



St. George's CEP Newsletter

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'Bringing faith and education together'

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

Our value this term is HONESTY

**Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.
(1 John 3:18)**

We have finished the final week of term 5 and now there is only one term to go! The final term is always exciting with productions, sports days, reports to celebrate but it also means in school there are some changes for us too as we also start to think about the year ahead.

After 19 years of working with Miss Anderson she's decided it's time to take a break from teaching and spend some quality family time with her young family. I have been lucky enough to work alongside Miss Anderson in her time at St Georges'. She has always had a passion for Early Years teaching and is a wonderful to have seen her blossom into the Early Years lead, bringing new ideas and approaches into the first steps of learning at St George's and develop projects such as the outside area in Oak Class. She has taken wider opportunities to support the school by being a moderator, member of SACRE and supported the Diocese with writing schemes of work for RE in Early Years. I've also seen her become a brilliant Mum to three very lucky young boys who will relish in spending more time with her. I personally want to thank Miss Anderson for all the time, dedication and love she has shown to our school and wish her and her family all the very best!

ROCK ON!

Thank you to Mrs Demirelli and the PTA for organising events for National Maths Week! The children always love a dress up so mixing in with our TT Rockstars is always fun!



COMING NEXT TERM –

WRAPAROUND CARE 730AM TO 6PM!

I can now confirm from **Monday 2nd June** our school will be open from **7.30am to 6pm** providing full wraparound support for our families. Our school will continue to run Breakfast Club from 7.30am & is pre-booked via reception@st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk

Our wraparound afterschool provision will be provided by **Progressive Sports** with a competitive flat rate of **£14** from **3.15pm up to 6pm**. You can book via the link: <https://enrolmy.com/progressive-sports-se-london-and-kent/book-now/29-St-Georges--Summer-Term--After-School-Club--> or using the QR code found on whole school story information where you can find more information.



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 **year** so far is **95.1%**

Attendance for term 5:

Oak (Year R): 91.2%

Beech (Year 1): 96.3%

Maple (Year 2): 97.0%

Cedar (Year 3): 95.7%

Willow (Year 4): 94.7%

Hazel (Year 5): 94.0%

Sycamore (Year 6): 94.8%

Congratulations to:

MAPLE CLASS

**You are the highest attenders
this term!**

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

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

Any request should be submitted as soon as it is anticipated and, where possible, **at least two weeks** before the absence, with details of the request and full reasons. The headteacher may require evidence to support any request for leave of absence and/or request a meeting to discuss further detail.

Times Tables Rockstars this week:



This week TT Rockstars was a Class battle...

The winner is

HAZEL CLASS

Dojo Points Winning House for this term:

St. Andrew's

'Letting Your Light Shine' (Matthew 5:16)

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

Year 3 & 4 Athletics Representatives



A great afternoon of running and field events where the children represented our school brilliantly and 'Let their light shine!'

Good Luck Miss Huggett!

Sadly, Miss Huggett (Cedar Class Year 3 teacher) is undergoing a knee operation that puts her out of action in term 6. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her return in September!

Term 6 Key Diary Dates

Mon 2 June: FIRST DAY OF TERM 6 – Clubs start again

Tues 3 June: Year 5 Kent Test Info Evening

Mon 9 June: Year 2 Family Service (Church) & KS1 Phonics Week

Tues 10 June: PTA Father's Day stall

Wed 11 June: Year 4 Class Assembly (School)

Thurs 12 June: Year 2 Sleepover in school

Sun 15 June: KS2 Residential begins

Mon 30 June: Maple Class Assembly (School)

Mon 7 July: Year 3 Family Service (Church)

Wed 2 July: Whole Day Sports Day

Tues 8 July: Triathlon at Hever Castle (full)

Fri 18 July: LAST DAY OF TERM

Our week in pictures...



There are 190 days in a school year, which leaves 175 days to spend on whatever you choose.



Officers from Kent County Council's Kent PRU & Attendance Service (KPAS) work closely with families, schools, and other services to promote the regular attendance of children at school.

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-attendance

POSITIVE ATTENDANCE FOR ALL

School Attendance: A Guide for Parents & Carers



YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

You have a legal duty to ensure your child receives a regular education at school or otherwise, which will help give them the best possible chance of success in life.

If your child is of compulsory school age and registered at a school, but absent without good reason, the school may choose to unauthorise any of those days. This could result in the council taking action against you for each child absent, including:

- ⇒ A fine (known as a penalty notice)*
- ⇒ Attendance Prosecution through the Magistrates Courts which could lead to a fine of up to £1,000 or a parenting order being issued.
- ⇒ An Education Supervision Order (ESO) through the Family Courts.

*Your child's school may apply for the council to issue a penalty notice to you if:

- ⇒ Your child goes on holiday without the headteacher's permission.
- ⇒ Your child is absent without a suitable explanation, or none is provided or arrives late after the time the register closes.

*You may receive a penalty of £160 for each child's absence if paid within 28 days, and reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. However, if a second penalty is issued in a 3 year rolling period the fine is £160 with no option to pay the reduced rate. A third penalty cannot be issued in the 3 year period and therefore you may face prosecution in the Magistrates Court which could result in a maximum fine of £1,000.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Too ill to attend school?

Children can attend school with minor ailments (toothache, headache, stomach ache, cold, sore throat).

If you are unsure how long your child should be absent with an illness speak with your child's school, GP or pharmacist for advice.

Medical Appointments

All routine appointments should be booked outside school hours. Your child's school may request sight of 'medical evidence' (e.g. copy of a prescription, medicine packaging with a label or appointment card). If you are unable to do so the school might unauthorise the absence.

Reporting Absences

It is your responsibility to notify school if your child will be absent and should do this every day until they return. If you do not respond or school has other concerns then staff may decide to visit your home in line with its safeguarding policy to check you and your child are ok.

Absence during Term Time

Your child must not be absent from school:

- For day trips / birthdays / holidays
- If weather is bad or are running late
- To care for other family members
- Due to the illness of a parent or sibling

The school will likely authorise an absence only in very exceptional circumstances, such as in the event of a family emergency.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Persistent and Severe Absence

Any child with attendance of 90% or below (regardless of the reason for any absences) is considered to be a persistent absentee by the government. This equates to 2 days off school each month. Do you know what your child's attendance percentage is? Any child with attendance of 50% or below is classed as a severe absentee.

If your child is persistently or severely absent the school may arrange a meeting with you to find out what is causing this and what is needed make things better. This may result in the creation of a formal attendance contract or referrals to services such as Early Help.

Punctuality

Arriving late to school is unsettling for your child and can be disruptive to their teacher and other children. It is important your child arrives on time.

If your child arrives late this will be marked as so on the register. If your child arrives very late, this may be logged as unauthorised absence, even if they are in school. Be sure you know the times the school marks pupils as late.

Minutes late per day	Equals days worth of teaching lost per year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days

