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NEWSLETTER



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"I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carer

We have come to an end of a very busy and very long half term, but the children should be so proud of their achievements. The staff have worked tirelessly, planning, high quality and engaging learning opportunities for your children and I would like to extend my thanks to the whole staff team effort.

The children have begun their new topic-My Place, My Time and are enjoying learning about local Geography and local History. Teachers are planning exciting lessons which include walks around Kidderminster, visits to Kidderminster library, the High Street and have extended invitations for friends and family to visit school. This is a perfect opportunity to have a deeper understanding of our school community.

This half term has seen the children being introduced to 'Rock and Rock' in worship, and it would be lovely to speak to your child/children about these Rock and Roll bands which include Queen, Black Sabbath, Fleetwood Mac and Elvis Presley. It is wonderful to see the children listening to this genre of music and showing their appreciation.

Next half term, many extra-curriculum clubs will be starting. These include Dance Club, Choir, Art Club, Football and Bell Ringing. Please see further information within this newsletter. It is essential to complete the reply slip to ensure your child is able to be allocated a place. The number of children attending a club may be limited, so do ensure that you return your consent slip as soon as possible to the school office.

Miss Edwards, together with other supportive staff have started SATS Booster Club. All the children in Year 6 are expected to attend this after school club (which includes tasty refreshments), as this extra intervention will really support your child and increase their confidence and resilience in preparation for their statutory assessments.

Last Friday, we had a 'Favourite Word Day'. This was a huge success as all the school, including the staff team, dressed as their favourite word. The children loved this opportunity and looked amazing. It was a pleasure to see the children reading words, learning new words and finding synonyms for their chosen words. The teaching of vocabulary remains a whole school priority area, and this is something that could be enjoyed at home too. Please look out for the photographs of the St George's Family dressed as their favourite words.

I would like to thank the whole school community for all their support, their donations and endless acts of kindness. Have a safe and restful half term break with loved ones and family.

Best wishes

Headteacher

Poppy Appeal

We now have the Poppy Appeal Box in school. All items are £1 except for the snapbands which are £2.

All donations go towards The Royal British Legion that supports the armed forces community, including service members, veterans, reservists and their families.



Harvest Festival

Wow! It was truly heartwarming to see the church filled to capacity- it made the event all the more special, and we truly appreciate it. The children spoke and sang with confidence and I am so proud of them all and our St George's family. A special thank you to my wonderful worship committee for their many contributions, Mrs Colley-Mardell and Miss Timms for all of their hardwork with the singing preparation and finally Mr Carrette and his amazing IT technicians!

Our local charity, Help, were absolutely thrilled to receive your generous donations. Your kindness will undoubtedly make a meaningful impact on those in need within our community, so thank you again.

Please remember about the 'Kindness Challenge' that the Worship Committee and I have set for over half term. We can't wait to see your thoughtful responses and the creative ways in which you will showcase your acts of kindness.

Thank you once again for your support.

Mrs Stewart



Brook Court Care Home Visit

A small group of Year One and Year Six Children buddied up to read with the residents of Brook Court Care Home. It was another successful visit with the children also supporting Reverend David in his special service to the residents. It is so lovely to see the relationships building between our St George's Family and our wider school community. The children are looking forward to their next visit in November. A big thank you to Mrs Devonport and Mr Rogers for accompanying the children during the visit.



Favourite Word Day

We are delighted to share that our recent 'Favourite Word Day' was a resounding success. The children fully embraced the spirit of the event, showcasing creativity, enthusiasm, and a genuine love for language. Staff were incredibly impressed by the effort and engagement demonstrated across all year groups.

