all looking forward to lighter nights, warmer weather and (just like this newsletter shows) more wonderful opportunities for the children at our school. Thanks to everyone who completed an online survey as part of the workshop/meetings consultation. We will use this feedback to start to plan for 2025 – 2026.



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

School Value: Trust **Reflective question:** Can you describe a time when you had to put your trust in someone?

Class attendance updates:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:CR	93.2%	Y1KB	93.9%	Y3ES	94.4%	Y5RO	95.3%
YR:NT	94.2%	Y1/2PD	95.7%	Y3/4LB	95.0%	Y5/6GC	94.6%
		Y2TL	95.9%	Y4CB	95.4%	Y6AM	91.8%
Whole school attendance: 94.5%							

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**%s are up to and including Friday 14th February 2025*

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

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CE Primary School & Nursery

Places available for September at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery

Funding available for both 2 year old and 3 year old places

To secure a place please contact Mrs N Smith on 01942 883773

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Nursery places for September 2025

It is never too early to have your child's name on our nursery lists for either our Lancaster Avenue Nursery or our Darlington Street (school based) Nursery.

If you have a 2 or 3 year old child who will be needing a nursery place at either of our nurseries for September 2025 then please contact Mrs Smith at our school site (01942 883773) who will add you to our lists so that you will then receive letters in April/May inviting you to our 'Welcome Sessions'.

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Year 3 and 4 trip to The Lowry – On Friday 24th January, children from Year 3 and Year 4 visited The Lowry as part of their art topic, 'What can you see in Lowry's paintings?' The children were able to view and explore Lowry's work, in the Modern Life: LS Lowry Collection Art Gallery. This was then complimented by an art workshop, in which the children took inspiration from Lowry's Industrial Scenes, to create their own piece of artwork. During the day, the children also participated in a drama workshop, which explored the work of Roald Dahl, in particular, our current English text, George's Marvellous Medicine. This involved the children getting into character to prepare them for their diary writing back at school.

Year 5 and Year 6 South American Cooking Experience – On Monday 27th January, children in Year 5 and Year 6 came together to sample some South American dishes linked to their Geography topic on Brazil. The children designed and baked their own Chipa Bread and made a Pollo Mechado stew.



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Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 28th January saw us celebrate Safer Internet Day. Even though internet safety is taught throughout the year in school, this day always provides us with an opportunity to remind ourselves of how best to stay safe online. As part of this work, our school was visited by 'Altru Drama' who undertook some online safety workshops in class with children in Key Stage 1. Children in Key Stage 2 took part in the assembly, 'Game Changers'. Click the link should you wish to find out more about E-Safety at our school: [E-Safety at our school](#).

'Lunar New Year' 2025 – On Wednesday 29th January, we celebrated Lunar New Year – the 'Year of the Snake'. Each class experienced a range of activities throughout the day to develop their understanding of Lunar New Year, including: art, cooking and research. It was a wonderful way to join in celebrations for the 'Year of the Snake'.



Children's Mental Health Week – We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week around this year's theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. The children learned about the importance of self-awareness and explored what it means to them. They learned how emotions play a key role in our lives, and why being aware of how to listen to and express ourselves is a major part of building self-awareness. As part of this celebration, we held a 'Dress to Express' Day where children were welcomed into school wearing an outfit to express their uniqueness. It was wonderful to see such diversity within our school!



Brathay Hall – Recently, 25 children spent a week at Brathay Hall in the Lake District for the annual Year 5 residential. The children spent the week exploring the countryside, orienteering, ghyll scrambling as well as many other outdoor and adventurous activities. I am sure the children had a great time away from home, experiencing all these different activities. Family members of the children who attended are invited to a short 'Brathay Hall assembly' at **9:05am on Thursday 13th March** where the children will share their experiences with you. On this day, the winner of the '*Alan Murgatroyd Award for Outdoor Education*' will be announced and presented with their award.

On Friday 7th February, we came together as a school to mark '**Heart Month**'. It was lovely to see children honour this by wearing something red. We learned about babies and children who require heart surgery and how we can show support as a community. On this day, we raised **£233**, which was donated to 'Healing Little Hearts' charity. Thank you all for your support.



'Stay and Plays' and open afternoons – It has been great to welcome you all into our school over the last few weeks to spend some time learning alongside your children. Thank you to everyone who visited.

Musical performance – Parents/carers were recently treated to our usual half termly musical performance. As well as hearing the choir sing, it was really good to see all the children who learn instruments in school perform for everyone. The next choir and musical performance in school will be on Wednesday 2nd April 2025.



On Friday 14th February, we came together as a school to mark **International Childhood Cancer Day**. It was heart-warming to see children honour this by wearing something orange. We learned about the brave children, adolescents and families that are affected by cancer and how we can show support as a community. On this day, we raised **£280**, which was donated to The Azaylia Foundation to support the fight against childhood cancer. Thank you all for your support.

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World Book Day – On Thursday 6th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. This is an annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading. To celebrate this in school, children can come to school in non-uniform and bring in their favourite book to share. We will be receiving a visit from poet, Dom Colon who will work with classes delivering some creative reading and writing workshops.

British Science Week – Our Science leader, Miss Billington, will be arranging a variety of Science based activities during week commencing Monday 10th March to celebrate British Science Week. This theme this year is 'Change and Adapt'.



Red Nose Day – We will be supporting Red Nose Day on **Friday 21st March** by having a non-uniform day for a £1 donation for all children and staff.

Easter Worship/Service – On Tuesday 1st April, there will be an Easter Worship for our school nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 children in school. Due to space in school, we will be unable to accommodate any parents/carers for this. Our Key Stage 2 Easter Service will take place in St. George's Church at 10:00am on Thursday 3rd April. All members of the St. George's Central community are invited to this service in church. We hope to see you there.



Easter Bingo

Easter Bingo in school – At 6pm on Tuesday 1st April, there will be an Easter Bingo event taking place in school. Tickets will be priced at **£3 per person or £10 for a family of four**. They will be on sale from the school office from **Monday 10th March**. Please note, you must bring your ticket with you on the night. To support this event, there will be a non-uniform day in school on **Friday 28th March**, for a donation of an Easter Egg.



'Kickstarterz' Taster Session – On Monday 27th January, some 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 alongside children from other schools.

KS1 Kurling Competition – Thursday 30th January, saw our KS1 Kurling team take part in a competition against seven other schools. Well done to the children who represented our school at this event.



Zumba Taster Session – Some Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in a Zumba Taster Session. The session was led by Anna Collins from Astley Zumba.

First Aid for Sport – Some of our Y6 children took part in a First Aid for Sports session at Garrett Hall. The children learned basic first aid skills with a focus on the types of injuries children may experience in competitive sports.



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

- **KS2 Swimming Gala** **'Access to Success' Event (Football)** **ATSA Graham Jackett Cross Country**
- **Reception Kickstarterz Taster Session** **Y1/2 Mindfulness and Movement Taster Session**
- **KS1 Poetry Performance** **KS1 Dance Competition** **Y6 Orienteering Competition**

The next newsletter will be sent out on Thursday 3rd April (paper copies will be available in the letter holders in the entrance area at school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery). This will be the last day of the Spring Term and our school site and Lancaster Avenue Nursery site will close on this day and re-open to children on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025**. Have a great month with your family.

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Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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