

St George's Primary School Newsletter 2025-26 - Issue 5

Issue Five -10th December 2025

Family Newsletter



Nurturing our community through opportunities, innovation and love.

A Wonderful End to 2025 @ St George's

This is our last newsletter for 2025. **Staff and governors at St George's wish all our families a happy and peaceful Christmas holiday.**

Although we still have many events ahead, our Christmas celebrations have already been magical.

Our children and staff have lived our mission statement in December to 'nurture the St George's community with opportunities, innovation and love'. We have loved being at the heart of our local community and celebrating with our families.

By the end of next week we will have held 43 Christmas events. The St George's 2025 Christmas in numbers will be:

- **17 concerts and performances**
- **10 events to celebrate Christmas in our local church communities** including performances, Christingle events and Advent celebrations.

- **2 performances by our choirs** at the Liverpool Community Festival and at a [local nursing home](#).
- **10 Christmas fun events** including; elf visits in early years, craft afternoons, PTA Christmas discos, family showcases and our community Santa Dash. Next week we have 35 class Christmas parties and a whole school movie afternoon with drinks and snacks.
- **Over 650 children will have visited our magical Christmas Grotto for story-time with Santa.**
- We will have served over **700 Christmas lunches.**
- **900 children and 30 families taken part in our various Santa Dash events.**

A huge thank you to all our families for making the time to participate in our events. We love engaging with our families at Christmas. It makes all the difference.

We couldn't achieve our Christmas plans without the support of St Hilary's Church, Wallasey United Reformed Church and Clarendon Church. All the parishes have supported us with performances, rehearsals, Christingle celebrations and 'Experience Christmas' events. We thank all the staff and parishioners at our churches and wish them a very joyous Christmas

Special thanks to our amazing PTA for their discos and community support. PTA events raise much needed funds for our school but also connect us as a school community.

Finally, I must thank the amazing staff team at St George's. The school has been a joyous place for children to celebrate and learn this month. Every team contributes.

- **Curriculum staff and Dragon Club have planned events and great Christmas activities** providing your children with the skills and confidence to take part.
- **Site team have turned our school into a joyful Christmas environment** with trees, lights and our new Christmas grotto.
- **Catering staff and lunchtime supervisors organised amazing Christmas lunches** for over 700 staff and children
- **Our administration team, who seamlessly spread Christmas Spirit** and positively make everything work.

We have shared a few pictures of our celebrations below.

There will be more over the last week, all shared on See-Saw or the [news section of the school website](#)



Christmas 2025 - Final Reminders



Creating a Magical 2025 Christmas for the Community of St George's

End of Term Reminders:

We shared our Christmas dates in newsletters 3 and 4. Final reminders and updates are below.

Thursday 11th December:

- Grotto Visits start at lower site

- **Year 4** Festive Family event in classes 2.30-3
- **Year 6 Violin Concerts**

6B: 09:00 - 09:30

6C: 10:00 - 10:30

6D: 11:00- 11:30

6E: 13:30 - 14:00

6A: 14:30 - 15:00

- **PTA Christmas Discos Night 2.**

Year 3 - 4.50-5.30

Year 4 - 5.45-6.45

Year 6 - 7-8

Friday 12th December:

- **Year 1** Christmas Performance at Claremount Church 9.30 - 10.30
- **Year 2** Christmas Performance at Claremount Church 13.30 - 14.30
- **PTA Christmas Raffle Draw**

Monday 15th December

- **Whole School Santa Dash** - 15 minutes per class (pack your trainers and Santa hats etc)., We are also collecting donations for [Wirral WUTH Charity](#) supporting Wirral hospitals. **See below for more details**

Wednesday 17th December:

- **Claire House wear a Christmas Hat or Jumper** donation day (asking for any cash donations to be brought to school)
- **Year 3** Christmas performance at St Hilary's

9:45 – 10:15 – 3A and 3B

11:15 – 11:45 – 3C and 3D

- **Upper Site Christmas Lunch.** Children can wear Christmas jumpers on this day,
- **Christmas Cinema afternoon in Years F1 to 6 provided by school** with snack and drinks .

