



Newsletter – Friday 28th August 2026

Welcome back to the new school year everyone and a special welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception families. I hope you have all had a good summer and enjoyed the break from school. Over summer, our staff have worked hard to ensure that everything is in place for your children returning to school and we are very much looking forward to seeing you all next week.



Returning to school – On Wednesday 2nd September, classroom doors for **children in Reception – Year 6**, will open when the first bell rings at **8:40am**. Our second bell will ring at **8:50am** and this will signal to class teachers that they need to close their classroom doors for the start of the school day. All children who are not in school at this point will need to enter via the main school entrance. Doors will be open for you to collect children at **3:20pm**. During next week, home visits will be taking place for children who will be starting at our Darlington Street Nursery. Please see the table below which shows starting/returning to school information for all year groups:

Year groups	Date starting back at school/nursery	Arriving		Leaving
		Doors open	Doors closed	Doors open
Reception – Year 6	Wednesday 2 nd September	8:40am (bell)	8:50am (bell)	3:20pm
Lancaster Avenue Nursery	Wednesday 2 nd September	*8:55am	As children arrive	3:00pm
Darlington Street Nursery	Monday 7 th September	**8:50am	As children arrive	**3:00pm

Please note: officially, nursery sessions start at 9:00am and finish at 3:00pm. As a sign of good faith and to support you with any other children attending our school:

*we will continue to open our Lancaster Avenue Nursery doors at 8:55am at the start of the day.

we will continue to open our Darlington Street Nursery doors at 8:50am at the start of the day. We will also allow families who have **siblings further up school to collect nursery children up until 3:10pm.

When on our school site, to ensure everyone is 'safe', we ask that you and your children stick to the paths, keep off any of our school equipment, avoid riding bikes and scooters (this includes E-Bikes and E-Scooters) on school grounds and do not play any 'ball games' on the playground before and after school.

Please support us by always taking full responsibility for your children when on our school site.

****During the first half term, our school heating system is being upgraded, with a new boiler being installed. This will mean that access to the Year 3GC, Year 3/4LB and Year 4CB classrooms will be via the gates on the Peel Hall side of school only****

****NEVER use the school car park to access 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.



If you are ever 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](#)

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****Don't forget: your child can come into school into school in non-uniform when it is their birthday.**

To support with a healthy school, please do not bring sweets or cake into school**

September 2026 PE kits

Like previous years, children in Year 1 – Year 6 can come to school in their PE kit on the day that they have outdoor PE and on the day that they have indoor PE. The only item of PE kit that will need to remain in school is pumps as children may prefer to walk to school in trainers.

For the first week only, we are asking that:

*On the first day, all children come to school wearing their 'usual' school uniform;

*Children in Y5RT, Y5/6RO and Y6AM come into school wearing their outdoor PE kit on **Thursday 3rd September only** and

*Children in Y3GC, Y3/4LB and Y4CB come into school wearing their outdoor PE kit on **Friday 4th September only**.

Outdoor PE kits will not be needed on any other days for children in KS2 during this first week back.

Children in KS1 can follow the PE kit timetable from Thursday 3rd September onwards: [PE kits and our 2026/2027 PE timetable](#)



School Uniform reminders:

****Jewellery (including earrings) other than a wrist watch is not permitted****

****No smart watches are to be worn****

****Make-up, nail varnish, false nails, nail extensions and temporary tattoos are not permitted****

****Hairstyles not considered appropriate for school include:**

brightly-coloured/dyed hair, shaved lines, headwear with bold patterns or colours, excessive hair accessories**

****Hair products such as wax, gel or hairspray should not be applied and long hair must be tied up****

****No trainers – plain black school shoes only****

****Please note that all the above apply for the whole school year,**

including the days leading up to a school holiday and the days we return to school**



Click the link to see the full version of our [School Uniform Policy](#)



