

ST GEORGE'S GAZETTE

Friday 6th March

Dear Students, Families, Staff and Governors,

Just a quick message from me this time, as we also have an introduction from our new Chair of Governors.

I hope that you are all enjoying the sunny weather that we have started experiencing over the last week or so. Spring is definitely on it's way with lighter mornings and evenings alongside all the flowers bursting into life. The daffodils planted by our previous headteacher, Sue Holman, are beginning to bloom on the school field. We are incredibly lucky with our outdoor spaces at St George's.

Thank you to so many of you who have made the effort to organise costumes for your young person with World Book Day. Many students and staff have excelled in their costumes and there is a huge variety of characters at school today. This fancy-dress day was requested by one of our students, Roxy, and it is important to listen to student voice and to celebrate events like World Book Day to promote the love of reading/communication. As a school we are in the process of redesigning our library area and will send photos once complete.

Another student, Casey, is in the process of organising a talent show. We haven't had one at St George's for many years, so I am sure that will be an exciting event when it happens. Further details to follow.

Whilst some students, and staff, thrive in this type of event I am fully aware that others may find it uncomfortable and so, to reassure you, there is no pressure for any individual to participate - all extra-curricular events are optional.

Staff are busy organising our Summer term events such as Connor Reid Memorial Football, Sports Day and the Summer Fayre. These are all exciting events and students often get involved in the organisation of the day as part of their leadership development, again, further details will follow.

Enjoy the weekend.

Best Wishes

S.J. Gleeson

Steff Gleeson
Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary / Events Programme

DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Monday 22nd June

Monday 27th July

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter Holidays

Last day of Term:
Friday 27th March

Students Return to school:
Monday 13th April



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Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Steve Hollinghurst. It is a privilege to have been elected the chair of governors of St Georges school.

I am a retired executive headteacher of two special schools in Fareham. The schools cater for children and young people like those who attend St. Georges. It has always been my ambition to work to get the best education and support for our children. I am, therefore, determined to support and challenge the school in its mission to provide a high-quality provision.

I believe that the staff at St. Georges and the Studio do a great job to teach and support your child/ young adult. It is my job to ensure that they continue to do this and to do even better. I look forward to serving the school and to meeting some of you.

Many thanks

Steve Hollinghurst
Chair of Governors

Online Safety - a student's message



On the 3rd of February 2026, in my class we were making posters to spread awareness for online safety, when I was done with mine at about 14:40 in the afternoon, I showed my excellent teacher, Kat Montagu, and she really loved to the point of wanting it displayed in the school as a newspaper, I was pretty excited that my creations were getting some recognition and of course I said yes, the teaching assistant, Jesse, went off with my poster to show Becky, Becky thought it was brilliant and accepted it, after that, Me & Jesse went to show Katie for further approval, Katie said yes, loving it as much as everyone else that saw it earlier on, and now my poster will appear in the newspaper in the school, I am ecstatic that my efforts and passions will be showcased to many people and will increase online safety awareness and inspire them to tread carefully when online!

By Logan James

The Studio 3RM and The Opera Project!

This year, a group of our students have been fortunate enough to take part in an exciting and inspiring project with the **English National Opera (ENO)**.

Class 3RM thoroughly enjoyed listening to and watching parts of an opera before composing and creating their own original ending to a piece focused on caring for the environment. The project encouraged the children to think deeply about how music can tell a story and convey important messages.

The students explored imaginative ways of using their voices to create atmosphere and emotion. They also incorporated a range of percussion instruments to rhythm within their composition. Working collaboratively, they created a truly impressive musical masterpiece and took great delight in listening to their final recorded piece.

To celebrate their hard work, the children received a personalised message from the English National Opera, along with certificates recognising their achievement. The feedback was wonderful:

"What a beautiful atmosphere you create in your piece — I love the use of percussion. I can picture someone walking, sometimes running through the woods and hearing different sounds of birds, the wind and the rustle of leaves. It's a really magical soundworld that you have created. Well done 3RM!"

This was a thoroughly enjoyable and enriching activity for everyone involved. We are incredibly proud of 3RM's creativity and enthusiasm, and we look forward to taking part again next year!

HPV Immunisations

Dear Parents/Carers

The School Immunisation Nurses will be in school on Thursday 19th March to deliver the HPV to Year 8 students who have parental consent.

The HPV can protect your young person from many cancers; every year the vaccine saves hundreds of lives in the UK.

If you have not already done so and would like to consent, the link is below:

<https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV>

The school I code is: CW118227

Access to the form will close two working days before the vaccination date.

