

# St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



## Newsletter – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

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We reach the end of another eventful half term which has included: a Year 5/6 American Art Exhibition and Food Experience afternoon, a visit to St. George's Church and to Tyldesley library for our nursery children, an 'Oliver!' Performance to parents/carers by Year 3 and Year 4 and knife crime and road safety sessions for our Year 6.



As we are starting to make plans for the 2026/2027 school year I can now formally announce that there will be some teachers leaving at the end of this school year. **Mrs Rankin** will be returning to Lincolnshire with her family. We are grateful for her two years of service in Reception. In addition to this, **Mrs Davies**, our Darlington Street Nursery teacher, will be retiring. Mrs Davies has been a teacher at our school for **33 years** and worked at both the old St. George's School site, as well as our current St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery site. We thank Mrs Davies for her years of service to the families across the Tyldesley community.



For September 2026, I am pleased to announce that **Mr Trew** (pictured left) will be joining our teaching staff. Mr Trew has worked as a teacher at Leigh Sacred Heart Primary School for many years. **Mrs Sherwood**, who has worked at our school since 2021, will start her teaching career with us in September. Mrs Sherwood has spent the last five years gaining valuable experience, supporting classes across our school. We are pleased that she is now taking her first steps into teaching at our school. Children in Reception – Year 5 will come home on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June with a letter informing them of the class and their teacher for 2026 – 2027.

### Class attendance updates:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:CR	94.0%	Y1KB	94.6%	Y3GC	95.0%	Y5BH	93.9%
YR:NT	94.6%	Y1/2PD	96.1%	Y3/4LB	96.9%	Y5/6RO	95.9%
		Y2TL	96.7%	Y4CB	95.1%	Y6AM	96.0%
<b>Whole school attendance: 95.4%</b>							

\*%'s are up to and including Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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

Click the link to view our [Graduated approach to attendance](#)



**Sun Protection in school** – There are some steps you can take to help protect your child from the sun whilst in school. As children will be outside for a relatively short period of the day, we advise that they should come to school with a water bottle, a sun hat and sunglasses and that any sun cream should be applied at home before children come to school so that re-application in school will not be necessary. **Please AVOID any suncreams containing coconut.** We will adapt any outdoor activities within our Early Years and PE sessions and children will be encouraged to drink from their water bottles on a regular basis throughout the day. To ensure children are comfortable **during heatwaves, they are permitted to come to school in their school PE kit.** As parents/carers, in liaison with your child, we will allow you to judge for yourselves if wearing the school PE kit during heatwaves, will make them feel more comfortable. The school PE kit is the only alternative to school uniform and children should not come to school in non-uniform.

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**Rota-Kids** – Over the last half term, our Rota-Kids organised a fundraiser in school to raise money for ‘Lend with Care’. In total they raised **£46.10**. Thanks to Mr Costello and Leigh Tea Rooms for their support, donating the plushies to sell. Rota-Kids will be organising further fundraising opportunities during the next half term.

**Year 4 Low Bank Ground trip** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May saw 26 children leave Tyldesley to spend 3 nights/4 days at Low Bank Ground in the Lake District for the annual Year 4 residential. The children spent time ghyll scrambling and canoeing as well as many other outdoor and adventurous activities. I am sure the children had a great time away from home, enjoying all these different experiences. Family members of the children who attended are invited to a short ‘Low Bank Ground assembly’ at **9:05am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June** where the children will share their experiences with you.



**Key Stage 1 Indian Experience Day** – On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, our Key Stage 1 children took part in a vibrant and engaging Indian Experience Day. The children enjoyed learning some energetic Bhangra dancing and they also had the opportunity to taste a selection of traditional Indian foods, exploring new flavours and sharing their opinions with one another. Throughout the afternoon, the children learned about the rich and diverse cultures of India, making thoughtful comparisons between the village of Chembakolli and our own local area of Tyldesley.

**Year 2 ‘camp’** – On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, some of our Year 2 children returned to school for an exciting and fun-filled sleepover, camping out in tents on the school field. The evening was packed with activities, including archery sessions led by the Wigan Council BeWell team, mini golf, and a variety of playground games. After enjoying supper together, the children settled into their tents for the night. The next morning, following breakfast, they headed home, tired but happy after a fantastic experience enjoyed by all.



**Year 6 trip to Graystone Action Sports** – On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, as part of the Shakerley consultation, Year 6 visited Graystone Action Sports. Whilst the children were there, they learnt how to do lots of activities safely. Some of these were trampolining, skateboarding, bouldering, and free style gymnastics. Year 6 had a great time and had lots of fun with their friends to celebrate the end of their SATs. They also provided feedback to council officials regarding the potential development of activity spaces within the Tyldesley community.

**Musical performance** – Parents/carers were recently treated to our usual half termly musical performance. As well as hearing the choir sing, it was good to see all the children who learn instruments in school perform for everyone. This was the final choir and musical performance of the year. The children have loved performing to an audience and have greatly improved in confidence over the course of this year.



