



DATES

NOVEMBER

Monday 18th – Individual and family photographs

Monday 25th – Year 6 online safety talk from Police

Friday 29th – Year 4 to Church for 9.30 mass

DECEMBER

Thursday 5th – Year 5 to Church for 9.30 mass

Friday 6th – Nails and Tattoos (am)

Friday 6th – Christmas Fayre at 3.30

Tuesday 10th – KS1 Play at 9.30

Wednesday 11th – KS1 Play at 9.30

Thursday 12th – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th - Year 6 to Church for 9.30 mass

Thursday 12th – EYFS Play at 9.30

Friday 13th – EYFS Play at 9.30 & KS2 Tableau at 2.00 in Church

Friday 13th – After School Club closes at 4.30

Tuesday 17th – Rocksteady concert @ 9.30

Tuesday 17th – Christmas Film Afternoon

Wednesday 18th – Santa Dash & Hot Chocolate (pm)

Thursday 19th – Christmas Party Day

Thursday 19th – **Nursery closed for Christmas @ 3.30**

Friday 20th – **School closes at 1.00**

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Collective Worship this week, we have been thinking about KINDNESS, in our anti-bullying week. This theme ran through our PSHE also, so brought together our learning and prayer. The children were able to relate their knowledge to our school's Mission Statement and the children's own Mission Statement, which they generate every September and is represented in the hall through a new display. This year, Harper had her design chosen by staff as the new display.

A beautiful idea of God in a heavenly sky surrounded by stars, each one representing one of the children's chosen ideas. Well done Harper...we loved your idea and it looks wonderful!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Monday, at 10.50, the children in KS1 and KS2 gathered in the hall to think about peace in our world. We reflected on ALL the people who have, and still do, support peace and freedom in our country. We thought about the fallen heroes, veterans, those in the armed services, the police, firemen, and also, our children themselves. They are our future and they will be the next generation that need to love their neighbour, keep peace in their hearts and take the Gospel values with them on their journey.

We reflected over some powerful images while listening to 'Love is', before a minute silence at 11.00. As the children left the hall, they were given an image of a poppy to help them reflect throughout the day.

What an absolute credit they were throughout; not a sound from start to finish – just spectacular!

PAINTED NAILS AND TATTOOS

We are bringing back a traditional favourite of our pupils at St George's, on the morning of our Fayre day. Children throughout the whole school can choose to have their nails painted or have some tattoos applied. We ask that children just bring in 50p and choose which to have. If they bring in £1, they can have both...boys and girls. However, we do need written consent so please ensure the permission slip is also sent in. Slips will be sent home the week before the fayre. It's a great way to kickstart the festivities on the day of the fayre!

EYFS ANNUAL WELLY WALK

It seems to come around so quickly; the annual early years Welly Walk took place yesterday! Thankfully, the fog cleared and the children had a wonderful day in some sunshine, stomping proudly around the grounds in their wellies. Every child was sponsored and yet again, staff were left stunned by the amount of money raised. In total, between both Nursery and Reception, children, parents and their family and friends raised a whopping £1,140.00. **AMAZING!**

This will provide such wonderful resources for our early years classes and ensure that what is purchased meets the needs of those very children who raised the funds. We can't thank you all enough for your help and support; it is so very much appreciated by everyone at St George's.



SCHOOL PHOTOS



Don't forget that your child's annual school photo will be taken on Monday morning by our school photographer (Pat). Individual pictures will be taken first and then the group sibling pictures will be taken. Pat will start with our youngest children and work her way up to the top of KS2. Hopefully, we'll get through everyone before food, soil, grass, playdough, paint or flour hits that sparkling clean uniform, and all the bunches and clips are still in. Our staff will, of course, tidy up and adjust uniform and ties before the pictures are taken.

REPORTING ABSENCE

Can I please remind parents that it is your responsibility to inform school of any absence your child has from school. As per our new policy (available on the school website) **ALL absences must be reported by 9.15 am - Section 7(3)**. For every subsequent day, a new absence request must be made by 9.15. If absences are not reported, they will be marked as unauthorised. You'll appreciate that the new regulations are really tight and we need to ensure that registers are closed by 9.20. Thank you for your support.