Meet the Teacher meetings – There is an opportunity for you to come into school to meet with your child's new teacher at our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. These will take place in the school hall with the teachers from each area of school coming together to meet with you. At the meeting, lots of information about the year ahead will be communicated to you and it is also a chance for you to ask any questions. Meetings will start at **3:30pm** for those who are able to attend at this time and they will also be repeated at **6pm** should this time be more convenient for you. The meetings will last approximately 20 – 30 minutes. This meeting is for adults only and so all children will be taken to the Computing Suite for the duration of the meeting. We hope to see you at your child's meeting:

Date	Meet the teacher meeting (3:30pm or 6:00pm start)
Wednesday 2 nd September	Y5RT, Y5/6RO and Y6AM
Thursday 3 rd September	Y3GC, Y3/4LB and Y4CB
Monday 7 th September	Y1TL, Y1/2PD and Y2BH

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Class pages on school website



For information about your child's class, make sure you refer to their class page on the [school website](#).

For school and class information in 'real time', make sure you follow our staff on 'X'.



My X account links to the opening page of the school website: **Mr Grogan @MrGSGC**.

Link to class page on website	*X accounts
Lancaster Avenue Nursery	Miss Cowley @LancAveSGC
Darlington Street Nursery	Mrs Sherwood @MrsLSSGC
Rec: KB	Miss Beswick @MissBSGC
Rec: NT	Miss Taylor @MissTSGC
Y1TL	Mrs Leech @MrsLSGC
Y1/2PD	Miss Dennett @MissDSGC
Y2BH	Miss Hynes @MissHynesSGC
Y3GC	Miss Cohen @MissCSGC
Y3/4LB	Mrs Barlow @MrsBarlowSGC
Y4CB	Miss Billington @MissCBSGC
Y5RT	Mr Trew @MrTrewSGC
Y5/6RO	Miss Offord @MissOffordSGC
Y6AM	Mrs Malley @MrsMalleySGC

*Other school X accounts include: Mrs O'Brien @MrsOBSGC and Miss Gray @missvgsgc



Seesaw (Home Learning) – Teachers will use the online platform Seesaw to communicate with you at home and to set weekly home learning. Please see your child's teacher if you have any difficulties logging on to Seesaw.

Children will require a device at home to access their Seesaw account – **we do have some devices in school, which are available for families to loan and so please contact the school office if your child requires support in order to access their home learning on Seesaw.** Paper copies of all home learning will be made available in the classroom for your child to take if they wish. **Weekly home learning will be set on a Friday, to be returned for the following Friday.** Click the link below to access our: [Home Learning Policy](#).



Extra-curricular clubs – The Autumn Term (1st half) extra-curricular clubs letter will be emailed to you on Wednesday (paper copies of the letter will be in letter holders in the entrance area also). The clubs on offer change each half term and so look out for the emails throughout the year. With some clubs, staff will be looking to select a team to take part in an event against other schools and so we do not want anyone to miss out on the opportunity to potentially represent our school. When these letters come through, please have a chat with your children and see if there is anything they wish to sign up to. Clubs will be starting week commencing **Monday 7th September**.



Pupil information – Next week, we will be sending home our 'official' data collection sheets and health care plans for you to complete and return to school. Our data collection sheets contain all the contact information we currently have on file and so this is an ideal opportunity for you to update any names and numbers. Your child's medical information is included on your child's health care plan and so again, if you could please ensure you complete these with the most up-to-date information. We would appreciate it if you could return these to school as soon as possible so we can update all the information on our school files. **We will be re-issuing our 'Walk to School' documents to children in Year 5 and Year 6: please ensure these are completed and returned to class teachers as soon as possible.**

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Dinner money – For Nursery children this is **£9.45 per week** and for KS2 children, this is **£13.05 per week** and can be paid online via our Tucasi system or money can be sent into school each Monday in the yellow-coloured envelopes (available for free from the school office).

*****We have water coolers in both KS1 and KS2 so please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day*****

Snack options: Nursery and Reception – There is **no snack charge** for all our Nursery and Reception children. Nursery children will help prepare some of the snacks on offer, which will include cheese and crackers, plain brioche, rice cakes, scotch pancakes and fruit. Reception children are offered milk and toast each morning and fruit in the afternoon.



