



# St George's School News

## MASTERING BASIC SKILLS IN MATHS IS THE KEY TO LATER SUCCESS

Dear Parents,

As the children settle back to school, it is vital that they know and remember the basic skills they have learned in maths, in order to progress to the next stage. When we consolidate knowledge, we are then able to transfer our skills to other areas. When undertaking homework tasks with your child, remind them of what they already know, as well as new learning, so that they have the confidence to transfer their skills.

Maths is a key focus area in our school improvement plan this year. We want to build the children's confidence, support their problem-solving, strengthen their progress across the curriculum and develop important life skills.

### Why is this important?

When children know their facts "off by heart," they can solve problems more quickly and accurately, rather than getting stuck on small steps.

Many maths problems rely on simple calculations. If children can recall these instantly, they can concentrate on applying reasoning strategies, rather than spending too long working out basic facts.

Confident knowledge with number facts underpins all later learning in maths. From number bonds to fractions and algebra, a strong recall gives children a secure platform for success.

A secure knowledge of multiplication helps with so many other areas of maths and it is important that your child has a secure quick mental recall of times tables facts.

Mathematical facts aren't just for the classroom—they are useful in everyday life, from handling money

to measuring in cooking and DIY.

### How can you help at home?

Quick bursts of practice - just 5-10 minutes a day can make a big difference. Practise when travelling – walking, in the car or on the bus.

Make it fun - try games, songs, or apps that practise times tables and number bonds. Put screen time to good use and do maths practice.

Ask little questions - during everyday tasks and conversations, you might ask, "What's  $8 + 7$ ?" or "What's  $6 \times 9$ ?"

Praise effort and progress - confidence grows when children know their practice is noticed.

Together, we can help your child feel confident and positive about maths. Thank you for supporting their learning at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs D Monaghan

Headteacher



*"Nothing is worth more than the life of a child."*



*Hanna Magda*

*05/09/2018- 29/09/2025*

*Please pray for Hanna, her parents Wioletta and Mariusz,  
her younger sister Nel and all of her extended family.*

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let Your perpetual light shine upon her.*

*May her soul rest in peace.*

**SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

**Keyrings & accessories on KS2 ruck sacks.**

Please note that keyrings and accessories are no longer allowed to be attached to KS2 pupil's ruck sacks. This growing trend is not helpful in school and is no longer permitted. Please remove all accessories by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October.



**Reception & KS1 red bookbags**



One small keyring on a bookbag is acceptable in these classes. As all the bookbags are the same, it helps children recognise their own bookbag easily, so this is helpful.

**Parking outside school**

It is not possible to park on zig zag lines outside school. Yellow zig-zags, often with a "School Keep Clear" sign, also prohibit waiting, stopping, and parking, with restrictions limited to specific hours before and after school.



**ZERO TOLERANCE TOWARDS RACISM**

The school does not tolerate and will challenge racist behaviour. This includes name calling, 'jokes' or other derogatory comments. **We are deeply committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for every student. This includes taking a firm stand against all forms of racism, discrimination, and hate.**

It is our duty as adults to educate our children about acceptance of each other, and **the importance of equity, justice, and diversity**, so that they can co-exist together as they grow up in our diverse city.

**As partners in your child's education, we ask for your support in reinforcing these values at home. Here are a few ways we can work together:**

- Encourage open conversations with your children about race, fairness, and respect.
- Support your child in standing up against bullying and discrimination.
- Celebrate cultural diversity and be curious about others' experiences.

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY**



We welcome the voluntary Parishioners who come to teach and pray the Rosary with the children.

All year groups from Year 1-Year 6 will say the Rosary on one day during October.

**ST GEORGE'S SHARING LIBRARY**



Our little library is at front of school for children to take and leave books for others.

At the start of the year, this needs replenishing. Please drop any books from home that your child is finished with, to share with others.

Thank you. Let's keep St George's pupils sharing and reading.

**HOME TIME PICK UP – KS1 CHILDREN & PARENTAL SUPERVISION.**

Younger siblings may not come over to the KS2 gate to wait for their siblings. It is too congested and they will get lost or knocked over.

In addition, there are too many younger children riding quite fast on their scooters around the school car park unsupervised. Scooters are not to be used in the carpark. Please remind your child to come off and walk beside it.