HMRC WORKSHOPS

Many thanks to Mr. Dillon who organised HMRC to come into school this week. Three members of their team were able to provide an hour workshop for each of our KS2 classes. What a great opportunity to think about tax, how it works and generate some great understand and ideas around it. Huge thanks to the team that came in – you were brilliant!

MATCHED FUNDING

Do any of our parents, or their friends and family, work for Barclays, or any other company that allows 'matched funding'? Some of our previous parents, and a current Governor, who also used to chair the PTA, have always been so supported in ensuring staff can match fund a school event. Usually their staff can match fund up to £1,000, which goes directly towards supporting children with high quality resources. If anyone does know someone whose employer supports matched funding, please give Mrs. Jones a quick call and see if we can support each other in bringing further funds to help our children. Thank you so much.

PARKING

I'm sorry to say that we have had a number of parking complaints again from some of our lovely residents. The parking in Dennett Close has definitely got worse in the last month or so. Some parents are parking on grass verges, over driveways and blocking the road. Some parents are also parking in the gate of the staff car park, preventing staff from getting in or getting out.

Can I ask again that all parents park responsibly and considerately when picking up and dropping off. Dennett Close isn't the best place to drive down at those times of day. Two cars have been damaged recently and no one has taken any responsibility for those accidents. ***Please don't use Dennett Close at drop off or pick up. Thank you for your support and understanding.***

FORMBY CRAFT FAYRE AND MARKET

We have been asked to advertise a very popular annual (free entry) Christmas Fayre and Craft Market, in Formby – run for Our Lady of Compassion Church.

They would love for as many pupils and their families as possible to join them on **Saturday 30th November** at both the **Gild Hall Activity Centre** and the **Gild Hall**. They are running **from 11am - 4pm**.

They have provided two posters that will be sent via our Parent App.



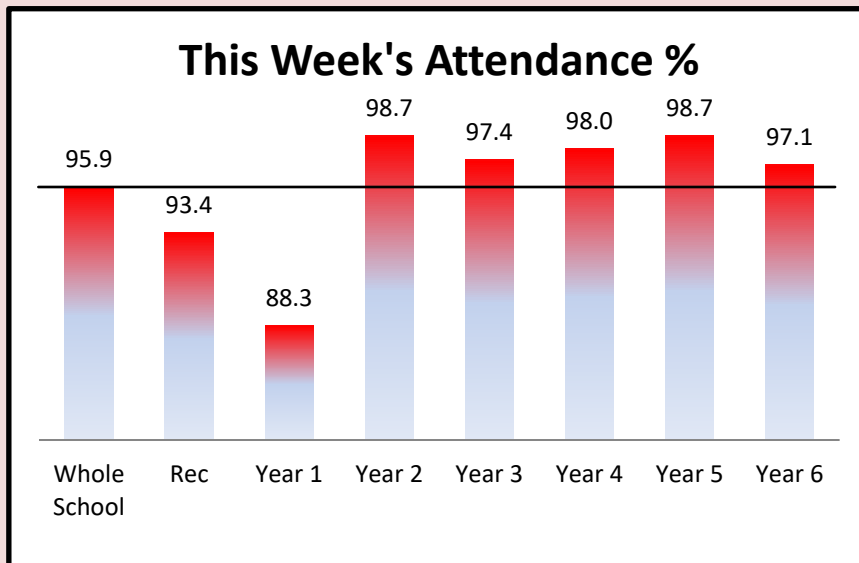
SCHOOL LEVY

We will soon have to make our payment to the Archdiocese for our annual school Levy payment. This is a contribution of just £10.00 from each family that goes towards the upkeep and repairs of all Catholic schools. We have benefitted, just recently, from new drainage and playground resurfacing, and are soon to have playground markings and a new Table Tennis table. If you have not yet been able to contribute, it is still available on the school app. Thank you so much to all the families who have supported us in making this contribution to the Archdiocese.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance can be seen below as well as the winning classes for the £10 for the best attendance in the school.

The school target is 96% - as represented by the black line.



Wow – WHAT A GREAT WEEK!

Huge well done to Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6!

A very special well done to Year 2 and Year 5 who both get £10 this week!

Thank you to all parents for making this week one of our best.

