

GEORGE STREET NEWSLETTER
Thursday 7th May 2026
Believing In Every Child

Dear Parents,

I have just come out of our final parent representative meeting for the year and we have agreed the meetings offer some value as a communication channel to share with school those things you feel could be even better if... We are aware that we won't please everyone on every matter but hope that by sharing rationales and thoughts that underpin decisions, parents will understand why certain actions are taken by school. Next year we plan to hold two meetings. Please do let me know if you would be interested in representing the parents of your child's class.

YEAR 6 – SATs next week

I know you will join me in wishing our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck in their SATs next week. In order to ensure a fully inclusive approach, access arrangements for some pupils mean that tests will take place in different areas throughout the school. As a result, movement around the building and pupils arriving late could disrupt our young learners during what will be, for many, their first experience of official tests. **Please can I ask you to carefully consider the impact that late arrivals may have on the children and make every effort to ensure that your child arrives at school on time throughout next week.**

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

MAY HALF TERM IDEA

Chalk Stream Rivers provide essential water for our communities and play a vital role in helping us adapt to climate change. To raise awareness of how special these rivers are, Hertfordshire Wildlife Trust is inviting families and schools to take part in the Chalk Stream Challenge during the upcoming half term. Find out more about events, resources and how to get involved by visiting <https://www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/herts-rivers-week>

LAURETTE ACADEMY

Laurette Academy held an assembly for our Y5 and Y6 pupils. The speaker said that from all the primaries she had visited, the children in George Street showed the most respect and listened to her with great attention. Well done!

A NEW GEORGE STREET VOICEMAIL RECORDING

Well done to Harry, Y5, who was selected to record our new voicemail message.

A POLITE REMINDER

For over a year, we have had a strict policy of not allowing birthday sweets or treats to be distributed by school staff. With the increase in food allergies, and in respect of parental preferences, dietary requirements and religious beliefs, we do not wish to place any child at risk or in an uncomfortable position.

We are also a nut free school – this includes food that contain nuts.

NEIGHBOURS COMPLAINTS

Sadly, we have recently received complaints from three neighbours regarding separate issues involving members of our school community. One neighbour reported that some Reception children were heard swearing loudly. Another neighbour explained that children have been ringing her doorbell and then running away while walking home from school. A third neighbour raised concerns about parents and carers leaving car engines idling for extended periods, with radios or music being played loudly.

All three neighbours work from home and have said that these behaviours have caused disruption during their working day. We are very disappointed to hear this, as we want our school community to show consideration and respect to all of our neighbours at all times. We have addressed the issues regarding swearing and doorbell ringing in school, but we would also ask that you speak with your child about appropriate and respectful behaviour when travelling to and from school. In addition, we kindly remind parents and carers to switch off engines when waiting outside school and to keep noise levels to a minimum out of consideration for local residents.

Our strong behaviour expectations extend beyond the school gates, and we appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain positive relationships within our local community.

NOURISH PROGRAMME

We have commissioned School Food Matters to come into our school and look at all things food – please can you help them to shape our George Street Programme by completing this 3 question survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/6nkKBnYMnx>

UPCOMING DATES

11th-14th May – Y6 SATS

20th May – Reception out on trip to Bekonscot Model village

22nd May – Finish for Half term

1st & 2nd June – Inset Days

3rd June – Return to school

Attendance

YR – 92%

Y1 – 95%

Y2 – 96%

Y3 – 96%

Y4 – 95%

Y5 – 96%

Y6 – 96%

BELIEVING IN EVERY CHILD – Pupil & Value of the week

Pupil of the week

W/C – 1st May 26 – Chloe, Leo, Giovanni, Ben, Ronnie, Riga, Daniel H

W/C – 24th April 26 – Sofia, Marilyn, Maggie, Jannat, Leonita, Jake, Freddie

READY RESPECT SAFE - Value of the week

W/C – 1st May 26 – John-Joe, Thomas, Olly F, Ethel, Jacob S, Teddy S, Bella

W/C – 24th April 26 – Finley, Amber, Leon, Bareera, Hannah, Emily, Robbie