

St George's Primary School Newsletter

2025-26 - Issue 1

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Family Newsletter



Nurturing our community through opportunities, innovation and love.

Welcome Back to St George's 2025-26 School Year



'Nurturing our community through opportunities, innovation and love.'

A very warm welcome back to all our families.

We have had a fabulous start to our school year. Your children's attitude, conduct and care for others has been noted in every classroom. The success of our July transition days has allowed all classes to start the year positively and productively. I must thank all the staff team for their work and support.

A special welcome is extended to all our new families in Foundation 1 and 2.

We hope that all routines are very clear. Each year group has sent you a welcome message with details of routines, P.E days, home learning etc. These can be accessed with all other vital information on our school [website's year group pages](#) (see the red menu on the right hand side of the website home page).

Letters have been sent home regarding:

- Our parent/carer consultation regarding the proposal to join [Peninsula Multi Academy Trust](#) (see below)
- Autumn term clubs that start this week.
- Parent/carer inclusion drop in sessions taking place on Tuesday 23rd July
- Year 6 London residential trip and secondary transition information.
- Year 5 Residential Trip to York
- Attendance Newsletter
- Years 3 and 4 Author Visit from Martyn Harvey

Watch out for information about:

- Wheelie breakfasts taking place between 24th -26th September.
- Year 4 Residential news
- More author visits
- Nasal Flu Vaccine
- Governing Body news and update

Important start of year reminders are below:



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Welcome Back!

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Happy New School Year

Let's get year off to a good start. Don't forget:

- We are back on Wednesday 3rd September.
- Be ready to learn everyday.
- Sleep routines are vital for happy and thriving children.
- Wear the correct uniform.
- Bring in a refillable water bottle.
- Make sure school lunches are all organised.
- Contact Dragon Club if you need wraparound care support.
- Ensure any prescribed medication is handed into the school office.
- Let us know if your phone numbers, contact details or addresses have changed. E-mail updates to schooloffice@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk or use our [Parent and Carer Compass App](#).
- Get your P.E kits ready.
- **Label everything!**
- Get organised with reading and home learning routines.



**St George's
Primary School**



**St George's
are Proud to
be a Great
Teaching
Centre**

**A GREAT
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CENTRE**



We start of the new year with another celebration of our staff's amazing work.

From September 2025 we have become a '**Great Teaching Centre**' offering support and training to other schools with our partners at [Evidence Based Education](#). This accreditation celebrates the skills and diligence of all of our teachers and support staff.

It continues a program of St George's establishing the very best partnerships for learning.



We were delighted to receive the **Green ECO flag award status** again this Summer. It is great testament to the work led by Miss Megan Jones and our ECO Council that this award remains at distinction level.

Message to families from the Prime Minister

To mark this month's childcare expansion milestone, Prime Minister Keir Starmer has written to parents reaffirming his Plan for Change promise to give children the best possible start with 75% of five-year-olds reaching a good level of development by 2028.

Visit the [Education Hub](#) to read the Prime Minister's letter.

Staffing Updates



Our Deputy Head Teachers start their revised roles from September.

- **Mrs Binks is Deputy Head Teacher** for infant school (foundations stage, Year 1 and year 2)
- **Mrs Skarratts-Jackson is Deputy Head Teacher** for the junior school (Years 3 to 6).

We hope this change strengthens communication amidst the restructuring that was forced upon us in recent years by huge budget pressures.

We welcome some **new members of staff to St George's this year.**

- **Mrs Emma McKeown** and **Miss Robyn Poole** join our teaching assistant team.
- **Miss Rachel Matthews** joins Dragon Club

Our associate teachers, completing their training with us this year are

1. Miss Nash
2. Mr Duncan
3. Miss Taft
4. Miss Mawdsley

We have also had to **say farewell to some colleagues** at the start of the year.

- **Mrs Amy Roberts** finished school last week to start her maternity leave. We send her and her family all our love.
- Sadly, **Mrs Hannah Rice also left St George's last week.** Mrs Rice is going to start a role as an Educational Support Officer at Weatherhead. Financial pressures mean that we cannot sustain the Family Inclusion Support Officer post. This is a huge blow but losing Mrs Rice as a person on our team is a much bigger challenge. Mrs Rice's work and contributions to our school community (colleagues, children and parents)

over the last decade has been significant. She will be missed by everybody. We wish her good luck in the next stages of her career.

Ensure Your Voice Is Heard



Families should all be aware that the Governing body are looking at the possibility of St George's Primary School joining the [Peninsula Academy Trust \(PMAT\)](#) with Weatherhead High School and Liscard Primary School.

