



GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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VALUE OF THE MONTH – FRIENDSHIP



WELCOME BACK

At the end of the first full week, it is a pleasure to say what a good start we have enjoyed at the beginning of this new school year. Children have settled into classes quickly and have responded very positively to their new routines and the high expectations we have shared with them. It has been lovely to see so many children rising to the challenge of moving up a year with real enthusiasm. With such a good start this surely promises to be an excellent year for us all.

ATTENDANCE

It is pleasing to report that our overall attendance last year (93.8%) was the highest for three years and compared well with similar schools. No doubt the regular information shared with you as parents last year has helped this improvement. We will continue to keep you clearly informed about your child's attendance this year and to maintain our rewards and incentives.

Both overwhelming evidence and experience prove that good attendance is vital for every child to settle well, feel happy and make the best progress in school. With this in mind we will be striving to reach our 95% target this year. We look forward to working together with you to meet this goal.

UNIFORM

Thank you for supporting your child by presenting them so smartly at the beginning of this term. Children's appearance in these first two weeks has been a real credit and does so much to give them pride and confidence in school. Diolch.

OPEN SESSIONS & CLASS ASSEMBLIES

This year we will be offering a longer open session for parents each term rather than the short weekly sessions we have run previously. We know that many parents are not able to make the commitment to weekly sessions and we hope that a longer session once each term will be something most parents are able to participate in. To provide you with plenty of notice the table overleaf sets out the dates of open sessions across this school year, showing whether they are morning or afternoon sessions.

The table also gives the date of your child's COOL (celebrating our own learning) Assembly which you are warmly invited to join. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

PARKING

A reminder that all parents are requested to park carefully and courteously when dropping off or collecting your children from school. In particular, parents are requested not to double park on the road or to block resident's driveways.

OPEN SESSIONS AND COOL ASSEMBLIES 2019-20

	Autumn	Spring	Summer	COOL Assembly
Nursery	a.m. Friday 29.11	a.m. Friday 20.03	a.m. Tuesday 28.04	a.m. Wednesday 01.04
	p.m. Friday 29.11	p.m. Friday 20.03	p.m. Tuesday 28.04	p.m. Wednesday 01.04
Reception	p.m. Friday 25.10	p.m. Friday 03.04	p.m. Friday 10.07	a.m. & p.m. Wednesday 01.04
Year 1	a.m. Monday 16.12	p.m. Friday 17.01	p.m. Thursday 23.04	a.m. Thursday 09.07
Year 2	p.m. Friday 22.11	p.m. Friday 06.03	p.m. Thursday 30.04	p.m. Monday 13.07
Year 3	p.m. Thursday 12.12	p.m. Wednesday 01.04	p.m. Thursday 09.07	a.m. Monday 08.06
Year 4	a.m. Tuesday 22.10	a.m. Friday 13.03	a.m. Monday 22.06	a.m. Wednesday 08.07
Year 5	p.m. Wednesday 04.12	p.m. Wednesday 25.03	p.m. Wednesday 01.07	p.m. Wednesday 18.03
Year 6	p.m. Monday 21.10	p.m. Friday 03.04	p.m. Friday 03.07	p.m. Monday 11.11



AUTUMN TERM DATES 2019

SEPTEMBER

Monday 16th

Friday 27th

School Council Elections

Macmillan coffee Morning (*organised by School Council*)

OCTOBER

Tuesday 1st

Wednesday 2nd

Thursday 3rd

Friday 4th

Tuesday 15th

Tuesday 15th

Thursday 24th

Thursday 24th

Friday 25th

Tempest Photography (*individual portraits*)

Tempest Photography (*family groups & siblings*)

Newport County Kids Cup, Cwmbran Stadium

Children's author Eloise Williams workshops with KS2

Children's author Catherine Fisher visiting Years 5 & 6

Shwmae Day

Foundation Phase Harvest (2.00-3.00 in school)

Year 3 visit to National Museum of Wales, Cardiff

Key Stage 2 Harvest 1.30-3.00 (Crane Street Church)

HALF TERM Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

November

Weds 6th & Thurs 7th

Monday 11th

Parent Consultations 3.30-6.00

Remembrance led by Year 6

December

Monday 2nd

Thursday 5th

Wednesday 11th

Thursday 12th

Monday 16th

Tuesday 17th

Wednesday 18th

Thursday 19th

Friday 20th

Elf Day

Tickled Pink Theatre perform *A Christmas Carol* (KS2)

Christmas Lunch

Tickled Pink Theatre perform *Beauty & the Beast* (FP)

Year 2 Nativity screening at West Mon **t.b.c.**

KS2 Christmas Singalong 4.30-5.30 (on playground weather permitting)

Early Years' Christmas Concert 10.15-11.15 and 2.00-3.00 (school hall)

Year 1 Christmas Singalong 2.00-3.00 (school hall)

KS2 Christingle 1.30-3.30 (Crane Street Church)

School reopens Tuesday 7th January 2020