Events like this highlight the strength and positivity of our school community. We are proud to be part of such a supportive and inspiring environment, where learning is celebrated and every child is encouraged to shine.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Colley-Mardell





**BRITISH
TRANSPORT
POLICE**



Dear Parent / Guardian

Trespassing on the railway network is extremely dangerous and endangers not only the lives of those on the track, but also passengers, railway staff and the general public

Many people - especially young people - fail to understand the danger they put themselves and others in, when they make the choice to stray onto the rail network. As the Easter holidays approach, we are already seeing an increase in the number of incidents being reported and incidents we're seeing involve children and young people, these incidents include:

- Misusing level crossings by not paying due care and attention or acts of anti-social behaviour/vandalism
- Walking along the railway lines
- Sitting on train station platform edges
- Throwing stones at trains
- Placing objects on the railway lines
- Using the railway as a playground

I am sure you agree that all of the above activities are extremely dangerous.

The British Transport Police and Network Rail are seeking the support of parents, guardians and the local community to highlight the danger and implications of these activities to help us reduce the number of young people putting themselves and others at significant risk.

To assist with the conversation there are a number of online videos available and range depending on the age group of your child:

www.switchedonrailsafety.co.uk

www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/

www.youvrtrain.co.uk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWVvJFqHDUE> (Harrison's Story)



Key Messages

- ✓ Always **STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN** before using a Level Crossing and follow the instructional signage
- ✓ Trains are **ALWAYS** running on the railway and can differ in times meaning that you can never predict when a train will pass
- ✓ Station Platforms are not a playground not every train will be stopping, be aware of your surroundings and **STAY BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE**
- ✓ The Electricity is **ALWAYS** switched on around the railway
- ✓ **DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?**

Trespassing on the railway is also a **criminal offence** which can involve your child obtaining a criminal record and a fine of £1000.

*If you wish to report any information to us, please call us on **Freephone 0800 40 50 40***

or text the information to 51015.

Understanding your Child



Tuesdays - 13th Jan to 17th Mar 2026

9.30 - 11.30 am

(term time only - 9 week programme)

WORCESTERSHIRE
FAMILY HUBS



We all know being a parent can be one of the most challenging and rewarding roles you will ever take on as an adult, and sometimes we could all use a little extra help.

WEST and Worcestershire Family Hubs are working in partnership to deliver this relaxed and fun group which is suitable for families with children and young people up to 19 years old, with 2 hourly group sessions running over 9 weekly sessions.

Please contact WEST for more information

**Venue: Kidderminster Library,
Market Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1AB**

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/familyhubs





HTS
Holy Trinity School
& Sixth Form

Discontinuation of post-16 provision (6th Form)

The Trust Board of Holy Trinity School is consulting on plans to discontinue Sixth Form provision. From the end of the 2025/26 academic year, no new post-16 students would be admitted to the school (both internal and external applications). Students currently studying in the Sixth Form will continue and complete their courses at Holy Trinity, with the final cohort completing in summer 2027.

The consultation will run from 13 October to 12pm on 7 November 2025. All responses received by the closing date will be considered by the Trust Board before any final decision is made. A summary of responses will also be submitted to the Department for Education as part of the statutory approval process.

Please read the full consultation document. Views can be submitted via the **online consultation feedback form** - a paper copy can be obtained from Holy Trinity School Office.

WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Parents online Workshop

Boosting your Child's Mood

Run by the NHS's
Wellbeing and
Emotional
Support in schools
team. (WEST)

On Friday online
14th November
12:45 - 1.45 pm

Who is it for:

Parent Workshop who
want to learn more about

What is low mood and
the symptoms.

Things that can impact
a child's mood and how
to improve it.

Sleep hygiene and five
ways to Wellbeing.

Meeting on Teams

Meeting ID: 392 228 798 789 6

Passcode: zL3UC3TC



www.camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/west



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Encountering God
following Jesus
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THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

Churches of St Cecilia's, St Chad's,
St George's & St Mary's Stone

Sunday 19th October 2025
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

A Warm Welcome to All our Services

Children's Half-Term Activity Morning

At St George's Church, on Tuesday 28th October – 10.00am to 12 noon



This event is for children up to age of 11 (Year 6), accompanied by a parent or carer. There will be lots of **crafts and games** exploring *The Parable of the Great Banquet - Luke 14*.

Refreshments will be available, come along and have fun.