This would be a significant and important step for our school. Your input is vital in shaping our decision-making. **We want to ensure that parent/carers' views inform our decision making.**

To achieve this, we have created a [consultation website page](#) with key documents to explain the reasons why we are considering this change. We have sought to explain the potential benefits and what it may mean for your child's education.

Please complete our [parent/carers' survey](#) to share your understanding and views. You can also share your feedback by e-mailing consultation@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk.

Be an attendance
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Everyday

Ready

On time



St George's Primary School

Working Together to Improve Attendance

Last week, we sent our start-of-year attendance newsletter. This is [published on the attendance information page](#) on our school website.

Improving attendance remains a priority for St George's, government and Wirral Council.

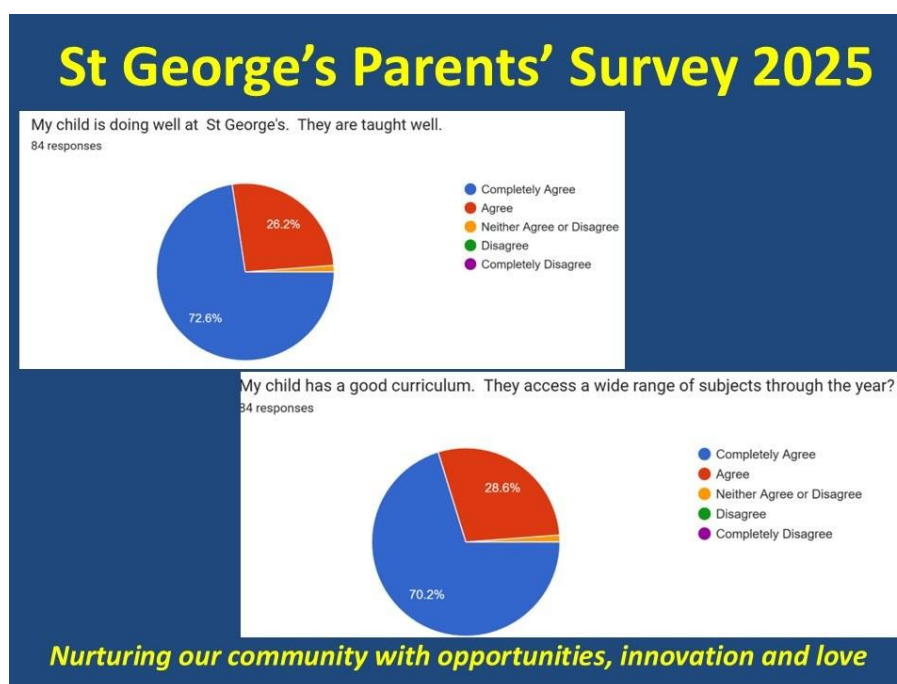
Good attendance is a habit formed early. We know that children in school are:

1. Safer. Children with poor attendance are much more at risk of online safety issues and over time much more at risk of crime.
2. Mentally and physically healthier.
3. Perform much better at school, improving their life chances.

Attendance matters. Our position is very simple, children attend school for 190 days and have 175 when they are not in school. We cannot authorise holiday leave except in the most exceptional of circumstances.

Thank you to all our families who have supported us with our mission to improve school attendance in the last two years but there is still a lot to do.

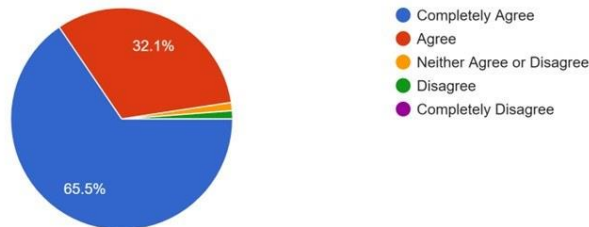
The web page also outlines the council's fixed penalty fine system for unauthorised leave.



St George's Parents' Survey 2025

St George's applies the mission statement to 'Nurture our community with opportunities, innovation and love.'

