



St. George's CEP Newsletter

Friday 4 September 2026

'Bringing faith and education together'

'Letting our light shine' (Matthew 5:16)

Our value this term is RESPECT

Welcome Back! The first day of Autumn, the first day of September and the first day of the new school year! Great welcoming you and the children back into school this week. Classrooms in Oak and Beech have had new lighting installed over the summer and teachers were busy setting up their rooms with new layouts and areas to explore and learn in.

Thank you to those who came and met the teacher on Wednesday. It was good for everyone to meet each other and get to know each other. Mrs Pollington & Ms Upson have settled quickly into Year 1 life along with the class this week, Miss O'Hara has enjoyed supporting Mrs Smith in Year 4 and Miss Horlock & Mrs Sands have had a brilliant week with their classes – like they've been here forever!

It was good to see so many of you coming and supporting the school by attending Meet The Teacher – and so welcoming to our newest staff members!

Life in school has started back into a routine with Forest School beginning for Year 3, next week we see the return of i-Rock, Mr Jaggard teaching Music across the school and Adrian from Chance to Shine supporting cricket sessions in Hazel and Sycamore Class. Keep an eye on dojo for upcoming dates!

In other news, congratulations to Mrs Smith who shared exciting news with us that her and her husband are expecting a new addition to their family at the start of 2027! I'm sure there will be many fun times guessing if it is going to be a boy or a girl, suggested names....!

Shine A Light On What's Coming This Term!

Mon 7 Sept – new Oak Class start school!

Tues 8 Sept – i-Rock is back

Thurs 10 Sept – Kent Test Day / Gymnastics Club starts

Mon 14 Sept – Oak Class Welcome Bible Service Mon 14

& Tues 15 Sept – Year 6 Consultations

Mon 21 Sept – 2pm PTA AGM in school hall

Fri 25 to Mon 28 Sept – PGL Weekend

Mon 5 Oct – Harvest Performances

Thurs 8 Oct – Harry Potter Day!

Fri 9 Oct – 530pm to 715pm Wrotham Festival of Light a FREE event for all the family

HALF TERM: Mon 19 Oct to Fri 30 Oct

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This part of our newsletter highlights people connected to our school who fulfill our school vision, this week that honour goes to...

Mrs Smith!



Exciting news for Mrs Smith and her husband as they shared their lovely news with us in school – congratulations!

Respect Courage Kindness Forgiveness Hope Honesty

You can find out about what's going on at St George's in a variety of ways:

Visit the school website: www.st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk/

Follow us on twitter: @StGeorgesKent and Instagram: stgeorgesceprimary_wrotham

Keep up to date with newsletters on our website and keep an eye on the class pages

Attendance is important and our aim is to achieve **above** 96%.

Whole school attendance this **week** so far is **90.0%**

Attendance this week:

Beech (Year 1): 89.3%

Maple (Year 2): 93.5%

Cedar (Year 3): 90.4%

Willow (Year 4): 85.3%

Hazel (Year 5): 90.4%

Sycamore (Year 6): 91.3%

**Congratulations to:
MAPLE CLASS**

You are the highest attenders this week!

For unexpected absence eg illness for example, please call and speak to the school office before 9.30am so absence can be recorded accurately.

If they have an appointment during the school day you **MUST** provide evidence of an appointment.

Any other absence must be requested using our absence request form. This can be found through this link:

<https://forms.gle/3dVUrxXZt9v5REKR9>



Dojo Points

This week's dojos will be collated and added to next week's total to share with our new House Captains!

TT Rockstars This Week!



Mrs Sands is our new Maths Lead – she will set the first challenge next week!

IMPORTANT TO READ:

Term Time Holidays

We understand that family holidays are important, but UK law places restrictions on taking children out of school during term time.

Why attendance matters

Parents have a legal responsibility to make sure their child attends school regularly. This applies from the term after a child's fifth birthday until the last Friday in June of the school year in which they turn 16.

Children should only be absent from school when there is a valid reason. Headteachers can only authorise leave in **exceptional circumstances**, such as:

- Serious illness.
- Bereavement.
- A parent returning from active military service.

Family holidays and leisure trips are **not** normally considered exceptional circumstances.

What happens if my child misses school for a holiday?

If your child is absent from school without permission, you may receive a penalty notice.

Penalty notices

- **First penalty notice (within a three-year period):**
 - £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.
 - Increases to £160 if paid within 28 days.
- **Second penalty notice (within three years):**
 - £160 per parent, per child.
 - No reduced early payment is available.
- **Further unauthorised absences:**
 - A third offence within three years may result in court action instead of another fine.
 - The court can impose fines of up to £2,500, a community order, or, in the most serious cases, a prison sentence of up to three months.

Each parent can receive a maximum of **two penalty notices per child within a three-year period**. Any further offences may be dealt with through the courts.

When is a fine issued?

School attendance is recorded in **sessions**, with each morning and afternoon counting as one session.

A penalty notice may be issued when a child has **10 unauthorised sessions** (equivalent to **five school days**) within a rolling **10-week period**.

Can I appeal?

There is **no statutory right of appeal** against a penalty notice. If a fine is not paid, the local authority may begin court proceedings. Money collected through penalty notices helps cover the cost of administering the attendance process and supporting school attendance initiatives.

If you are unsure whether your circumstances may be considered exceptional, please contact the school before making any travel arrangements. We are always happy to discuss your situation and offer advice. <https://forms.gle/tuESq8KbYnFDS8Ms6>



Our Spirituality Moments this week
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