The cost is £1 per child – under 2's are free

For further info contact Carol Bishton: Tel 01562 827093



Men's Parish Breakfast

Saturday 25th October at 9:30am
at St Cecilia's Church. Full

English breakfast for which there is no charge. Come along for fellowship, fun and good food.

Roger & Ron



Ladies Coffee Morning

Ladies! We will get-together on Saturday 25th October at The **Eazy Lounge Café**, Vicar Street at 10am. No booking required. Look forward to seeing you there.

Lyn and Cynthia



Lunch and Organ music

at St George's Church

Thursday 13th November
12:30pm

Soup, sausages and something sweet.

Cost £15:00

To book contact Jan 01562 630431 or Chris. 07919 178236



TABLE TOP
SALE

at
St George's
Church

Saturday 22nd November

10:00 'til 1:00pm

Cost £10 per table.

Refreshments available.

To book a table contact Jan 01562 630431 or Chris. 07919 178236

CHRISTMAS QUIZ at ST CECILIA'S
14th November at 6.30pm



Questions with a Christmas theme.

Teams of up to 6, £5 per head or family ticket £15.

Turkey baps, mince pies etc included, plus veggie/vegan options. Bring your own drinks.

Contact Margaret on 07503 521071 or email margaret@hodgsonfamily.org

Great Children's Coat Giveaway



We are asking for donations of children's coats (and gloves/scarfs/hats) to give away to those who need them most. Please phone Cynthia on 07891 408078 to arrange collection or drop off.



Café Chad



Mondays and Wednesdays

9:15am - 12:15pm

St Chad's, Burcher Green

All welcome



IMPORTANT DATES and REMINDERS

Friday 24th October – Children Break up for Half Term Holidays

Monday 3rd November – TED Day - school is closed

Tuesday 4th November – Children back in school

Monday 10th November – Flu Vaccination Day

Wednesday 12th November – Reception Sept 26 Open Morning 9.30am

Friday 21st November – Non-Uniform Day bring teddy

Friday 28th November – Non School Uniform Day bring a bottle

Friday 5th December – Non School Uniform Day bring toiletries

Thursday 11th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity 9.15am and 6.00pm

Friday 12th December – Whole School Panto Trip Artrix Theatre

Friday 12th December – St George's Christmas Fayre 3.30pm

Tuesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch in school

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Service in church 2.15pm

Friday 19th December – Party Day and School beaks up for Christmas

Monday 5th January 2026 – Children back in school

After School Clubs

| Club | Year Group | Day of Club | Start Date | Time |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Choir | Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 | Monday | 10/11/25 | 3.15pm – 4.00pm |
| Art Club | R, Y1 & Y2 | Tuesday | 04/11/25 | 3.15pm – 4.15pm |
| Dance Club | Y2 & Y3 | Tuesday | 04/11/25 | 3.15pm – 4.15pm |
| Harriers Football | Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 | Thursday | 06/11/25 | 3.15pm – 4.15pm |
| SATs Booster Club | Y6 | Thursday | 06/11/25 | 3.15pm – 4.00pm |
| Handbell Ringing Club | Y4 & Y5 | Thursday | 06/11/25 | 3.15pm – 4.00pm |

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

If you feel a child is at risk of immediate harm and needs immediate protection phone the police and the Family Front Door on **01905 822666**.



We are offering an '**after school provision**' throughout the week at St George's for the **all the children**. Your child/children will have the opportunity to do some **creative and engaging activities** and will be provided with a **hot snack** if they choose to stay for the **later slot**.

- After school club starts at **3.15pm**.
- There will be two slots available for the '**Little Pears**'.
- The first slot will run from **3.15pm-4.30pm** at a cost of **£6.00**.
- The second slot available is from **3.15pm-5.30pm** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday **3.15pm-5.15pm** at a cost of **£7.50**.
- If your child is staying until **5.30pm**, they will be provided with a hot snack. Hot snacks e.g., 'beans or cheese' on toast.

If you would like your child/children to attend '**Little Pears**' after school club, please contact office@stgprimary.org or ring on 01562 824206. Please contact us as soon as possible, so we can ensure that we can facilitate your wishes.