84 responses

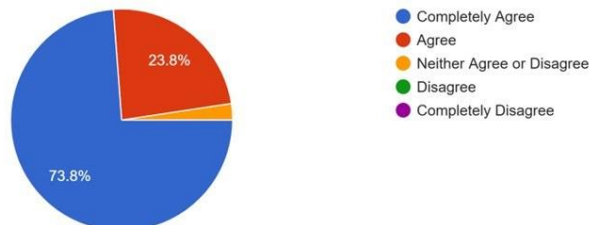


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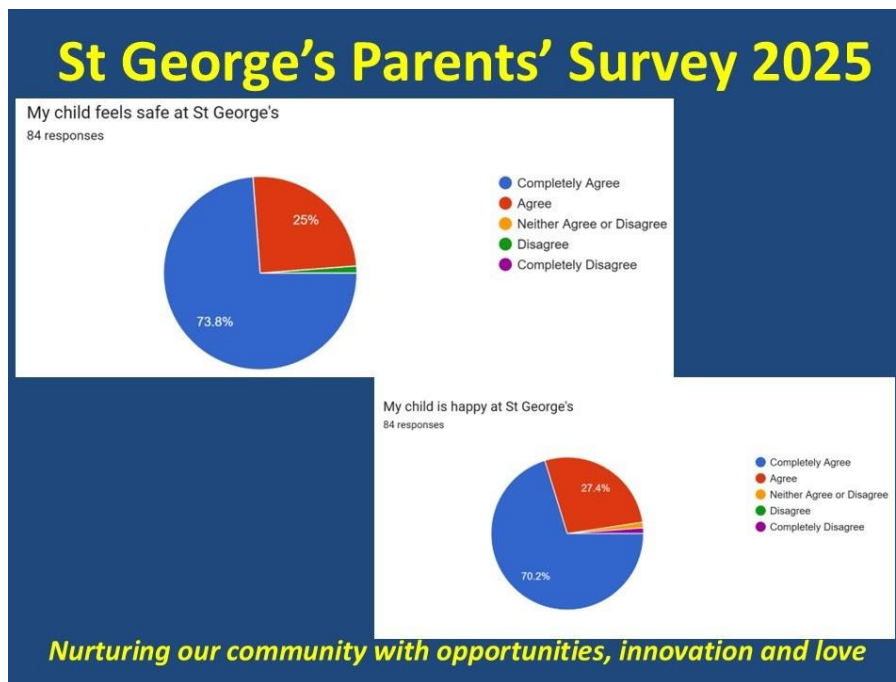
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School is well led and managed

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Parent and carer voice is really valued at St George's. **A huge thank you for your support with our 2025 parent and carer survey.** Full survey results can be read on our [parent voice website page](#).

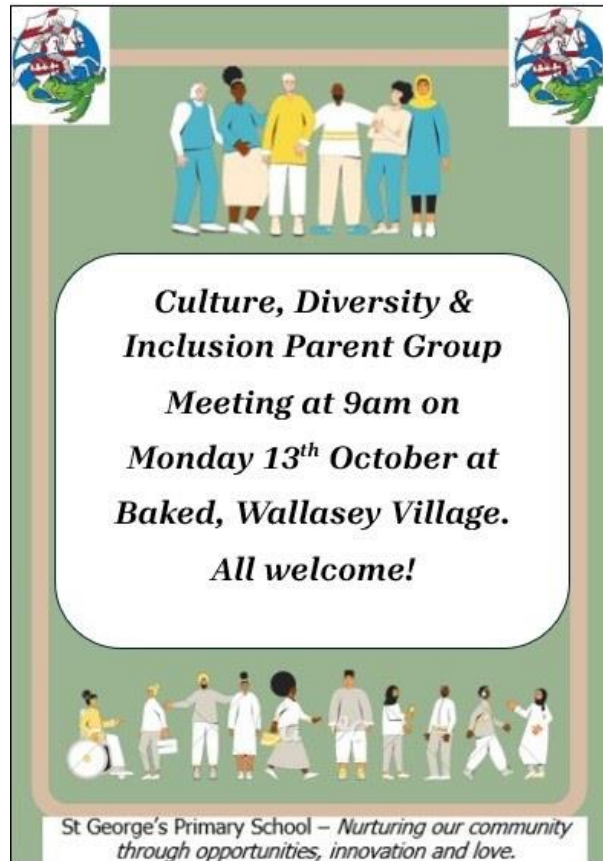
Survey feedback was incredibly positive but has also helped us to plan further improvement. In response to our 2025 survey we will:

1. **Strengthen our support offer to families for children with SEND** with the development of our Inclusion Champions throughout the school and regular multi-agency drop in sessions.
2. **Work closely with families to ensure effective communication and good support for home learning.** This will build on our information evenings, home learning clubs and other initiatives.
3. **Use your feedback to shape our school improvement plans for 2026-2029.** This will be published on the school website.
4. **Strengthen communication from other senior leaders and governors.** Apart from Mr Cassidy you expressed a lack of awareness for other senior leaders, SENDCO and key staff. This will be done at meetings, via website, family events etc.

