

24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Applications

The deadline is fast approaching! Please [click here](#) to visit our school website for essential information related to the secondary school application for your child. The cut off for applications is 31st October 2025.

Attendance Matters

This week, we're sharing our Attendance Matters information (see attached) to highlight just how important regular attendance is for your child's learning and success. At St George's, we believe that everyday counts, and last year our whole-school attendance was 95.5%.

This year, we're aiming to build on that and reach our 97% attendance target across the school. Research shows that pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to make strong academic progress and build the confidence and resilience they need for future success. If you would like further information on attendance, please visit our [school website to access our attendance policy](#), which details our attendance expectations and support. We truly value working in partnership with families to ensure all our pupils can thrive—and kindly remind parents to plan family holidays outside of term time so that children can benefit fully from every learning opportunity.

Youth Mass at St George's

Our pupils have received a special invitation to attend the Youth Mass next week at St George's Church from one of the event's organisers, Jamella, a past pupil of our school. This Mass will take place on Wednesday, 29th October at 6.15pm. Please do show your support by attending if you can. It is a wonderful initiative to include our youngest parish members in the Church Community.

Remembrance Day – Poppy Appeal

We will begin collecting for the annual Poppy Appeal in the week after half-term. If your child would like to buy a poppy or purchase any of the other merchandise (see below) then please send a donation in and these will be sold in each class from Monday 3rd November, until Remembrance Day. Donations are gratefully received, and every

poppy sold shows care for the lives of our Armed Forces Community. We will hold a 2-minute silence to mark Remembrance Day on Tuesday, 11th November.

Suggested Donations for the following:

Metal poppy pins	£2:00	Snap poppy ruler	£2:00	Wrist band	£1:00
Reflective Poppy	£0:50	Wrist ties	£1.00	Paper Poppy	£0.50

Please note – should we sell out, the above items can also be purchased online at [the Poppy Shop](#). Thank you for your support.

Open Days for Prospective Parents

We're delighted to invite you to visit St George's Catholic School and see for yourself what makes our school so special. Our open days offer the perfect opportunity to explore our vibrant learning environment, meet our dedicated staff, and experience the warm, nurturing community that helps every child thrive.

At St George's, we provide an outstanding Catholic education where every child is valued and encouraged to reach their full potential. You'll see our pupils engaged in exciting learning, our excellent facilities, and the kindness and respect that are at the heart of everything we do.

Come and discover why St George's is the perfect place for your child to begin their educational journey.

Book a tour on following dates:

Thursday 6th November

Tuesday 11th November

Friday 21st November

Tuesday 25th November

Thursday 27th November

The tours start at 9.30am. To book a place on the tour, please call 01823 284130 or email: office@stgeorgestaunton.uk

We look forward to welcoming you!

Data Collection Sheet/Information and Contact Details

Please can I ask any parents and carers that have **NOT** yet returned their child's Data Collection Sheet to kindly do so in order that any information can be updated.

Christmas Performances

We're not quite there yet, but that time of year will be upon us soon when we will be thinking of all things festive! We wanted to provide you with the dates of some of our upcoming performances this Christmas season. Please see the dates section below and add those relevant to your child to your diary.

Best wishes,

Edwina McDonnell

Headteacher

Upcoming Dates:

Saturday 25th October – Sunday 2nd November: SCHOOL CLOSED (Half-Term)

Monday 3rd November – SCHOOL OPEN

Wednesday 5th November – Year 5 attending Mass in Church at 9.30am (Parents & Governors welcome)

Thursday 6th November

Tuesday 11th November

Friday 21st November Tours of the school for prospective parents, 9.30am start.

Tuesday 25th November

Thursday 27th November

Wednesday 12th November – Year 6 attending Mass in Church at 9.30am (Parents & Governors welcome)

Tuesday 9th Dec – Reception Class Nativity Play at 2.30pm (for Reception Class Parents)

Wednesday 10th Dec – KS 1 Nativity Play matinee at 2.00pm (for KS1 Parents)

Thursday 11th Dec – KS1 Nativity Play at 6pm (for KS1 Parents)

Tuesday 16th Dec –End of Term Mass in Church at 9.30am (Parent s & Governor’s welcome)

Wednesday 17th Dec – Carol Concert in Church at 2pm (Parents & Governors welcome)

Thursday 18th Dec – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Saturday 20th Dec – SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 5th January – SCHOOL REOPENS

Wednesday, 7th Jan – Start of Term Mass in Church at 9.30am (Parents & Governors welcome)

Wednesday 14th Jan – Year 2 attending Mass in Church at 9.30am (Parents & Governors welcome)

Wednesday 21st Jan – Year 3 attending Mass in Church at 9.30am (Parents & Governors welcome)