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Friday 18th September 2026

Welcome back!



Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of our second full week of school, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome every one back. I hope that you all had a lovely summer break. The children have made a fantastic start to their new classes and have been working exceptionally hard to impress their new teacher. I must say it has been lovely to see the children so enthusiastic and looking so smart in their school uniform. Thank you.



We have continued to improve the school environment over the holiday. Years 2 and 3 have had fully refurbished classrooms and we have already began planning more exciting decoration next year.

Staffing

I would like to welcome four staff to the St. George's family this academic year. Mrs Grogan, an experienced Teaching Assistant joins our year 1 team and we welcome three new Midday Supervisors: Mrs Sharpe-Wellman, Miss Brownsey and Miss Tizard.

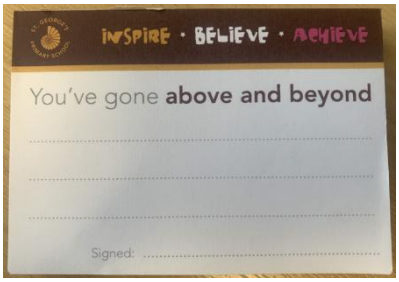
Attendance



Thank you for your support with improving school attendance over the past two years. We have continued to make steady improvements but it will remain an area of focus for the school. One easy win, is ensuring your child is in school on time (8.45). We will continue to monitor pupil attendance and work with families who require support. We will also award the weekly attendance award every Monday and the best year group will win a non-school uniform day at the end of half-term.

Ready, Respectful, Responsible

For the first two weeks of school we have been reminding children of the school motto and asking them to go 'Above and Beyond' with their behaviour and learning. We want them to show us that they are 'Ready for learning', 'Respectful of themselves and others' and 'Responsible in their actions.' When achieving in any of these areas they will bring home an 'Above and Beyond' slip.



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Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is well underway this term. Please register your interest and enrol your child(ren) on the Arbor APP under the Clubs section – you will need to pay before the session is booked. Breakfast Club opens at 7:15 a.m. and costs £5.00 per day. Other options and subsidies are detailed on the school website. Currently, we are limited to 20 spaces. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Mintern or Mrs Shorey on 01305820520.

Healthy Eating

We have spoken to the children in assembly about the importance of healthy eating and reminded them that at morning play they are supposed to eat a healthy snack. Children can bring in fruit, yoghurt, cheese or cereal bar. Children in EYFS and Years 1 and 2 are provided with a free fruit snack.

Finally, we have another exciting year of events planned for the children. Life Education has been in school this week teaching the children about Mental Health and Wellbeing. Space Week will be orbiting school in October, shortly followed by Harvest Festival. I have included below, the confirmed calendar dates so far.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr M. Coombs
Headteacher

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

1st – INSET
2nd – INSET
3rd – Children return to School
14th -18th – Life Education Visit
22nd – Y5 Parents meeting London
23rd – Y6 Avalanche Church Trip

OCTOBER

1st – Y4 Portland Museum Trip
5th -9th – Space Week
12th – Parent's evening
19th – School Photos
- Harvest Festival
22nd – Parent's evening
26th -30th Half term

NOVEMBER

2nd – Back to School
9th – INSET Day

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