In our next newsletter we will seek family support with road safety in further detail. At the start of the year can we remind you:

- **Please do not park anywhere near our road closure at lower site.** This is a restricted area. Under no circumstances can cars enter or exit this area between 8.30-9am and 3-3.30pm.

- We love having families walking to school and bringing their dogs, bikes and scooters.
A reminder that dogs must be kept on a lead and not be brought on school premises.
- Please also ask your children to disembark from bikes and scooters in busy areas.



Culture, Diversity and Inclusion Parent Group

Schools are built to serve our children and families. At St George's we believe that working with our families always helps us to be better.

This parent group will meet once a half term at Baked in Wallasey Village.

Miss Birch will be the consistent member of staff from St George's and she will invite a member of SLT to each of the group meetings to support with their key stage knowledge.

Please come along if this is an important topic for you and share your views on what we do well and what we could do even better.

The meetings will be booked in for the following date and times at Baked in the Wallasey Village Library building on St George's Road

- 13.10.25 9:00
- 23.02.26 9:00

- 08.06.26 9:00

<https://forms.gle/cA7kJXtLnsNGk2AJ9>

Updates From the School Office



1. We hope that parents are making good use of our **Compass App**. It is essential that all families are using this service. Details on how to register can be found on our [school website's Compass App page](#).

We use this for

- Essential communication
- Parent permissions
- Parent payments for meals, residential trips and other services.
- Booking clubs
- Release of individual Special Educational Needs (SEN) plans.
- Notifications if your child has a positive or negative behaviour record added.
- Notifications if your child has had first aid or medical care.

We are aware that there were problems with bookings for some clubs last week. We hope this was initial teething problem. Mrs Walters is working with Compass to address this issue and contact any families affected. Please accept our apologies for this but be reassured that this was not the fault of our staff and they are working to ensure solutions.

2. Can we remind all parents that it is **critical that you update us about any changes to your child's school records**. This includes

- *Change of mobile phone numbers for parents, carers or emergency contacts.*
- *Changes in family address.*

- *Updates on your child's health and medication.*
- *Any changes in medically advised allergies or food intolerances.*

3. Finally, a reminder that **families cannot have debts for lunches.** We allow an emergency shortfall but **meals must be paid in advance.** Please ensure that meal and Dragon Club payments are maintained and contact us if you have any difficulties.



It is important that families who are entitled to free school meals apply for this regardless of age or even if your child doesn't have a school lunch. School receives funding through those entitled to free school meals and allows us to provide a range of services for your child including free trips, musical tuition, tutoring and other support.

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please visit our [website page](#) for further information or click on [Wirral Council online free school meals application form](#).



Find out
About
Catering
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St George's
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We are incredibly proud of the quality of our catering. Everything is made by our in house team led by Mrs Price, our Catering Manager. You can visit our [catering website page](#) for more information or contact our catering team with any questions. Please e-mail school office or use the 'contact us' form on the school website

With 5 star ratings in both kitchens and great menus on offer, we are always keen to promote school lunches.

The menu changes every day and runs on a three week rotation. Children have a daily choice of:

- Freshly prepared hot meal (see menu) with salad and vegetables
- Jacket potato options with full salad bar.
- Deli bar with filled sandwiches, wraps and salad

- Hot Deli option for children in years 3 to 6 with salad bar (see menu)
- Vegetarian and vegan options

Served with:

- Low sugar dessert, fresh fruit or yoghurt
- Low sugar juice (150ml maximum daily allowance) or water

Every day we have at least 12 different fruit, salad and vegetable options. We are absolutely focused on ensuring that our school meals are high quality and nutritious. We promote our 'eatwell challenge' and encourage all children to try a portion of at least one fruit, salad and vegetable daily. We have found that this has been very successful and developed positive habits and attitudes towards food choices.

We know that for many children and families choose packed lunches lunchtime. **School must ensure packed lunches to have the same national food standards as school lunches.**

Food standards recommend:

- A starchy food such as any type of bread (white, wholegrain or gluten free rolls, pitta bread or wraps), pasta, rice, couscous etc
- A dairy food or dairy free replacement such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais
- Fruit such as apples, bananas, strawberries, grapes (cut in half to prevent choking)
- Water or sugar free juice for lunch.
- Small treat (biscuit, cake)

We do allow children to have crisps in their lunch boxes, although we would ask parents to choose healthier alternatives where possible. Why not have crisps one day a week?

