

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Friday 27th September 2024

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After a fantastic month, it looks like everyone has settled into school life with our youngest children starting in Nursery, Reception and others settling in new classes. It was pleasing to see so many of you at our 'Meet the teacher' meetings throughout September and it was great to welcome our Reception parents/carers and Reverend Cath into school for our 'Welcome to our school Worship' last week. It was lovely to see many of you in St. George's Church for the Harvest Festival earlier this month. Harvest Celebrations have taken place in school today with Reverend Cath. Thanks, as always, for your fantastic support with donations. We will ensure these are distributed within the community over the coming month.



****Please let your child's teacher know if you require a school laptop so that your child can access all our wonderful online resources for their home learning activities. We have laptops ready to re-issue so please let us know in school****

Attendance – 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. See below for current classes and whole school attendance:



Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:CR	91.4%	Y1KB	95.5%	Y3ES	97.0%	Y5RO	98.2%
YR:NT	95.3%	Y1/2PD	98.9%	Y3/4LB	93.9%	Y5/6GC	97.4%
		Y2TL	96.0%	Y4CB	94.9%	Y6AM	91.4%
Whole school attendance: 95.6%							

*%s are up to and including Friday 20th September 2024



2024 – 2025 School Impact Plan Summary – Each year we develop key priorities for each area of school and set about putting actions into place in order to achieve these via our annual School Impact Plan. We usually have 5 key priorities, with actions to support our improvement in these areas across school. We have a detailed plan in place, for each priority area. For your convenience we have summarised, and listed for you, 3 of the key ways that we are aiming to make positive progress towards achieving each key priority this year, click the link to view our

[2024 - 2025 School Impact Summary document](#)

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Nursery/Reception swimming sessions – Swimming sessions at The Pelican Centre have continued this year for our Nursery and Reception children with the first groups currently enjoying their sessions. It was wonderful to see the children having fun whilst learning important skills at the same time. Over the course of the school year, all Nursery and Reception children will be having a group of six swimming sessions. We are sure the children will enjoy their sessions and gain lots of water confidence.



European Day of Languages – This year's European Day of Languages took place yesterday. We celebrated this by having a whole school worship to introduce the day and to highlight why language learning is so important. Our KS2 children then spent the day learning geographical and cultural facts about a particular European country as well as learning some basic vocabulary in the target language. We were also challenged in our Capital Cities of Europe competition – well done to our deserving winners!



Parent/carer workshops – It was great to see so many of you at our recent workshops. Thanks to Mrs Leech and Mrs O'Brien for leading our whole school 'Inclusion workshop'; Mrs O'Brien, Miss Beswick, Miss Dennett and Mrs Leech for leading the Reading and Phonics Workshop for KS1 parents/carers and Mrs Malley for leading the Reading Workshop for KS2 parents/carers last night. Please see below for other upcoming parent/carers workshops:

Date	Event
Thursday 3 rd October	Reception Reading and Phonics Workshop for Reception parents/carers – 3:30pm – 4:00pm & 6:00pm – 6:30pm.
Monday 7 th October	Maths Workshop for Year 5 and Year 6 parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:45am & 6:00pm – 6:45pm.
Tuesday 8 th October	Maths Workshop for Year 3 and Year 4 parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:45am & 6:00pm – 6:45pm.
Monday 14 th October	Maths Workshop for Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:45am & 6:00pm – 6:45pm.
Tuesday 15 th October	Maths Workshop for Nursery and Reception parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:45am & 6:00pm – 6:45pm. Select which session is best for you to attend

School photographs – **Don't forget.....**we will receive our first visit of the year from the school photographer on **Tuesday 1st October**. On this day he will visit both our Darlington Street School site for the morning and our Lancaster Avenue Nursery site for the afternoon. Please note:



- *photographs will be taken of children either individually or with school based siblings (see next bullet point);
- *only children who attend St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery will be photographed;
- *any Darlington Street Nursery children who do not usually attend Nursery on a Tuesday morning are invited to school at 9:00am to have their photograph taken;
- *any Lancaster Avenue Nursery children who do not usually attend Nursery on a Tuesday afternoon are invited to nursery at 1:00pm to have their photograph taken.

All children will have their photograph taken and a small 'sample' photograph will be sent home for you to decide if you would like to complete any purchases.