### YEAR 6 PGL TRIP - OSMINGTON BAY

The Year 6 children and staff had an enjoyable week at Osmington Bay. The weather was on our side which made it even better.

The teachers were very pleased with participation and behaviour. Well Done Year 6! - we are very proud of you all. Thank you to the staff for their care of the children and for giving up their own time.



### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to the PSA for organising a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September.

Thank you to all who baked and entered the Bake Off competition and raffle. Your generous efforts, both on-line and at school were fantastic!



# IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?



yes

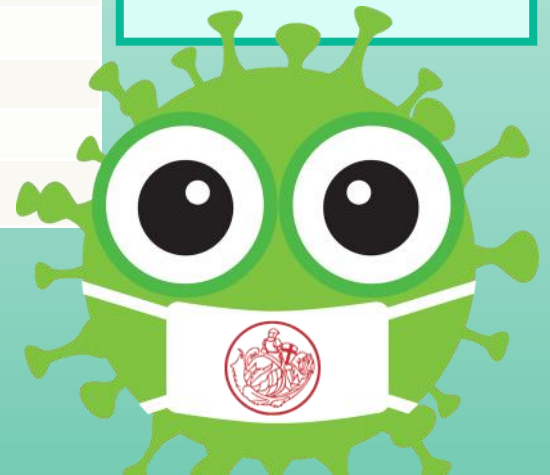
until...

<b>CHICKENPOX</b>	At least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.
<b>DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING</b>	48 hours after their last episode.
<b>HIGH TEMPERATURE</b>	If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.
<b>IMPETIGO</b>	Their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics.
<b>MEASLES</b>	4 days after the rash first appeared.
<b>MUMPS</b>	5 days after their swelling started.
<b>SCABIES</b>	They've had their first treatment.
<b>SCARLET FEVER</b>	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics.
<b>WHOOPING COUGH</b>	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics.

Please make sure you are reporting your child's absence, everyday they are off sick. Please call: 02084221272 and select option 1.

### We need the following information

- **NAME**
- **CLASS**
- **CHILD'S SYMPTOMS**



NO



<b>CONJUNCTIVITIS</b>	You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.
<b>COUGHS &amp; COLDS</b>	It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.
<b>HAND, FOOT &amp; MOUTH</b>	If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.
<b>HEAD LICE</b>	There's no need to keep your child off school. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing your GP.
<b>THREADWORMS</b>	Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend treatment.
<b>SORE THROAT TONSILLITIS</b>	You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.
<b>SLAPPED CHEEK</b>	You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.



# St George's School Dates

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### OCTOBER

**Black History month begins**

**The Month of the Rosary Begins**

**Fri 03** St Francis's House Mass

**Mon 6** 6H Mass

**Wed 08** London Air Ambulance KS2

**Thus 09** 4C Mass

**Thurs 09** African Drumming Workshop

**Fri 10** World Mental Health Day

**Fri 10** Coffee Morning for Reception Parents

**Tues 14** 5R Mass

**Tues 14** Parents Evening (5R Only)

**Wed 15** KS2 African Masks Workshop

**Thurs 16** Parents Evening

**Mon 20** First Flu Vaccinations

**Tues 21** Parents Evening

**Wed 22** Last day of half term (Bend the Rules day)

**Thurs 23** **\*Inset day School closed\***

**Fri 24** **\*Inset day School closed\***

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER

**Mon 3** Children return to school

**Tues 4** St Martins House Mass

**Tues 4** London Fire Brigade Year 2-5 Visit

**Wed 5** School Photographs

**Thurs 6** School Photographs

**Thurs 6** Year 3 Gunnersbury

**Mon 10** Anti-Bullying week

**Tues 11** Remembrance day

**Tues 11** 6H Assembly

**Tues 11** 4OS Mass

**Thurs 13** 3OH Mass

**Fri 14** PSA Bingo Night

**Fri 14** 5Z Assembly

**Wed 19** Opening morning– Reception 2026/2027 at 9:30am

**Thurs 20** 3F Mass

**Fri 21** 6B Assembly

**Wed 26** Second Flu Vaccinations

## HEADTEACHER'S DROP IN SESSION—EVERY MONDAY AT 2.40PM

This is a time when the Headteacher is available if you want to discuss any matters.

Mrs Monaghan is also available at other times if you wish to make an appointment through the School Office.