



St. George's CEP Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

'Bringing faith and education together'

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

Our value this term is RESPECT

Treat others as you want to be treated.

[Luke 6:31]

What a wonderfully busy and exciting week we have had in school! We have enjoyed some wonderful Harvest performances, with our youngest children in Reception through to our eldest pupils in Year 6 taking part. It has been lovely to see the children singing, reading, performing and sharing their talents with such confidence, and we were delighted that so many parents, carers and members of our school community were able to join us and celebrate with the children.

We have also had a magical Harry Potter Day, with an amazing array of fantastic costumes bringing a little Hogwarts magic into school! The children looked wonderful and enjoyed a range of entertaining and creative activities throughout the day. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and imagination as they threw themselves into the different experiences.

The week has also been filled with plenty of sticky fingers and creative fun as children across the school have been busy making their Harvest-inspired lanterns in preparation for the Wrotham Festival of Light tonight. The children have put so much care and creativity into their lanterns, and we are sure they will look fantastic lighting up the village during the parade.

Today, our school has also had a wonderful splash of yellow as we supported Hello Yellow, helping to raise awareness of the importance of looking after our mental health and reminding everyone that it is okay to talk about how we are feeling. It has been lovely to see the children and staff embracing the day and helping to spread such an important message of kindness, connection and support.

Tonight promises to be another wonderful community occasion, with entertainment, lanterns, a parade and, of course, a spectacular fireworks display. The Wrotham Festival of Light is always a special event that brings our community together, and we are delighted to be part of it. We look forward to seeing many of you there and watching our children's beautiful lanterns light up the village!

Shine A Light On What's Coming This Term!

Fri 9 Oct –

530pm to 715pm Festival of Light

a FREE event for all the family

Mon 12 Oct – Cake at Break sale (see PTA events!)

Fri 16 Oct – last forest school session for Year 3

(Year 4 next term!)

Last day of term

HALF TERM: Mon 19 Oct to Fri 30 Oct

Wed 4 Nov – PTA Event Monster Ball Disco

Fri 6 Nov – Year 4 start forest school sessions

Mon 9 Nov – Year 5 Bible Presentations

Year 1 to Year 5 Parent Consultations

Monday 16th November and Wednesday 18th November

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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...

Harry Potter day and our brilliant witches and wizards!



Respect Courage Kindness Forgiveness Hope Honesty

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

Whole school attendance this **week** is
96.1%

A drop since last week – let's keep trying!

Attendance this week:

Oak (Year R): 97.1%

Beech (Year 1): 95.0%

Maple (Year 2): 97.8%

Cedar (Year 3): 95.6%

Willow (Year 4): 97.2%

Hazel (Year 5): 94.8%

Sycamore (Year 6): 95.7%

**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>

Speaking with Teachers and Home-School Communication

We always want to work closely with parents and carers, and our teachers are very happy to listen to your concerns, answer questions and discuss anything that may be worrying you. In most instances, concerns can be dealt with effectively and promptly through your child's class teacher, who knows your child and their day-to-day experiences in school best.

However, during the school day, our teachers' priority must be teaching and supporting the children in their care. We therefore ask that parents do not try to have lengthy conversations with teachers at the classroom door in the mornings and check to see if it appropriate after school due to other commitments they may have after school. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please arrange an appointment through the school office, or speak to the teacher at a time when they are available. This allows us to give your concerns the time and attention they deserve, while ensuring that learning time is protected for all our children. Our Inclusion Lead, Mrs Cunningham, and Headteacher, Mrs Rye, are also available to meet with parents and carers by appointment where this is appropriate. We encourage parents to follow the school's communication pathway and, wherever possible, begin by discussing concerns with the class teacher. This helps ensure that matters can be addressed at the most appropriate level and resolved as quickly as possible.

We would also like to remind families that staff may need a little time to investigate and respond fully to queries. A reasonable timescale for school communication is 48 hours for an acknowledgement of your message and up to 72 hours for a full response, depending on the nature and complexity of the issue. We appreciate your patience and understanding while staff ensure that responses are accurate and considered. Further details about our approach to home-school communication, including the school's communication expectations and procedures, can be found on our school website.



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Congratulations to this week's children who were chosen for the Headteacher Award! Each child is chosen for individual reasons but all linked to our school values – respect, honesty, kindness, courage, forgiveness and hope.



DOJO POINTS!

Lots of dojos being collected this week:

ST ANDREW's: 185

ST DAVID's: 170

ST GEORGE's: 138

ST PATRICK's: 140

*****Well done to St Andrew's!!*****

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

Our Spirituality Moments this week
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