



ST GEORGE'S GOOD NEWS

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Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16

Friday 11th September 2026

**WELCOME
BACK!**

Dear Families,

Welcome to the start of the Autumn Term. The children have settled well into their new classes, it has been a delight to see so many happy faces this week.

Thank you!

The staff and I would like to express our thanks for all the wonderful gifts, cards and messages received at the end of last term. Your kindness and generosity really are appreciated, thank you!

**THANK
YOU**

WELCOME

Staffing update

We are excited to welcome some new members of staff to the St George's team. I know you will join me in wishing a very warm welcome to Mrs Osborne Support Staff in Reception and Mr Barber Support Staff in Reception.

Prayer Calendar and Prayer Group

Attached is the prayer calendar for this half term.

We are delighted that Mrs Crooks has kindly offered to lead a weekly prayer group for our school community.

The prayer group will take place every Friday morning, shortly after morning drop-off, and parents and carers are warmly invited to join us. The group will meet in the staff room and will be led by Mrs Crooks.

Our first prayer group will take place on Friday 18th September.

There is no need to book or let us know in advance if you would like to attend. Simply come to the school office after drop-off and sign in, and Mrs Crooks will meet you and show you through to the staff room.

Whether you would like to come regularly or simply join us when you are able, everyone is very welcome. We hope this will provide a lovely opportunity for members of our school community to come together for prayer, reflection and fellowship.



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COMMUNITY

COMPASSION

COMMITMENT

COURAGE

LOVE

Our School Vision and Rules

Our school vision, 'Inspire, Believe, Achieve-Let Your Light Shine' underpins everything we do at St George's. We encourage the children to use this quote from the Bible to remind them that they can and will succeed, if they are inspired to do so and believe in themselves.

This year, we have refreshed and redefined our St George's School Rules, making them clear, memorable and meaningful for all our children.



Stewardship and Sustainability

We are proud of our school colours, and love seeing our children wearing their uniforms with pride. We are also conscious of the impact that clothing production has on our planet, which is why we are delighted that our PTA will be running second-hand uniform sales in the future.

Buying and passing on pre-loved uniform is a great way to save money, reduce waste and be kinder to our environment – so why not join the #SecondHandSeptember movement?

Please note: As we have recently changed our school uniform colour, we are now only accepting donations of our new red school jumpers and cardigans for future second-hand sales. We no longer require donations of the previous burgundy uniform



Uniform

It has been wonderful to see so many of our children arriving at school in our new bright red uniform. The school looks so bright and cheerful, and the children look incredibly smart. It has been a fantastic start to the new school year!

As we explained during our uniform consultation, there is absolutely no rush to replace existing maroon/burgundy uniform. We have introduced a two-year transition period to give families plenty of time to make the change. All we ask is that, when your child next needs a new item of uniform, you purchase it in red rather than maroon/burgundy.

We know that many families have already purchased new uniform and we really appreciate your support with the transition.

[Please have another look at the uniform list on our school website if you need a reminder of our uniform requirements.](#)

NEW



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**Book bags**

A reminder that children should bring a school book bag rather than a backpack to school.

This was part of the uniform changes discussed during our consultation process and is particularly important because of the limited storage space within our classrooms. Our book bags fit neatly into the storage provided, whereas backpacks are much bulkier and can create difficulties within the classroom.

Children only need to bring their reading book to and from school, and their water bottles can be carried separately.

Please therefore ensure that your child is using a book bag and not a backpack.

Waterproofs and wellies – essential for OPAL

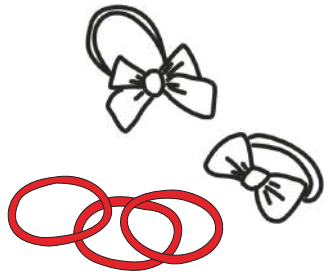
As we continue to develop OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning), children will be outside enjoying our grounds in all weathers, including when it is wet and muddy!

It is therefore essential that every child has the following available in school:

- Wellington boots
- Waterproof trousers
- A waterproof coat with a hood

These items are really important and will enable children to enjoy all of the opportunities OPAL provides throughout the year, whatever the weather.



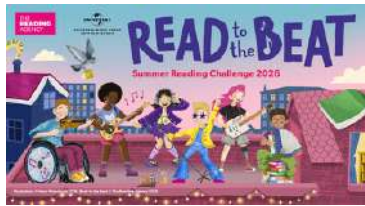


Hair

A polite reminder that long hair must be tied up please using small uniform coloured or hair coloured hair bands. In accordance with our school uniform policy, children should not wear jewellery (including earrings) or nail varnish to school please.

Tissue donations

We are always grateful to receive donations of tissues, it is surprising how many we can go through in a day! If you would like to donate a box or two, please bring them to the office or send them into class with your child. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Summer Library Reading Challenge

If your child took part in the Summer Reading challenge at a local library, please send in their certificate to school. Once your child shares this with their class teacher they will receive house points for taking part.



PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

Our new 8.30am start time is working really well, and we would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for helping children arrive promptly and be ready to start their day.