Thursday 18th December:

- **Lower Site Christmas Lunch.** Children can wear Christmas jumpers on this day,
- **Year 5 Carol Concert** at Claremount Church 2-3pm

Friday 19th December:

- Elves visiting **EYFS (funded by PTA)**
- **Whole school Christmas Party Day** (children can wear party outfits or Christmas jumpers. We will provide food and drinks).

The PTA have also funded **pantomime performances on 6th and 7th January 2026.**



**CHRISTMAS
MOVIE
AFTERNOON**

@ St George's

Christmas Film Afternoon

- Afternoon of Wednesday 17th December 2025
- Drink and small snack will be delivered to each class.

St George's Christmas Party Day



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Don't forget:

- Party clothes or Christmas jumper
- We will provide all children with party food (drinks, crisps and small treat. Water and fruit also available)

19th December 2025



School Santa Dash

On Monday 15th December, we are inviting all children to join in our festive fun by wearing red clothing, a Christmas jumper, or fun accessories such as a Santa hat or elf ears, along with their trainers.

Throughout the day, each class will take part in a small Santa Dash, bringing lots of festive cheer and excitement to our school.

There is no requirement for sponsorship, however we would welcome voluntary donations towards the Wirral University Teaching Hospitals Charity Appeal.

We would also like to thank families who have already supported and donated at our Family Santa Dash that we held this weekend. You can read more about this on our website:

stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk/News/Family-Santa-Dash/#pid=1

Christmas 2025 is About Celebrating Together @ St George's. Not Gifts!



For the last seven years, all the staff at St George's have shared the same message with our families; Christmas is about the time that we spend together. That is our gift to each other.

It is about celebrating together and making our school feel special.

We love facing towards our families at Christmas but also don't want to contribute towards the pressures with families thinking that they should buy gifts for school staff. Please don't.

With many families facing challenging times we want to be clear that the best Christmas present for us is being able to celebrate as a community.

One of the poems written by our staff about this is published below



*'Twas the week before Christmas when all through the streets
the parents of St George's rushed out to buy treats.
Gifts from the children to give thanks and appreciation
to the staff at St George's who have shown great dedication.*

*But this has been another most extraordinary year, you'll agree,
and for that reason, please leave gifts at your tree.
We know you are grateful for the care that has been shown
for the safe caring environment St George's is known.*

*A place full of learning, a place full of laughter
a place where you are sure that your child is looked after.
Our gifts are the smiles and the good mornings each day
the looks on their faces, when they have freedom to play.*

*To know we have helped, to know we are there,
to know we are back together is all that we care.
So, if you would like to say thanks to staff this year,
we would be grateful if you just hold your loved ones dear.*

***Merry Christmas to all**
From the staff at St George's*

Our new Outdoor Classroom and Remembering Mrs Pugh



OPENING NICKY'S PLACE



After 7 months of hard work, we were privileged to open Nicky's Place as our new outdoor classroom at lower site this month. Our new outdoor classroom and garden area has been built to commemorate Mrs Pugh, our much loved teaching assistant.

We held a very moving opening ceremony that was attended by Mrs Pugh's family, current colleagues, ex-colleagues, our year 5-6 choir, governors and community members.

It was an opportunity for some healing and an opportunity to remember, celebrate and mourn Mrs Pugh (Nicky),

Mrs Pugh's husband (Alan) spoke movingly and appreciatively regarding how important this was to their family and how much Mrs Pugh loved being part of the St George's community.

We wanted to convey our thanks to the children in the choir who sang and performed so beautifully. The children set the tone for the event. It was a very poignant performance because so many of the group had been part of Mrs Pugh's lower-site choir. Children sang two songs and performed 3 pieces with violins and guitars. It was beautifully accompanied by Amelia's BSL performance.

We are really proud to commemorate Mrs Pugh in this way. Nicky's place has the tag line - a place to grow. It will be a really special place in our community.

Finally, a special thanks to our PTA, whose amazing £30,000 donation helped create this amazing space.