**‘Stay and Plays’** – It has been great to welcome parents/carers into our nurseries and Reception classes this week to spend some time learning alongside their children and taking part in a workshop about supporting their children to transition successfully to the next stage of their educational journey in September. Thank you to everyone who visited this week.

**Class based Worship themes** – During the second half of the Summer Term, children will focus on the following:

**School Value:** Forgiveness

**Reflective question:** Why is forgiveness hard?



**\*\*To further improve the safety of our school community in line with government guidance, you will know that we have had CCTV installed across our school site. Click here to view the final version of our [Surveillance and CCTV Policy](#) \*\***

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**End of Year Assessments** – During week beginning **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**, children in Year 4 will be undertaking the national ‘Multiplication Tables’ check. This will involve each child completing times tables based questions in a timed situation. During week beginning **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**, children in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will undertake end of year assessments in Maths, Reading and Spelling Punctuation and Grammar. During this week, all children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2 will undertake a phonics screening check. This will be delivered by staff in school and will involve the children being tested on their knowledge of the sounds of letters, and groups of letters, within words. Your child’s results will be included in their end of year report that will be sent out on Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> July.



**KS2 end of year production** – Rehearsals for Y6 children have started and the children now know the part they will be playing in the end of year KS2 production – School Daze. Y6 children will now need to spend the half-term break learning their lines so that, upon their return to school, they can ‘polish’ off their performance by practising on stage without the need for scripts. 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). The dates and times of the performances are included on the Summer Term (2<sup>nd</sup> half) dates letter, which is attached to the newsletter email.

### Sports days

**Our sports days this year will take place on the following days:**

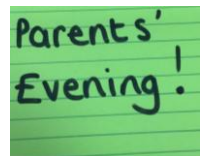


Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery  
 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Reception  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 and Year 2  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 and Year 4  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 and Year 6



You are very welcome to attend our sports days, which will all be on our school field/playground and will start at 9:30am.

**Summer Term Parents’ Evenings** – Our Summer Term parents’ evening will take place towards the end of June/start of July. These involve you coming into school and listening to your child as they ‘present’ their learning to you. The approaches year groups across school take may vary slightly, however the consistent element will be that the speaking will be led by your children. As well as yourselves, and the class teacher, I will be present at all Year 6 presentations as the children not only reflect on their time in Year 6 but also their time at our school. Letters for these evenings will be sent out on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.



**Flag American Football Taster Session** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, saw some of our children take part in a Flag American Football Taster Session. The session was led by coaches from Leigh Miners American Football Club. The children who attended this session will represent our school in the ATSA Flag American Football Competition that will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Leigh Miners Welfare.

**Foot Golf Taster Session** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May saw two children from Year 3 and Year 4 take part in a Foot Golf Taster Session at Boomers and Swingers Golf Range in Astley.



**KS2 Girls’ Football Cup Competition** – On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, our girls’ football team took part in an ATSA competition involving seven schools. Well done to the girls who made up the team.

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**Zumba Taster Session** – Some Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in a Zumba Taster Session. The session was led by Anna Collins from Astley Zumba.



**Year 3/4 Rounders** – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May saw our Year 3/4 rounders team take part in the ATSA competition. Well done to the children who made up the team.

**KS1 Football Festival** – A team of footballers from KS1 took part in a Football Festival hosted at Pennington FC. Well done to the children who made up the Year 1 and Year 2 teams.



**Times Table Competition** – Well done to our two Year 4 children who took part in the ATSA 'Active Minds' Times Table Competition earlier this week. Well done to our children who took part in this event.

**Residential Sports Weekend** – On Wednesday, children from the five schools taking part in the ATSA Sports Weekend came together at St. George's Central. The children took part in various 'ice-breaker' activities in preparation for their weekend at Low Bank Ground, in the Lake District, at the end of June. Our Year 6 children will be competing against the children from other schools in running, archery, kayaking and orienteering. We will be hoping for a good performance from our children in what will be one of their final ATSA events representing St. George's Central.



**'Access to Success' Multi-Skills Competition** – Yesterday, children from St. George's Central took part in the 'Access to Success' Multi-skills Competition at Rowan Tree Primary School against children from four other schools. Well done to our children who took part in this event.

**'Let's Play!' music event** – The 'Let's Play' music event took place last night at St. Richard's Parish Club in Atherton. The event involved children from schools across Atherton and Tyldesley coming together to showcase their musical talents. Well done to our children who participated in this event including pianists Anna Gogitidze, Eliza Au and Olivia Clifton, vocalists Ophelia Xu and Iva Zheleva and percussionist Ioan Morgan. The children performed amazingly in front of a large audience. Thank to Miss Gray for organising this event on behalf of ATSA.



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

- \*\*Singing Festival\*\*      \*\*Flag American Football Competition\*\*      \*\*KS2 Netball League\*\*      \*\*Mixed Football Cup\*\***  
**\*\*Y6 Cycle Speedway Taster Session\*\*      \*\*Chess Competition\*\*      \*\*Reception Mindfulness and Movement Taster Session\*\***  
**\*\*Art Exhibition\*\*      \*\*KS1 Girl's Football Festival\*\***

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. 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. I will see you all in school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Have a great half term break with your family.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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