Information on the HPV can be found at the following link:

<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/hpv/>

If you have any questions at all, please call the Immunisation Team on: 0300 123 5074

The Studio

As we begin to see glimpses of spring sunshine brightening our days, there is a real sense of renewed energy and optimism around the Studio school. The lighter mornings and warmer afternoons have given us the perfect backdrop for another busy and inspiring few weeks of learning.

Recent highlights have included visits from Rosie the dog. Rosie always brings smiles, calm moments and lots of excitement to our students. It is always wonderful to see the care, gentleness and respect shown towards her. Experiences like this not only support wellbeing but also help our students develop empathy and confidence in different social situations.

Our students have also enjoyed some fantastic learning opportunities out in the community. A visit to the comic shop in Newport gave students the chance to explore their interests, make choices and engage with staff and members of the public. They showed great independence in navigating public transport, selecting items, handling money and asking questions. It was a pleasure to see their enthusiasm and growing confidence.

Another important step in our learners' journeys was the visit to the Isle of Wight College to support preparation for their pathway to adulthood. This experience encouraged students to think about their future aspirations and next steps. They approached the visit with curiosity and maturity, demonstrating both aspiration and perseverance as they explored new environments and considered the opportunities ahead of them.

We also had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day. Students took part in discussions about their favourite stories and characters, sharing recommendations with their peers and showing real enthusiasm for reading. They were given the opportunity to design and create their own bookmarks, expressing their creativity while celebrating the joy of books. It was lovely to see such engagement and thoughtful conversations about the stories that inspire them.

I would just like to remind parents and carers of our uniform expectations. Uniform needs to be all black and appropriate for the school environment. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We look forward to more sunshine, more opportunities and more achievements as the term continues.

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Aspiration Respect Perseverance Independence

Medical Appointments

It would be much appreciated if any young person has a scheduled medical appointment, during the school day, that proof of the appointment is sent to the office. A screen shot of any texts or emails would be very helpful. Please send these to office@stgeorges.iow.sch.uk

Many Thanks

School Lottery



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chances to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Support our fundraising this spring

This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children! It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide a new minibus for the students to be able to go out and access the community.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

BUY TICKETS



See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 28/03/26.

Clothes Bank

The textile bank is situated in the bottom car park by the path



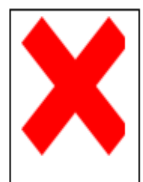
We can accept the following items:

- All men's, ladies and children's clothing including School Uniform
 - Paired Shoes
- Handbags, bags, ties and belts
- Bed clothes, towels, soft toys



We cannot accept:

- Duvets both synthetic and feathered
 - Pillows & cushions
 - Carpets & Rugs
 - Soiled or wet clothing
 - Workwear
- Shredded or mutilated textile material
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



Community News and Events

www.isleofwightpottery.com

EASTER POTTERY CLUB

Mon, Wed, Fri
10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm
30th March - 10th April
£27.50



- Sculpting bunnies, Easter egg cups, little sheep or your own creations
- Making pots on the pottery wheel

All glazing & firing included, adults & children welcome

book now www.isleofwightpottery.com

Newport & Carisbrooke
Community Council

SUMMER FAYRE

Victoria Recreation Ground
Newport

Saturday 30th May
10AM - 4PM



• Fusion BMX Stunt Show
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Spring into HAF this Easter!

Our popular Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is back for Easter 2026!

Activities include bushcraft, football, horse riding, fun at the farm, music, multi-sports and multi-activity holiday clubs. All HAF activities are inclusive and we also have some specialist SEND activities running.

- Activities will run from Monday 30th March- Friday 10th April
- Bookings open Tuesday 3 March at 12pm
- All activities include a healthy nutritious meal for children and young people attending
- Free spaces are available to children who receive income-related free school meals
- Please share with families you are working with and encourage them to book on to activities should they be eligible.

We can also offer a limited number of discretionary-funded places for children who do not meet the criteria above but would benefit from attending. This may include, for example:

- Children assessed by the Local Authority as being in need, at risk or vulnerable
- Looked-after children
- Children under Early Help
- Young carers
- Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Please contact the HAF team on holidayactivities@iow.gov.uk if you would like to access a discretionary-funded place for a family you are working with.

How to book:

All bookings can be made through our [HAF Booking System](#) (QR code below)



Full details on all of our activities can also be found on the Isle of Wight [Family Information Hub webpage](#).

Please contact the HAF Team on holidayactivities@iow.gov.uk if you have any questions.