

ST GEORGE'S GAZETTE

FRIDAY 14th November

Dear Students, Families, Staff and Governors,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term – I hope you had a lovely two week break.

The first two weeks back have been extremely busy, but students have settled back into school really well across both sites.

We had a visit from colleagues from the DfE and Local Authority on Monday 3rd November and they were extremely impressed with everything they saw across St George's and St George's Studio. They particularly liked our ethos and culture.

We have an exhibition at Independent Arts in Newport, which was set up on Monday and will be in place until 5th January, featuring our students' artwork. If you are in Newport and have an opportunity, please do pop in and have a look.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes,

S. Tolfrey

Sarah Tolfrey
Deputy Head
St George's School



Dates for Your Diary / Events Programme

DEVELOPMENT DAYS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 17th December:

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Friday 19th December:
Last day of Term

Monday 5th January:
Students to return to school

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Isle of Wight SENDIASS Online Workshops

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

13 NOV 09:30	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft	18 NOV 10:00	Appeals to SEND Tribunal A step-by-step guide through the appeals process
21 NOV 10:00	Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP	24 NOV 13:00	Considering an EHC Plan? Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process
25 NOV 10:00	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft	26 NOV 12:30	Alternative Provision What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act

www.iowsendiass.org.uk/workshops



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Armistice Day



In honour of Remembrance Day, 3MW participated in the Royal British Legion's Remembrance online assembly. The Prince of Wales featured in a special video message, encouraging young people to take part in Remembrance, to honour veterans and others across the Armed Forces community. We then researched some of the letters and poems sent during the war and created these poignant collages. Ollie wore his American US Army First Infantry kit and explained it's use.

Identity Collage Exhibition at Independent Arts

We have an exhibition of our students' work currently on display at Independent Arts in Newport town centre (opposite Waterstones). This will brighten their window until the new year. The display showcases some of the stunning pieces created for our recent Identity Collage project. Students who have artwork included in the exhibition should have received a letter with a small copy of their work to take home. They look utterly fabulous, really well done to all those involved. We will have another exhibition at Independent Arts in the Spring so don't be too disappointed if your piece wasn't selected this time. Guy, Rachel and Zoe, Art Department



Below is the explanation from the display that gives brief details of the project.

These artworks were created by St George's students across our age range (11-19). They were asked to create a piece that centred around a self-portrait in the style of the artist Julian Opie. They have also included collages of their favourite hobbies and interests as well as some decorative elements. Our students employed a variety of media, techniques and styles to create these fabulous artworks.

The Studio

I hope you are all keeping well and that the term has been off to a smooth start for you and your families. I'm pleased to share that it's been a really positive beginning to the term here at The Studio.

There has been a wonderful atmosphere around the school — students have settled back into routines quickly, and there's already lots of impressive work being produced across all year groups.

On Tuesday, we marked Remembrance Day with a whole-school two-minute silence. I was incredibly proud of the way our students conducted themselves — they showed real respect and maturity throughout the observance, creating a moment of reflection that was both moving and meaningful.

Looking ahead, a quick reminder that our school photographer will be in on Friday, 28th November. Please ensure students are in full uniform and ready for their photographs on the day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It's been a fantastic start to the term, and we look forward to building on this positive momentum in the weeks ahead.

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Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Helping to keep your child healthy

The Isle of Wight 0-19 Team is made up of Health Visitors, School Nurses, Community Nurses, Associate Practitioners and Administrators.

We use our skill mix team to ensure that all families are offered mandated health contacts for needs assessment, advice and support.

Please see Family Assist for additional support information.



If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Health Visitor or School Nurse, please ring the 0-19 duty desk on **0300 123 5224**

**Family Hubs**
Isle of Wight

Health Visitor Drop-in Clinic

Appointments will no longer be booked please just drop in

Weekly

Ventnor Family Centre PO38 1EZ	Monday 10.30-12pm
Sandown Family Hub PO36 9EQ	Wednesday 9.30-11.30am with Infant feeding support
Carisbrooke Family Centre PO30 5QT	Friday 9.30 – 11am with Infant feeding support
Ryde Family Hub PO33 2JF	Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am
East Newport Family Hub PO30 2AX	Wednesday 12.30 – 2.30pm

Fortnightly

East Cowes Family Centre PO32 6PA	Monday 10 – 11.30am with Infant feeding support
Cowes Family Centre PO31 7ET	Tuesday 9.30 – 11am

West Wight Family Centre

1st Wednesday of every month
9.30 – 11am
PO40 9XH

If you have any questions or would like to speak to a health visitor outside of these times, please ring the 0-19 duty desk on
0300 123 5224

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A Barnardo's Worker will also be available for information about family hub services

Have your say on school transport

The local authority is reviewing its school transport services for children who are eligible for free travel to and from mainstream schools. Parents and carers are invited to share their views to help improve future arrangements. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire here: [2026 Transport Procurement - Consultation \(Engagement\) – Parents/Guardians](#)

The webpage about the procurement can be found at: www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/home-to-school-transport/school-transport-procurement-parents.

