



ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER 2023

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery -	78.31%
Reception -	85.71%
Year 1 -	98.40%
Year 2 -	88.10%
Year 3 -	92.33%
Year 4 -	87.33%
Year 5 -	88.62%
Year 6 -	91.33%

**Year 1 have the best
attendance this week!
Well done!**



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

Nursery -	90.65%
Reception -	94.58%
Year 1 -	93.97%
Year 2 -	95.15%
Year 3 -	93.42%
Year 4 -	95.80%
Year 5 -	93.49%
Year 6 -	95.10%

**Year 4 have the highest class
attendance for 2022/23.**

WELL DONE!!



In the blink of an eye, we're at the end of another school year – and what a year it's been! We've had a fantastic year and I want to thank each of you as parents, our amazing children and our wonderful staff and governors. Without us working together, we couldn't achieve the great things that we have this year.

The next 6 weeks are a chance for everyone to recharge their batteries. Hopefully the sun will shine and you can get out and about exploring our local area.

THIS YEAR

Goodbyes

Today we say goodbye to Miss Amison, Miss Chawner-Bowers and Mr Hughes.

We wish them lots of luck for the future and thank you to them all.

Mrs Hollins

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Hollins. This week has been a real celebration for Mrs Hollins and she's had a great send off!

On Monday night, there was a special Mass for Mrs Hollins where staff, past staff, pupils, past pupils, parents, past parents, governors, past governors, Directors and Mrs Hollins' family came to share in Mass.

On Wednesday, we finally got to share in our Celebration Assembly specially for Mrs Hollins, our local hero. This was filled with joy and laughter and a few tears.

We will really miss Mrs Hollins and I want to thank her for all of the wonderful things she has done for our school over the last 24 years. I know we'll see her in September though, so it's definitely not goodbye.



Message from Mrs Hollins

Dear children, parents and staff, thank you for making my last few weeks at St. George & St. Martin's so memorable for me! I am overwhelmed by all the many gifts, cards, good wishes I have received. Thank you if you contributed to my school gift, I particularly love the beautiful cross and chain. I will always treasure my time at SGSM and have so many happy memories of fantastic children and staff I have worked with over the years. I know SGSM is in safe hands with Mrs Farmer and now Mr. Bridgewater who will become Vice Principal in September. I will visit often and will always want to know how you and your families are. Please come and say hello if you see me out and about with my lovely family. I'm not really saying 'goodbye' because that would be too hard...So I'll end with...can't wait to see you all again soon! Best wishes in all of your futures.



Love from Mrs Hollins x x x

Year 6 Leavers

Today our Year 6 children leave us, which is always a very sad day. It has been a pleasure being a part of their lives for the last 8 years and I have loved getting to know each one of them.

We've had a great final year, with so many positives. They have led our school well and set the right example to our younger children.

Having seen them grow from Nursery I have loved watching them become the young adults that they are today as they leave us. We are always sorry to see our children leave and are always so proud when we hear how well they are doing, so please keep us informed of how they get on.

A big thank you to all of our Year 6 parents who are also leaving us today, for some after a long history with.

And a big thank you to the staff who have taught Year 6 during the last 8 years.



Uniform collection

We will again be collecting any uniform that can be passed on and having a uniform sale. Please drop off any items next week—Monday to Thursday 10am—2pm. We would love all items of uniform, as well as coats, shoes and trainers.

We will hold our sale on Tuesday 29th August from 2 – 4 and Wednesday 30th August from 10 – 12. Our sale is a great opportunity to get items of uniform at a very reasonable price.



Sporting Successes

This half term we have had lots of sporting events taking place, including:

- Town Sports, where some children went on to represent Hanley at City Sports
- Town Swimming, where lots of children went on to represent Hanley at
- City Swimming – congratulations to Jack, Archie and Louie for bringing home medals
- Naomi representing our school at County Cross Country Finals
- Key Stage 1 football
- Key Stage 1 multi-skills



Miss Arnold would like to thank everyone who has represented the school in any sporting events this half term and year.

We have so much sporting talent at SGSM, It really comes to show when so many of us represented our school at the Town and City Athletics, well done everyone.

Have a fabulous summer, and stayed tuned for more sporting events in our very own grassed field!

NEXT YEAR

Meal costs

Unfortunately, since my last letter telling you of the meal costs from September, City Catering have made the difficult decision to increase the cost of a school meal. This will increase to £3.10 per day (£15.50 per week) and £2.40 (£12 per week) for Nursery children. This cost is still subsidised by school. The increase in costs is due to the increase in food costs across the country, which I'm sure you're seeing in your day-to-day lives.

