ST GEORGE'S GOOD NEWS

INSPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16 **Friday 26th September 2025**

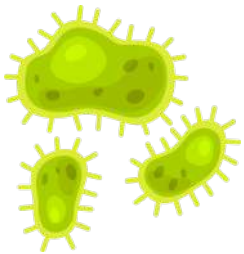
Dear Families,

It was lovely to see many of you at the recent meet the teacher and open classroom events. We hope they were useful and informative.

Message from Woodside Junior School

We have been contacted by Woodside Junior School and asked to share the following message with our school community. Woodside Junior School Open Days will take place on **Tuesday 21st October at 9am** and **Thursday 13th November at 9am**.
There is a sign up sheet on their website, click here to access it:

CLICK HERE > Woodside Junior School - Open Days

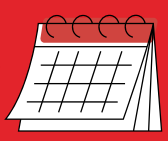


Attendance and illness

School attendance is closely monitored at St George's. Poor attendance can negatively impact on a child's future, both socially and academically as well as through reduced educational achievement. We want our children to thrive and to be healthy and happy.

School is also a very effective place for sharing coughs, colds and other minor illnesses! The NHS have produced some helpful guidance because often children should still attend school with minor ailments. You can read the guidance here - 'Is my child too ill for school?'

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

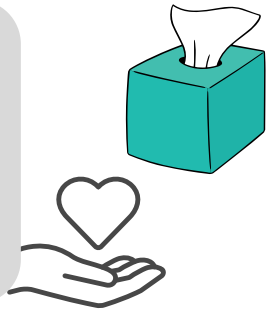


10 DAYS ABSENCE = 50+ HOURS LOST LEARNING TIME

COMMUNITY COMPASSION COMMITMENT COURAGE LOVE

Tissue donations

We remain 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.

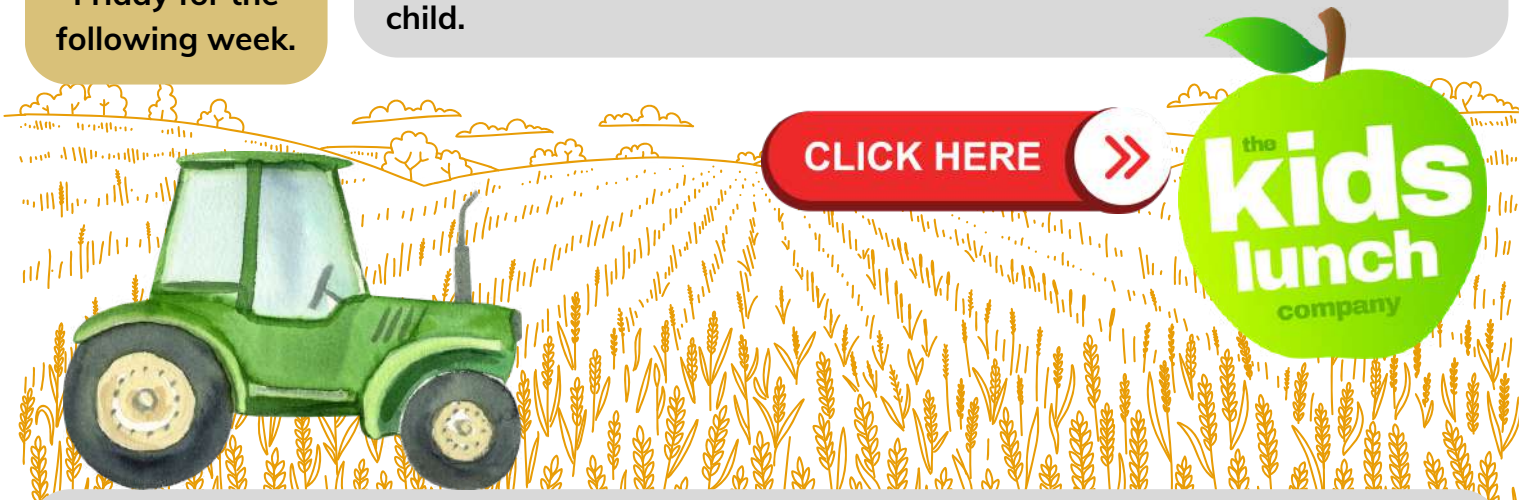


DON'T FORGET!

Order lunches before 12pm on Friday for the following week.

School lunches

All school meals at St George's are provided by the Universal Infant Free School Meal Government initiative, they are not means tested. Therefore, you do not need to pay for these meals unless your child attends Preschool (free school meals do not apply to Preschool aged children so these meals will be at an additional cost). To enable The Kids Lunch Company to cater correctly, parents are required to order food online. Food orders/changes to orders cannot be processed if they are received within 48 hours of the date of service. **Please ensure you select the correct year group for your child.**



KS1 Harvest service

The Key Stage 1 staff are delighted to be planning our outing to St George's Church on the morning of Friday 3rd October. This involves the KS1 children walking to St George's Church, enjoying a Harvest Service led by Rev David and then walking back to school. To enable this to happen safely, we rely on the kindness of helpers to support the children with walking to and from Church. If you can offer this help, please complete this form and save the date of Friday 3rd October from 9am to approx 11.00am. Unfortunately, we cannot accept help from parents bringing younger siblings as this affects our adult to child ratios. Please note that if we do not have enough helpers, we cannot safely go.