Children cannot bring in:

- Fizzy drinks
- Sweets
- Nut based products. This includes Nutella or own brand versions of hazelnut spreads as a sandwich filling.

Children can access refillable water stations at school.

Snacks

- Children in early years and years 1 and 2 receive free fruit daily.

- Children in years 3 to 6 are allowed to bring an extra snack into school. This could be a piece of fruit or healthy cereal bar.
- Children at top site can access a low sugar snack or fresh fruit at our twice a week 'snack shack'. Families have had letters on how to order these on Compass.
- All children should have a refillable water bottle. As per school food standards this should not be juice or squash.
- You can visit our [catering website page](#) with more information on packed lunches and snacks by [clicking here](#).

Themed Menu Day

On Thursday 2nd October our fabulous catering team will be putting on a special menu. The lunch will include lasagne (with a vegetarian and vegan option) with garlic bread and mixed vegetables followed by ice cream with sauce and sprinkles!

The lunch is available for any full-time children - unfortunately we cannot offer this to part-time nursery children (mornings or afternoons) due to staffing.

If your child is in Foundation 2, Year 1 or Year 2 you do not need to do anything. If your child is in nursery all day or years 3-6 you can pay for this on Compass as normal.

Special Menu on Thursday 2nd October

**Lasagne
(with a vegetarian/
vegan option)
Garlic bread and mixed
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Followed by ice cream
with sauce and sprinkles!**



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**My
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As part of Family Hubs service expectation, a Parent and Carer Panel is held regularly, it is an informal monthly meeting that Family Hubs consult with parents and carers on things such as;

- What should our Family Hubs services look like
- Where should they be
- What logo do they like
- Mapping SEND services in Wirral
- Input in Best Start for Life website
- Input in upcoming projects

It is also an opportunity for Family Hubs to invite other professionals or services that our parents and carers want more information or support from. Some examples of previous meetings include;

- Public health – providing information on HENRY, immunisations, dental health
- Active Wirral – chair exercise session and consultation for their new service
- EPEC information session
- CAMHS
- Mental health support
- Perinatal team
- Wirral Lifelong learning
- Family Toolbox
- SENDLO

Please see the flyer below for more information

HAVE YOUR SAY... JOIN WIRRAL'S PARENT CARER FORUM!

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person aged 0–19 (or up to 25 with SEND)? We want to hear from you!

We're inviting parents and carers from all walks of life to join our Family Hub Parent Carer Panel and help shape the services that support families across Wirral.

Why get involved?

- Influence how services are designed and delivered
- Share your experience to help shape support that works for local families
- Help identify what's working, what's missing, and what could be better
- Meet other parents and carers like you

What you'll get

- A chance to connect with other families
- A say in projects and plans for Family Hubs
- Refreshments at every session
- A Family Hubs lanyard and membership ID

Ready to join in?

Scan the QR code or email us at familyhubs@wirral.gov.uk



The latest edition of Wired Carers Enews is below. This edition has details of local support, activities, and events across the region and beyond including;

- WIRED's upcoming training sessions including the return of our 'Caring with Confidence' course delivered by Health Junction

- Public Health Wirral's 'Hope for Wirral 2040' which offers the chance for you to have your say about what kind of community you would like to live, play, work/retire in by 2040
- Local news and event snippets from Wirral View and Wirral Globe
- Wirral Mencap's Cancer Screening Consultation
- A survey from Police UK about their social media presence
- Links to Mental Health support available across the Wirral
- Plus much more!

<https://wired.me.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/WIRED-Carers-E-News-Issue-17-@-11-September-2025-1.pdf>

ARE YOU A PARENT OR CARER? LOOKING TO SUPPORT OTHER PARENTS AND FAMILIES?

Join EPEC (Empowering Parents Empowering Communities) as a Parent Group Leader and help families thrive while gaining new skills, building meaningful connections and boosting your own confidence along the way.

As a parent group leader, you will:

- Receive free training and guidance from your local EPEC team
- Make a real difference in your local community with a group of like-minded parents
- Learn new skills and increase your confidence
- Lead a parenting course to support local parents and families
- Receive continued support from the specialist EPEC team

The course will run for 10 weeks 1 day per week.