Behaviour Policy

After much consideration and discussion with staff and children, we will be changing our behaviour policy from September. We are moving to the Class Dojo system, which will give parents immediate information about their child's behaviour. Children will be able to earn Dojos for a variety of things (in a similar way to house points), which will be assigned on the system. You will then be informed immediately through the app. Children who do not follow our rules, will be given a warning and will then lose a Dojo (similar to losing a Golden minute). Again parents will be informed of this through the app.

Children will be able to earn rewards for achieving different numbers of Dojos. These rewards have been decided in consultation with staff and children.

All of our other rewards will remain the same (Citizenship award, headteacher award, green cards, weekly house point winner). We are

also introducing a values and virtues award and a reading award to be given out weekly.

Our sanctions will continue to be yellow and red cards, which will result in a loss of Dojos as well as missing break or lunchtime.

We really hope these small changes will encourage all children to follow our school rules and follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

I will share the final behaviour policy at the start of the new academic year in September.

Attendance Reward

Our school council have consulted with their classes this week and the children have decided that for the attendance reward, they would like to go to Flip Out. Children with 100% attendance for next year will be able to attend this trip.

The class with the best attendance for the year will also win a visit to Forest Park.



Diary dates for next term

Wednesday 6th September - 8:50am School opens –

Teachers will meet children on the playground from 8:40am.



Newsletters/Letters

From September we will be emailing newsletters and letters. If you feel you would still require a paper copy please contact the school.

Contact Details

If any of your contact details change over the summer holiday don't forget to inform the school office on your child(ren's) return to school in September. It is important that we can always contact you or your other nominated contacts in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

CONTACT DETAILS

School Dinners

If your child is moving into Year 3, don't forget you will now need to start paying for school meals, unless you are eligible for Free School Meals.

When your child(ren) start the new academic year they will be asked by their classteacher whether they will be having a school lunch or bringing sandwiches. Your child(ren) will need to stay with that choice until the October half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. D. Farmer
Principal



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform expectations for next year

As we are coming to the end of this academic year, I wanted to remind you all of the uniform expectations in readiness for the new school year.

Nursery and Reception	
Girls	Boys
White polo shirt with school motif Grey skirt or pinafore Burgundy knitted cardigan with school motif embroidered Black shoes – laces or strap White socks or grey tights (not grey socks or black tights) Girls are permitted to wear a pair of small stud earrings and a watch. Necklaces, bracelets and rings are not permitted	White polo shirt with school motif Grey trousers (not black) Burgundy knitted jumper with school motif embroidered Black shoes (not trainers, including black trainers) Grey socks Boys are permitted to wear a watch. Necklaces, bracelets, rings and earrings are not permitted.
Years 1 – 6	
Girls	Boys
White shirt (not polo shirt) School tie (KS1 can be elastic, KS2 must be ‘proper’ or clip-on) Grey skirt or pinafore Burgundy knitted cardigan with school motif embroidered Black shoes – laces or strap White socks or grey tights (not grey socks or black tights) Girls are permitted to wear a pair of small stud earrings and a watch. Necklaces, bracelets and rings are not permitted Hair bobbles must be plain and small, plain headbands to be worn	White shirt (not polo shirt) School tie (KS1 can be elastic, KS2 must be ‘proper’ or clip-on) Grey trousers (not black) Burgundy knitted jumper with school motif embroidered Black shoes (not trainers, including black trainers) Grey socks Boys are permitted to wear a watch. Necklaces, bracelets, rings and earrings are not permitted.
Indoor PE kit	Outdoor PE kit
Pale blue polo shirt Burgundy shorts Black pumps White socks for girls wearing tights	Navy sweatshirt or zip up top Navy jogging bottoms Trainers White socks for girls wearing tights

PE is a compulsory subject and all children MUST do PE. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school.

No jewellery can be worn for any PE lessons so please remove earrings prior to your child coming to school if they are unable to remove them themselves.

I'd like to remind you of our policy on haircuts. There should be:

- No noticeably dyed hair
- No shaved heads or partially shaved heads, especially with lines or patterns cut into it
- No unnatural hair colours or two toned hair colours.
- All long hair (shoulder length) must be tied back. Bobbles will be given to children who come into school with their hair down.



THIS TERMS HIGHLIGHTS ...

This half term has been a very busy one with our whole-school trip to the seaside, sports day, town and city sports, town and city swimming, Arts Week, Achievement Day and parties.

SOUTHPORT BEACH

BIG SCHOOL TRIP



ARTSWEEK



ACHIEVEMENT DAY

