



St. George's CEP Newsletter

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'Bringing faith and education together'

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

**Do not let kindness and truth leave you.
[Proverbs 3:3]**

We have enjoyed some wonderful weather this week and the children have been making the most of being on the field for breaktimes, PE lessons and clubs. Our lines have been put down ready for summer sports, including our Sports Day, which is penciled in for **Wednesday 2 July** (pop date this in your diaries!). Mr Godoy finished PE sessions this week, but will be back after Easter. We also had Adrian Crust in this week, from Chance To Shine, delivering some cricket sessions!



The whole school participated in a spectacular whole-school production of Macbeth, in celebration of Shakespeare Week. From our youngest pupils in Oak class, to our oldest in Sycamore class, every student performed their parts with clarity and confidence, showcasing their hard work and dedication. It was truly a remarkable experience for all!

Hazel Class led a sharing worship to parents and children, all about Ancient Greece and now we're now building up to an exciting week ahead, with Easter performances and other learning linked Easter and Spring!



Clubs – reminders!

Clubs finish today for the term. Forms to sign up for our summer clubs have been sent out. There is a deadline to respond by Monday so we can inform you if a space has been gained for after Easter – please check your dojo for more details!

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 **95.2%**

Attendance this week:

Oak (Year R): 96.0%

Beech (Year 1): 81.7%

Maple (Year 2): 95.7%

Cedar (Year 3): 98.1%

Willow (Year 4): 97.3%

Hazel (Year 5): 97.9%

Sycamore (Year 6): 96.4%

**Congratulations to:
CEDAR 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>

Times Tables Rockstars this week:



Maple (Year 2): Raife

Cedar (Year 3): Harvey, Johnny

Willow (Year 4): Charlie, Finley

Hazel (Year 5): Dottie, Kaiden

Sycamore (Year 6): Theo

Dojo Points Winning House for this week:

St. George's

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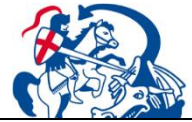
This corner on our newsletter highlights people connected to our school who fulfill our school vision, this week that honour goes to...

Our Love 2 Dancers – Miss Gower & Mrs Field



What a evening some of us had enjoying the Love 2 Dance performance at The Stag Theatre this week!

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What's happening over Easter?

Over the Easter break, we are having some work done in school replacing and repairing roofing and ceilings. This means that any spare items left in school may be thrown away – teachers will be encouraging children to take items home with them over the coming week.

However, we do NOT have a lost property area in school – school jumpers, fleeces, cardigans etc should all be named so they can be easily returned to the owner. With the sunshine being out children often leave items around the school but these are very hard to return as so many are NOT named.

Please check your child's uniform is named!

“Letting our light shine” (Matthew 5:16)

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