For more information and to express your interest -

Email: familyhubs@wirral.gov.uk

Call: 0151 666 3559

Visit: wirral.gov.uk/EPEC



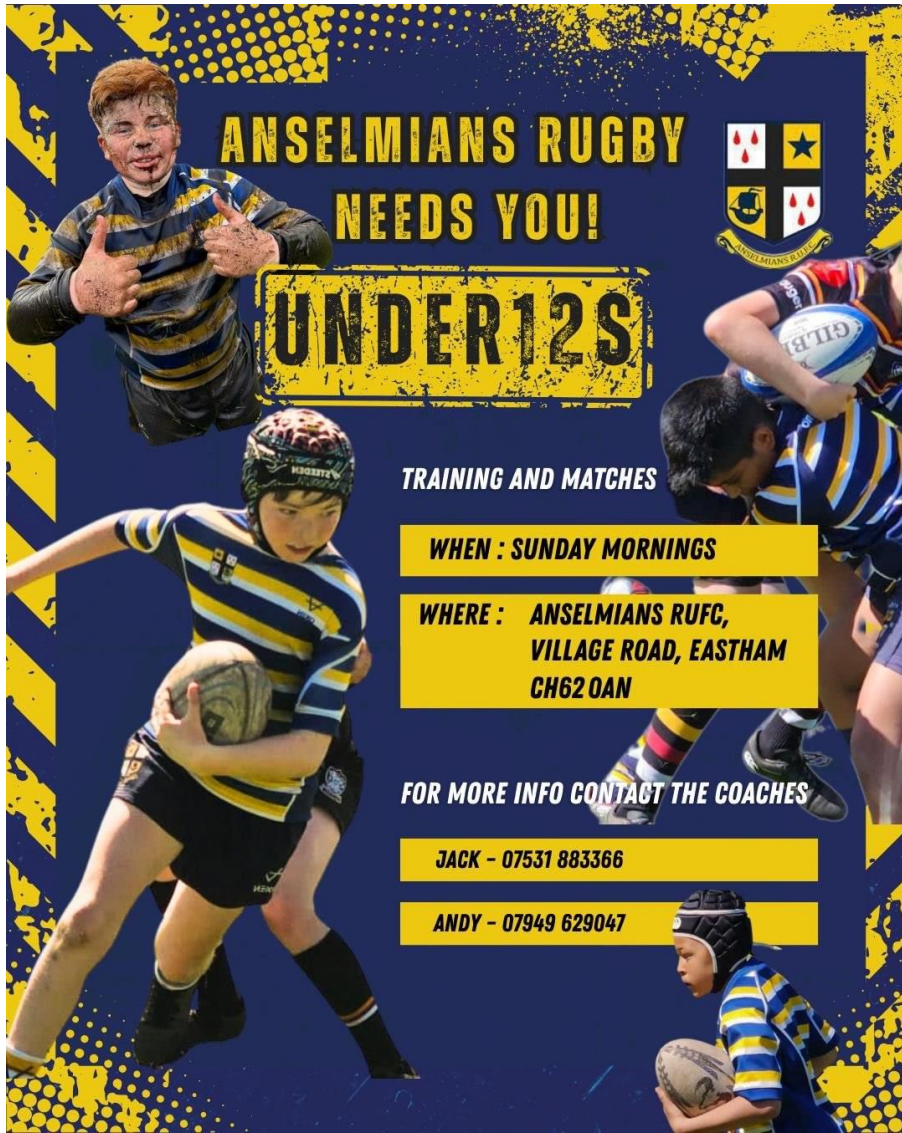


If you are impressed by a member of our staff team, please let Mr Cassidy and the senior staff know. You can leave a message at school office or email us at schooloffice@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk.



Tickets for the Autumn term sessions at Wirral Code Club (Wallasey Central Library) are now available

They run free coding workshops for children aged 8 to 13, covering Scratch, Micro:bit, Python, HTML + CSS and more. Check out the website for more details here: www.wirralcodeclub.org



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A WEEKEND FULL OF ACTIVITY AND EXCITEMENT...

- Ladies Lunch (please see website for details)
- Live Women's RWC game
- Men's Rugby from 2pm
- Girls Rugby Training 9am-10.30am



GIRLS ONLY RUGBY

Women/Girls Weekend 6th & 7th Sept
Girls Activity Day Sunday 7th September
9am-10:30am From Crafting to Kicking
Ages 6-12 All abilities welcome



The women's Rugby World Cup is upon us and Anselmians are running a Girls Activity Day to get behind the Red Roses during the tournament to introduce girls aged 6-12 years old to rugby by using fun and creative activities.

Contact Rhiannon for any information
On 0725347105