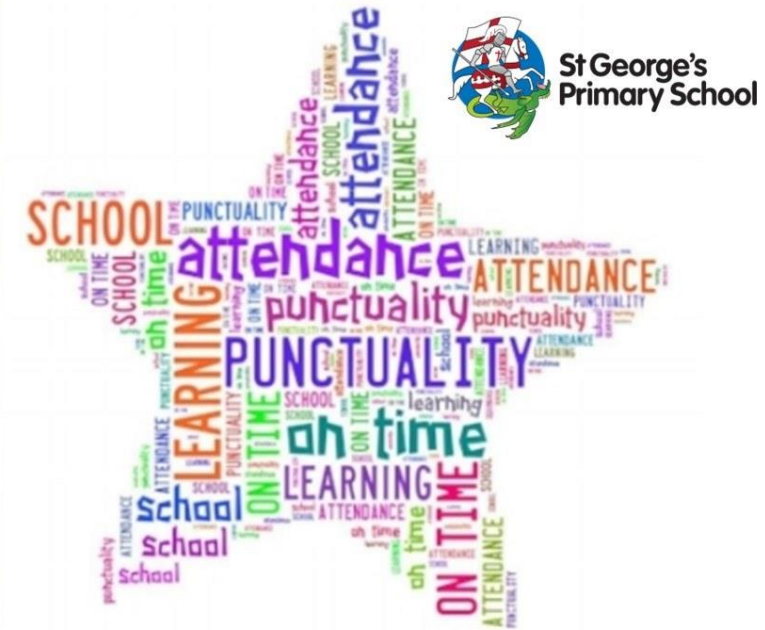
THANK YOU!

Thank you to our amazing PTA for funding our new outdoor classroom space (Nicky's Place).

We use it every day for play-time and lessons.

Amazing St George's Pupils in Numbers

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As we approach the end of term, we wanted to share with you some statistics about your amazing children in the first fourteen weeks of this term. Often in newsletters we highlight the extraordinary and special events but we also find reasons to celebrate your children every day.

Behaviour and Conduct

Everybody who visits St George's comments on the amazing friendliness, politeness and conduct of your children. In numbers we have recorded this term:

- **Over 4500 positive behaviour awards** (Blue and Gold Zone)
- **Sent home over 500 RESPECT Awards**

- **Only recorded 150 negative zones.** (Orange and Red zones). That is over 30 positive awards for every negative zone. Whilst we wish that number was 0, most negative zones are about poor choices rather than deliberate poor behaviour. We have over 900 children at St George's and average less than two per day. When they do happen, we intervene quickly to ensure that everybody understands how to make better choices and keep our school a safe, happy, respectful place to learn. There have been 2 bullying concerns raised that have been swiftly addressed by staff.

Attendance:

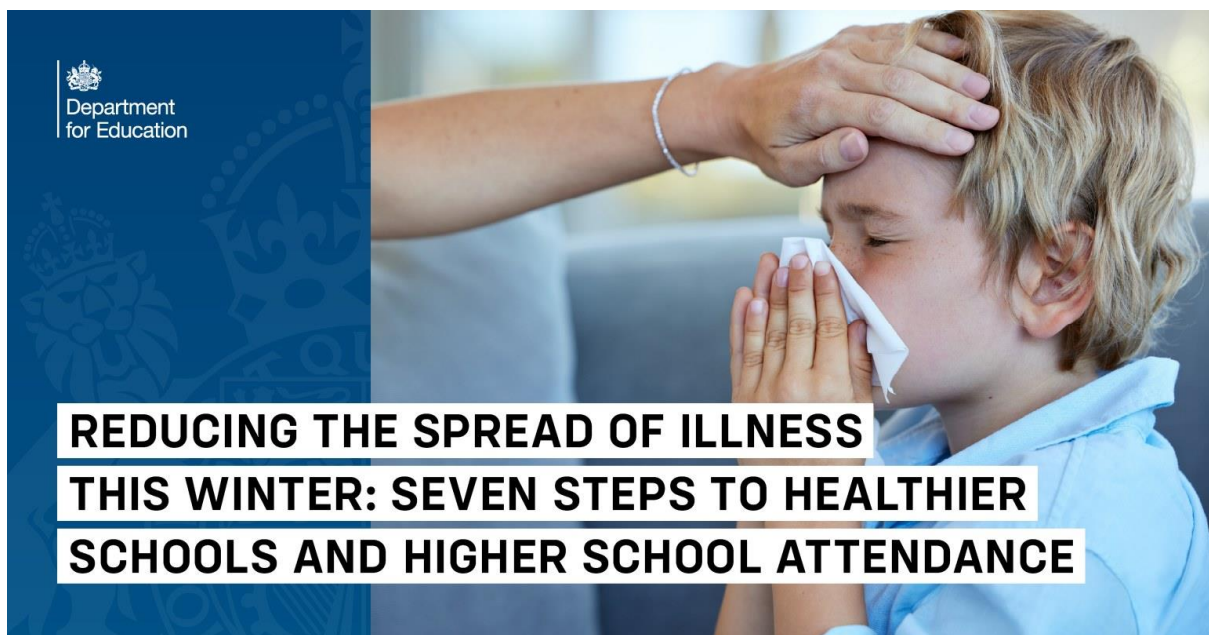
1. **Whole school attendance remains good at 95.7%.** We are nearly achieving our good attendance target of 96%.
2. **30 out of 31 classes have won Mrs Kell's weekly attendance awards.** 2 classes have already secured their attendance prizes. Well done 4A and 2B.
3. **238 children have 100% attendance** this year (1 in 4 children). 442 children (nearly 1 in 2) have 100% attendance with allowances for medical appointments (nearly 1 in 2 children).
4. **540 children have achieved the good attendance target of 96%+** this year.



We were so privileged to have two families leading our first **Culture Club events on Namibia and South Africa this month**. A huge thank you from all of us at St George's for bringing so much positivity and enrichment to our community. There are another 6 planned for next term.

Over 30 families attended the events, sharing food, music, sports, arts, geography, traditional dress and so much more!

Updates From the School Office



Staying Healthy This Winter

- It is ok for staff and children to be in school with minor illnesses but we encourage some **safe practice to minimise infections spreading**.
- Encourage regular **handwashing** – a simple but powerful defence
- Reinforce the **Catch it, Bin it, Kill it** message for good respiratory hygiene
- We will maintain **good ventilation** and fresh air circulation.
- **Warm clothing is a must in winter** for outdoor play.
- We will keep on top of **cleaning routines** to reduce transmission
- We will provide **regular reminders** to pupils and staff about hygiene and illness prevention
- We accept it is a personal choice but **proactively encourage flu vaccination**.

Together, these straightforward measures can help protect our school community this winter and minimise disruption to teaching and learning.

For further guidance, see our updated website page on [promoting good health and managing illness](#).

Our [medical care and administering medication policies website page](#), states **what you should expect from us if your child needs prescribed medication** or care in school. To be clear:

- We are here to support the administration of prescribed medication.
- We will ask you if the medication requires a dosage in the school day? If not, we recommend it is taken at home.
- If it is required in the school day, we are happy to help.



The poster features logos for '0-19 With you all the way', 'Accredited by UNICEF', and 'NHS Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust'. The title 'School Nurse Drop-in Clinic' is prominently displayed. A list of services is provided, alongside a photo of five school children. Contact information for the Health Visiting Hub is at the bottom.

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With you all the way

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NHS
Wirral Community
Health and Care
NHS Foundation Trust

School Nurse Drop-in Clinic

We offer confidential support and advice for your child around:

- bullying and keeping safe
- emotional and mental wellbeing
- healthy eating and exercise
- neurodiversity
- relationships, advice and support
- sexual health and wellbeing
- smoking, alcohol and drug advice
- vaccinations

Every Thursday, 4.00pm – 6.00pm
(including school holidays)

Health Visiting Hub
1st floor, St Catherine's Health Centre,
Derby Road, Birkenhead CH42 0LQ

[wchc.nhs.uk](#) | [@MyHealthWirral](#) | [@wchc_nhs](#)