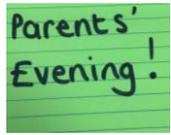


National Poetry Day – Next Thursday is National Poetry Day: an annual mass celebration that encourages all to enjoy, discover and share poetry. This year, the theme is 'Standing on the Shoulders of Giants'. To celebrate this in school we will be receiving a visit from poet Andrew Weale who will work with classes across school delivering some creative reading and writing workshops. The children will come together at the end of the day in a celebration assembly where they perform a variety of poems. Like last year, your children will be learning a poem over the course of each half term so that they can perform it to others across school/in class. Each poem has been carefully selected so that it links to other topic areas that your children will be learning about and you will see in your child's year group how there is a poem in the English section. Maybe you could learn the poem together? Click the link to view our [Curriculum Overviews](#).

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Puberty lessons – This half term, children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be visited by ‘HH Kids’ who will be delivering a specialised puberty package to support the delivery of our PSHE and Relationships and Sex Education curriculum. Lessons will explore: visible and emotional changes during puberty, personal hygiene and an outline to the stages of pregnancy. Throughout the sessions, the children will develop their understanding of ways to manage changes, stay safe and keep healthy. Click the link to see information about **all areas** that we cover as part of the [PSHE Curriculum](#).



Autumn Term parents’ evening – We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Autumn Term parents’ evenings. At our Darlington Street site, we will be sending home paper copies of the parents’ evening letter on Monday 7th October. Over the next few weeks, Mrs Skinner will contact all ‘pre-school’ parents/carers at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery site to arrange a suitable meeting time. See the table below, with our ‘plan’ for how we will manage the Autumn Term parents’ evenings:

Date	Event
Monday 7 th October	Paper copies of parents’ evening letters will be sent home (please check bags)
Mon 7 th – Thurs 10 th	Select an ‘evening’ and a ‘time slot’ that would be most convenient for you
Friday 11 th October	Return your child’s completed form to the class teacher by today
Tuesday 15 th October	Our teachers will meet in school to arrange time slots to coordinate times for siblings
Wednesday 16 th October	Paper copies of confirmed parents’ evening time slots will be sent home (please check bags)
Monday 28 th October	Lancaster Avenue Nursery Parents’ Meetings throughout the week
	Parents’ Evening in the school hall for the following classes (4:00pm – 7:00pm): Darlington Street Nursery, Reception: CR, Reception: NT, Y1KB, Y1/2PD, Y2TL
Tuesday 29 th October	Parents’ Evening in the school hall for the following classes (4:00pm – 7:00pm): Y3ES, Y3/4LB, Y4CB, Y5RO, Y5/6GC, Y6AM
Wednesday 30 th October	Parents’ Evening in the school hall for the following classes (4:00pm – 7:00pm): Darlington Street Nursery, Reception: CR, Reception: NT, Y1KB, Y1/2PD, Y2TL
Thursday 31 st October	Parents’ Evening in the school hall for the following classes (4:00pm – 7:00pm): Y3ES, Y3/4LB, Y4CB, Y5RO, Y5/6GC, Y6AM

For all appointments, please ensure that you arrive 5 minutes before your allocated time. In order to ensure we are able to accommodate all families, there will be a time limit of 10 minutes. I will be available in the school hall on all school based evenings should you need to speak to me – no appointment will be necessary for this. I look forward to seeing you then.

Reception starters 2025 – The link on the Wigan Council website for 2025 Reception places is now open: [Primary School Admissions](#). If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you can now submit an application for your child to start our Reception class in September 2025. The closing date for admissions is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. Should your child attend either of our nurseries and you have any questions or if you require any support with completing the form, then please do not hesitate to contact us in school. Should you know anyone with children starting school in September 2025, please let them know that, like every year, I will show people around school on an **individual basis**. Please ask people to ring or email (using the details in the footer of this newsletter) and we will make an appointment to meet with me and have a look round our school.



Class Worship and Musical Performances in school – We have planned for the children to share their learning with you from each class, via our ‘usual’ Class Worship approach. Before the next newsletter, **Y6AM Class Worship** will have taken place on **Friday 11th October**, 9:05am start in the school hall. There will also be regular musical performances by our musicians and our school choir throughout the year. The first one of these this year is on **Wednesday 16th October**, 9:05am start in the school hall. You are all very welcome to attend these events in school. Please note: no letters will be issued for any of our Class Worships or Musical Performances and there is no need for you to provide us with prior notice of your attendance. Simply turn up on the day and enjoy!

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