Please complete the questionnaire by 24th November 2025.



Reverse Advent Calendar

Once again, we are planning on supporting the IOW Foodbank and we would like to invite you all to get involved in this worthy project. Each week we will be requesting food items that the students will place in a central location. (The food bins will be in the school entrance hall)

Please can you check that the expiry date is **after 25/12/25**

10/11-14/11 – long life milk, squash, hot chocolate, fruit juice (long life), mini marshmallows

17/11-21/11 – tinned custard/Angel Delight/sponge puddings/trifle mix, jelly

24/12-28/12 – pickles/gravy granules/curry sauce/stuffing/cranberry sauce/mayonnaise

01/12-05/12 Christmas treats –mince pies, biscuits, Christmas puddings, cakes, chocolate, savoury crackers, crisps, napkins etc

Many thanks
Ros

School Photos

Cardwell & Simons came the Newport site on Wednesday and took some lovely photos of your young people. (Photographer to visit East Cowes Studio Friday the 28th of November)

Those students who were present and had their photo taken should bring home a card today or early next week which will allow you to register on their website so that you can be informed when the photos are available to order.

Recipe Book 2025!

Dear Parents/Carers

Our stunning 2025 recipe book is now available to order. The students are working incredibly hard on the artwork for the book this half term. Their work takes inspiration from impressionist and post-impressionist artists.

The students have been making these recipes in our Food Tech lessons and they are very excited to share them with you!

Please see the form below to complete and return to the office. Please indicate that you do or do not give permission for your student's photo to be included in the Recipe Book and if you wish, order your own copy, which will be sent home on Friday, 12th of December.

Payments for the recipe book can be made online, via ScoPay, or cash in a named and labelled envelope. Recipe books cost £5 each.

The deadline for orders is Monday 8th December. All payments must be made by Monday 1st December.

Please do contact me if you have any questions about the recipe book, you can contact me via my email address: michelle.quinn@stgeorges.iow.sch.uk.

Kind regards

Michelle Quinn

Food Tech Instructor

Student Name.....

Student Class:

Number of recipe books required:.....

I have enclosed £

Or

I have paid using the online payment system

I give/ I do not give permission for use of my young person's photo in the recipe book

Signed Parent/Carer.....

Care in the Garden

On Monday, the View 3 visited Care in the Garden at Palmers Brooke, Wootton, as part of our learning about external providers.

Some of us are leaving school next year - so this is really important. John showed us around and we also met an ex-student, who now works there! We visited the cafe, gift shop, and woodwork shop.

They also have a tool shed where they recycle tools and re-sell them. The gift shop had lots of things for sale, windchimes, jams, bird houses, plants, fruit and vegetables and garden furniture.

They help people with SEN to gain work experience and have also adopted a 'work buddy' scheme where you can work in the shop, horticulture or woodwork.

We recommend that you go and visit and we are sure that you will find some lovely gifts for yourself and your family. They are also introducing a loyalty card for £2 and this will give you a discount on products.

The View 3

We are more than just a nursery!
We are all of these



The Plant Market
We grow and sell an wide range of beautiful plants at AMAZING prices



Splinter Wood Products
We make a range of quality wood products on site.



Work Buddy Scheme
Our 'Work Buddies' support adults with additional needs, in the workplace.



Bird Tables



Bird Boxes



Owl Boxes



ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING

ALL COURSES ARE FOR ADULTS 19+

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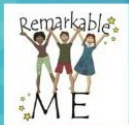
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For further information or to book a place on any /all of these sessions please contact:
info@thecrossley.co.uk or text 07977 041 539

90 Minutes to Family Calm Series

Join our **FREE** (fully funded) online classes! – **Join one or join them all....**

 	BRAIN TRAINING FOR CALM – 4th November TAMING THE EMOTIONS MONSTER – 11th November SENSIBLE ABOUT OUR SENSES – 18th November BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM & CONFIDENCE – 25th November RELAXING OUR KIDS – 2nd December	  
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Autumn Term 2025
Tuesday evenings
6:00-7:30PM

Booking & enrolment required to secure a place on any or all these sessions.
enrolment required **just once (for any number of sessions) per academic year*



Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day 2025!



This year, we will be having Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 17th December**; the cost is the same as a normal school dinner, which is £3.30; it is free to students eligible for free school meals.

If your young person would like to order a meal, including those entitled to free school meals, please complete the form below, by deleting as necessary and return it to the office by Friday the 28th of November. This will help the school cook to order the correct amount of ingredients.

Unfortunately, there will be no other meal options on this day. If your young person does not require a Christmas dinner, please can you provide them with a packed lunch.

Thank you for your support.

Student Name:.....

Registration Group:.....

I would / would not (please delete as necessary) like to order a Christmas dinner

I will make the payment of £3.30 (if applicable) **on ScoPay / cash to school** (please delete as necessary)