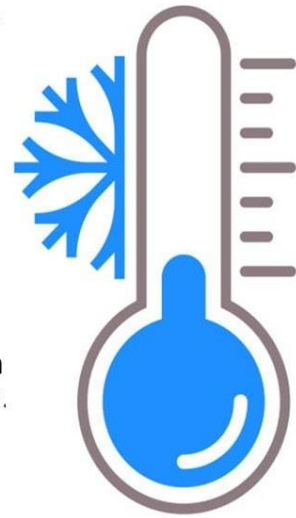
Staying Safe in Snow and Ice

(Adverse Weather)



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- **Check for communication** from school using Compass App, e-mails and school website.
- **Ensure everybody is warm** and wrapped up before you go out. Warm coats, gloves, hats, scarves all help.
- **Wear waterproof shoes.** We are happy for children to wear wellies or boots. They can even put a change of footwear (and socks if required) in their bag.
- **Be visible.** Make yourself visible in dark mornings and nights with hi viz clothing or accessories.
- **Leave early and travel safely.** Don't worry if you are late in snow and ice. Safety is more important than being on time.
- If you are using your car, travel on gritted routes and **keep cars away from school buildings.**



The winter months mean that we all have to be more vigilant and consider safety when we travel to school. When there is a risk of severe adverse weather, including snow and ice we will try to inform you in advance.

We hope the advice above helps you travel safely.

January 2026						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Monday 5th Jan 2026

See you in January 2026!

A reminder that the school term starts on Monday 5th January.

Dragon Club is closed over the Christmas holiday (our only shutdown period in the year).



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Update from Your Governing Body.

We work to:

1. Be a champion for St George's children, staff and community.
2. Help shape our school's strategic priorities.
3. Ensure our community voice is heard in decision making.
4. Ensure that our school has probity and makes best use of our resources.
5. Ensure that we are compliant with government requirements.

Find out more at:

<https://www.stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk/page/governors/38008>

School Governors



Our Governing Body have had a really busy term.

Firstly can we thank all our families for your engagement with the Peninsula Multi Academy Trust update. Whilst we didn't join the trust, it was important that governors heard the voice of our community so the right decision was made.

We completed our Autumn term series of Governing Body meetings last week.

1. Governors wanted to convey their thanks and appreciation for the hard work evident in meetings, papers and presentations shared during governing body visits.
2. **All our statutory reports are published on the [school website](#).** This includes:
 - Annual Head Teacher's Report
 - School Data and Performance
 - Use of P.E and Sports Funding Report
 - Pupil Premium Report
 - School Development Plan Update
3. We would also signpost parents to the constructive and positive [2025 parents' survey](#) and the school's response to your feedback.
4. Finally, we wanted to thank Rev Josh Carlson, the new vicar at St Hilary's Church for joining us as a community governor and making such a positive impact already.



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 the school office or email us at schooloffice@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk

The winner for November was **Mrs Horton In Foundation 2**. Mrs Horton was nominated by parents and staff for her care, compassion and support to our children and families. They are the values that we love to celebrate at St George's.



- We held a [fantastic Santa Dash](#) for families on Saturday
- We celebrated [Festive Hair Day](#) at the end of November
- Some of our upper site children learnt about [Team Building at Activity for All](#)
- [Year 5 explored](#) upper site as part of their new English text
- Children from the [year 3-4 choir](#) visited Marine Lodge Nursing Home
- Year 3 had a special visitor to help them learn about [first aid](#)
- Culture Club took fantastic trips to [South Africa](#) and then [Namibia](#)



Come and join us at

Messy Church

Everyone is Welcome

Craft, (55 minutes)
Children's Liturgy (15 minutes)
Refreshments (20 Minutes)



St. Alban's Parish Hall, Liscard

3.00pm—4.30pm

Sunday 14th December 2025

*** PLEASE REMEMBER YOU MUST COME WITH AN ADULT ***



***December ***

St Mary's Liscard

Sun 7th Messy Nativity 3.30pm

10th Carols and Nativity 5pm

**18th Carols with Liscard Primary
3.45pm**

**18th O Holy Night 7.00pm
Reflective and Peaceful**

21st Carols in the Morning 10.30am

24th Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Christmas Day 10.30am