We are already seeing such a positive impact. Having the children settled and ready to learn at 8.30am means we can make the absolute most of every minute and enjoy a busy, fun-filled and exciting curriculum throughout the day.

It has also been really lovely to see so many of our Woodside children and families in the mornings before they head off to school.

Just one important reminder about timings. Our school day starts at 8.30am, this is not the time children should be arriving at the school gate.

The gates open at 8.25am, giving children time to come onto the school site. All children should be inside the building and ready to learn by 8.30am.

Children arriving after 8.30am will be recorded as late, and parents/carers will be asked to provide a reason for the lateness through our Inventory system.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to get every child's day off to the very best possible start.



An important update about the use of children's images



Following careful consideration of current research, evolving safeguarding guidance and feedback from some of our families, we have made the decision that St George's will no longer publish identifiable photographs of our children on social media or in our newsletters.

We know how lovely it is for families to see photographs of the wonderful things happening at St George's, and we will absolutely continue to celebrate and share our children's learning and experiences. However, we believe that taking a more cautious approach to children's digital footprint and online privacy is the right decision for our school community.

You may therefore still see photographs of activities, displays and learning taking place, and occasionally children may appear in ways that do not identify them, for example, photographed from behind or with only hands or part of an activity visible.

As you know, we have also recently launched our new school website. Removing and replacing existing photographs across the website will be a gradual process, so please bear with us while we work through this. Going forward, we will apply the same safeguarding-conscious approach when adding new content.

This decision has been made with one overriding priority in mind: protecting the privacy and safety of our children, as well as supporting the safeguarding of our whole school community. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support as we continue to review and strengthen our safeguarding practice at St George's.



SAFEGUARDING



As part of our safeguarding commitment, we have updated our arrangements for managing severe allergies in school in line with the new Benedict's Law requirements. All staff receive allergy and anaphylaxis training, and we have emergency adrenaline auto-injectors available in school.

We are a nut-free school, so we ask all families to ensure that packed lunches and snacks do not contain nuts or nut products. This includes nutella, pesto, fruit and nut cereal bars and peanut butter.

We also ask families to bear this in mind when sending in food for celebrations or as gifts for staff – please do not send staff gifts containing nuts.

If your child has a prescribed adrenaline auto-injector, please ensure that two in-date auto-injectors, together with any other required medication, are provided to the school. These must be kept in school and checked regularly for expiry dates.

[Please read our full letter on managing severe allergies for further information and important guidance.](#)

BRIGHT HORIZONS



coming up at St George's



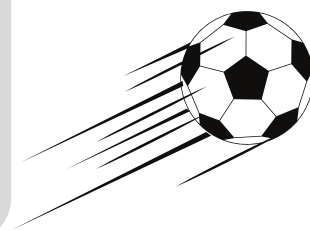
FAIRTRADE

Fairtrade fortnight

Children will take part in activities related to fairtrade during the week beginning 21st September.

Year 2 Football Festival

Year 2 children will be visiting Amersham School on **Tuesday 22nd September** to take part in a football festival where they will learn new skills as part of the School Sports partnership. If you can help with this event please contact the school office.



Year 1 Cheerleading Festival

Year 1 children will be visiting Amersham School on **Thursday 24th September** to take part in a cheerleading festival as part of the School Sports partnership. If you can help with this event please contact the school office.

Open classroom event

On **Wednesday 23rd September**, you will have the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom. The children will be able to show you around their new learning environment for the year ahead. Please collect your child before this event starts at 3.10pm. Classrooms will be open until 3.40pm.



PTA Annual General Meeting

Our PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Wednesday 23rd September, from 7:30pm–10:00pm. All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend and find out more about the PTA and its work supporting our school.

For further information, including details of the meeting, please visit Classlist.





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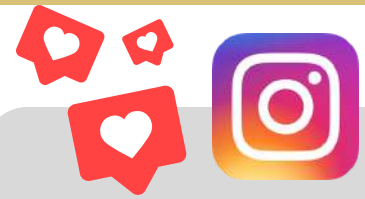
We continue to be really grateful to all who support the school by purchasing items from our [Amazon wish list](#). Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.



The Entertainer

Remember that if you are purchasing items from The Entertainer, [please use this link](#).

Every purchase made via this link pays a commission to our school. Thank you for supporting St George's.



Social media

Please continue to check our [Facebook page](#) and Instagram [@stgeorgescofe](#) for updates about what's going on at school. Thank you to those who like and share our posts.

Sibling? Family member? Friend? Reception 2027



Let their light shine,
starting here at St George's...



Book onto our Reception
Open Days now!

Monday 12th October 2026
Monday 16th November 2026
Thursday 7th January 2027

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Thank you, as always, for your support and for helping us to make such a bright and positive start to the new school year.

Victoria Harjette
Headteacher

Matthew Griffiths
Deputy Headteacher



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Quote of the week

God's Possibilities
Jesus looked at them intently and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God, all things are possible"

Matthew 19:26

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