Snack options: Year 1 to Year 6 – Current options for snack provided by school are: milk and toast. Children can have both or just milk, or just toast. Payment for this is made **half termly in advance**, online using the Tucasi payment system or by cash in the white payment envelopes that are provided. See the Key Dates letter for all payment dates and the emails from school about the different costs. Please note



that your child cannot change options mid-term. If children are not accessing the snack provided by school, the only other snack option is for children to bring their own fresh fruit and plain water (**no cereal bars or flavoured drinks/juice**). **Information regarding school snack will be emailed to you today. All children will receive FREE snack all next week.** Please ensure you pay online by **3:30pm on Thursday 3rd September** for your child to be on the list from **Monday 7th September** onwards.



Payments to school – Remember that with our Tucasi online payment system, no change will be returned – any funds overpaid will be carried forward to meet future payments. Please send all money into school in the correctly coloured money envelope (available for free from classrooms or the school office).

Class based Worship themes – During the first half term of the Autumn Term, children focus on the following:

School Value: Compassion

Reflective question: Does compassion make us stronger?



SGC Life Skills – This year will see us continue with our SGC Life Skills where the children in each year group will work towards 'completing' their SGC Life Skill. Although we will work on this in school, your support at home will be appreciated with this. Click the link to see our [SGC Life Skills](#) in full. I look forward to seeing children achieve these skills over the course of this year.

Nursery and Reception Swimming – Thursday 10th September will see some of our Nursery and Reception children start their swimming sessions at The Pelican Centre. The children will go in small groups over a six week period so that by the end of the year, all the children will have accessed these sessions.



Forest School sessions – Friday 11th September will see our **Year 5 children** start [Forest School sessions](#). Half of the year group will have a Forest School session in the morning and the other half of the children during the afternoon. For our Year 5 children, these sessions will take place each Friday, up to and including Friday 23rd October, and will be led by staff from the BeWell team from Wigan Council. Some additional clothing is required for these sessions and we do have resources in school to support your children with this. More information will be provided in a letter we will be sending out to Year 5 parents/carers next week.

Welcome to our School Worship – On Friday 18th September, we look forward to welcoming parents/carers of all our Reception children into school for a special 'Welcome to our School' Worship. All Reception family members are welcome to attend this service, which will start at 9:10am. I look forward to seeing you on that morning.



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Parent/carers workshops – Throughout this first half term (and at regular points throughout the school year) parent/carers workshops will take place on a variety of themes, aimed at different year groups across school. Sessions are repeated so you can select which one you can attend (a crèche will be provided at all meetings). Please see below for the sessions planned for the first half term:

Date	Event
Monday 14 th September	Inclusion Workshop for all parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:30am & 3:30pm – 4:00pm. Select which session is best for you to attend
Wednesday 16 th September	KS1 Reading and Phonics Workshop for KS1 parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:30am & 3:30pm – 4:00pm. Select which session is best for you to attend
Wednesday 23 rd September	KS2 Reading Workshop for KS2 parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:30am & 3:30pm – 4:00pm. Select which session is best for you to attend
Monday 28 th September	Reception Reading and Phonics Workshop for Reception parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:30am & 3:30pm – 4:00pm. Select which session is best for you to attend
Monday 5 th October	Maths Workshop for Year 5 and Year 6 parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:30am & 3:30pm – 4:00pm. Select which session is best for you to attend
Tuesday 6 th October	Maths Workshop for Year 3 and Year 4 parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:30am & 3:30pm – 4:00pm. Select which session is best for you to attend
Monday 12 th October	Maths Workshop for Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:30am & 3:30pm – 4:00pm. Select which session is best for you to attend
Tuesday 13 th October	Maths Workshop for Nursery and Reception parents/carers – 9:00am – 9:30am & 3:30pm – 4:00pm. Select which session is best for you to attend



Harvest celebrations in school and church – Our children are invited to be part of the Harvest Service at St. George's Church on Sunday 20th September as part of the 10:00am service – a letter will be sent out about this. For Harvest gifts this year we are again asking that children bring in food items from Monday 21st September onwards. Items will be collated for the staff from Atherton and Leigh Foodbank to collect. Harvest celebrations will take place in school on Friday 25th September with Reverend Cath leading services across school. Due to the number of classes involved, and the space available, we are unable to safely accommodate any family members at these services.