Meet the teacher slides

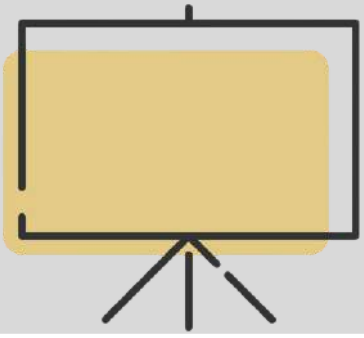
Please see below the slides from the recent meet the teacher events. These are also available on the year group pages on the school website.

Preschool

Reception

Year 1

Year 2



Safeguarding

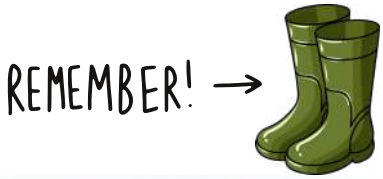
Question:
Who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) at St George's?

Answer:
Miss Harjette, Mr Griffiths, Mrs Yendell, Miss Williams and Mrs Barber

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

Thank you for the overwhelming response and positive feedback as we begin our OPAL journey. If you haven't already responded to the families survey please do so here.

Also, can we take this opportunity to remind you that children should have have a pair of named wellington boots and waterproof trousers in school to wear during playtimes.



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

Book onto our Reception 2026 Open Days now!

Tuesday 21st October
Wednesday 19th November
Wednesday 7th January

Let your light shine
Matthew 5:16

REGISTER NOW

BRIGHT HORIZONS

coming up at St George's

Diary dates

We have lots of exciting dates and events planned throughout this term. Please keep an eye on the diary attachment for further information. Here is additional information about the up and coming events planned over the next few weeks.

School photographs

Our school photographer, Danny Higgins, will be taking individual school photographs on **Tuesday 30th September**. Please ensure all children make a special effort to look super smart that day!

KS1 Harvest service at St George's Church

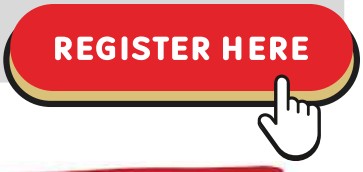
As mentioned above, KS1 children will walk to St George's church on Friday 3rd October for a harvest service led by Reverend David. Due to capacity at the church this event is for the children only. However, if you would can volunteer to help walk the children, you will be welcome to stay for the service. Sign up here.

Support for families

This year, we are excited to share that Mrs Van Loosen will be available to offer family support on Friday afternoons. She will be working with Miss O'Mahony to run coffee and information sessions for all parents as well as regular drop- in sessions.

Our first catch up on Friday 3rd October will be open to all parents and we would love to see as many faces as possible. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

Please use this link to book your place now.



Black History Month

October is Black History Month. Together we are 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any books or additional information that you would like your child to share with their class about this topic.

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Year 2 trip to Discover Bucks Museum

Please see the email that was sent home recently about this exciting opportunity for Year 2 children. There is a voluntary contribution of £15 for this trip (subsidised by the PTA). Contributions for this trip need to be paid by Tuesday 30th September. In the case of insufficient voluntary contributions, the trip may have to be cancelled.

Discover Bucks Museum

PTA Annual General Meeting

The next PTA meeting is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 7th October at 7.30pm in the staffroom. At this event, you can learn about the PTA's past year's achievements and help plan for the upcoming year. All are welcome!

World Mental Health Day –

In support of World Mental Health Day and Young Minds on **Friday 10th October**, the children are invited to wear something yellow for a voluntary donation of £1. This could be as simple as a yellow pair of socks or a yellow hair band. Other than the item of yellow clothing, usual school uniform applies please.

In an effort to become a cashless school, we invite you to donate for this even using our Just Giving Page. Thank you in advance for these donations.

YOUNGMINDS Hello Yellow FRIDAY 10 OCT

JustGiving™ DONATE

Coming soon – Community Challenge launch

Keep an eye out for our 2025/2026 community challenge launch where the children will be able to work towards their award over the course of the year.

Stewardship and Sustainability

As the Autumn days get shorter and colder, we start using our lights for longer and turn our heating on. The electricity we use at home in the UK is mostly produced from burning petrol or gas, a process that pollutes the atmosphere and is causing our planet to heat up. Alongside your children, investigate what you use electricity for. Can you do something to reduce how much you use? How can we produce cleaner electricity? This will help towards one element of your child's community challenge award so watch this space!

Thank you

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.

Facebook

Please continue to check our Facebook page for updates about the lovely activities the children are participating in when at school. Thank you to those who like and share our posts.

Thank you for your continued support.

Victoria Harjette
Headteacher

Matthew Griffiths
Deputy Headteacher

Quote of the week

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9

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LITTLE DRAGON LEARNING ZONE

The Mindful Monsters activity, which is designed to support children's mental health and well-being, is linked to **concentration** this week.

Sound Detective

Sit quietly for 1 minute.

Ask your child to close their eyes and count how many different sounds they can hear (birds, cards, fridge humming, footsteps, etc.)

Share what you both noticed - were some sounds surprising?

The link below is from the Maths games website lovemaths.me

This game is called '**1, 2, 3, 4... win them all**' and helps children to count and recognise the numbers to 4.

PLAY

CLICK HERE

Betty the bus!

Choose an initial sound and select all the animals that begin with that sound.

CHIT

CHAT

CHOMP

Support your child's oracy skills - learning to talk, through talk.

What's your favourite thing about Autumn? Why?

What might squirrels chat about when they collect acorns?