School photographs – We will receive our first visit of the year from the school photographer on **Tuesday 29th September**. On this day, he will visit 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;
- *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.



Secondary School applications – For parents/carers of children in Year 6, the closing date for Secondary School applications is **31st October 2026**. Most Secondary Schools will be organising their 'open evenings' and so over the next few weeks, please take the opportunity to visit the different ones on offer within the community.

****Click the link to view the full [2026/2027 Key dates letter](#) or pick one up from the letter holders in our school entrance area****

Please note: all deadline dates (clubs, snack, residential etc) are strictly adhered to.

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ATSA Events – Children at our school regularly take part in lots of events which are organised by ATSA (Atherton and Tyldesley Sports and Arts). We will be very much looking to maintain the gold standard we achieved in 2025-2026 and so see below for all the events that will be taking place during this first half term:

ATSA event	Children	Date of event	Venue
Sports and Arts Council Meeting	Year 6 Sports & Arts Council reps	Monday 14 th September 2026 1:30pm – 3:00pm	St. George's Central school hall
Boxing Taster Session	Year 5 and Year 6	Wednesday 23 rd September 2026 4:00pm – 5:00pm	St. George's Central school hall
Flag American Football Taster Session	Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday 24 th September 2026 4:00pm – 5:15pm	St. George's Central school field
Astley Youth Band Taster Session	Key Stage 2	Thursday 1 st October 2026 1:00pm – 4:15pm	Astley Christian Fellowship
Poetry Performance	Key Stage 2	Thursday 1 st October 2026 4:00pm – 5:00pm	The Snug
Kickstarterz Taster Session	Reception	Monday 5 th October 2026 4:00pm – 4:45pm	St. George's Central school hall
Badminton Taster Session	Year 5 and Year 6	Monday 5 th October 2026 4:00pm – 5:00pm	FLHS sportshall
Mindfulness and Movement Taster Session	Year 5 and Year 6	Wednesday 7 th October 2026 4:00pm – 4:45pm	Toni Marie Yoga Studio
Chair Drumming Taster Session	Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday 8 th October 2026 4:00pm – 5:15pm	St. George's Central school hall
Futsal Competition	Year 3 and Year 4	Friday 9 th October 2026 1:15pm – 3:00pm	FLHS sportshall
Advanced Writing Workshop	Year 6	Friday 9 th October 2026 1:30pm – 2:30pm	Atherton Library
Basketball Competition	Year 5 and Year 6	Monday 12 th October 2026 3:45pm start	FLHS sportshall
'Access to Success' Yoga & Dance Taster Session	Year 1 – Year 6	Thursday 15 th October 2026 1:15pm – 2:30pm	Rowan Tree Primary School
Comedy Workshops	Year 5 and Year 6	Mon 19 th Oct 2026 – Mon 23 rd Nov 2026 4:00pm – 5:15pm	St. George's Central school hall
KS2 Cross Country Competition	Key Stage 2	Thursday 22 nd October 2026 1 st race: 10:00am	Atherton High School field



For more information about ATSA, look on the [ATSA website](#), look for the logo on Facebook or search for 'atsa2011' on Instagram.



The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 25th September. Please ensure that we have an up-to-date copy of your current contact details (email and mobile phone number) so that you do not miss out on any information as we send most information out via email. We do have paper copies of most documents in the letter holders in the entrance area and these are regularly updated, please feel free to nip in and pick up a copy of what you may need. Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks as we return to school/nursery.



Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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