St. George’s School Newsletter

Friday 4th July 2025

From the Head

What an amazing Activities Week it has been! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all colleagues from across the school for the exceptional range of experiences they have provided for our pupils over the last four days. From residential trips, to day visits and in-school activities, the week has been full of energy, opportunity and growth. I am hugely grateful to all members of staff who have gone above and beyond to make these experiences possible and especially to those that organised and led trips. You can find some reports about trips below, and we will be sharing more about these events and their impact with you next week.

I would also like to thank the members of our Parent Staff Association (PSA) for the incredible work that went into organising last weekend’s Summer Fête. It was a wonderful afternoon, full of energy, warmth and a real sense of community spirit. The buzz around the field was palpable, and it was great to see so many families, pupils and staff enjoying the event together. My thanks go to all the volunteers who gave their time so generously, and especially to those who set up and took down everything (alongside with the school’s site team). The generous donations received for the stalls and the time given are deeply appreciated and make a real difference to the life of the school.

While pupils have been away from school today, our staff have been very much present, engaged in important planning and development work. The day included time devoted to shaping the academic year ahead; plans which focus on ensuring the very best possible outcomes and experiences for all pupils at St George’s.

As we move into the weekend, I hope pupils have the chance to rest and recharge after a busy and exciting week. I also hope that our boarders have enjoyed time away from school over the exeat weekend, reconnecting with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back on Monday, ready for the final two weeks of term.

These final days of term are important. We will continue to maintain our high expectations of pupils in terms of behaviour, focus and uniform right through to the end of term. There is much to look forward to, including our Summer Send-Off Concert, House Dance, and Sports Day, as well as valuable time in the classroom for continued learning and development.

Summer Fete 2025 - Highlights from PSA

It was a joyful afternoon that brought the whole school community together — and thanks to your support, it also raised an incredible amount towards the assembly hall upgrade.

This year’s fete was one of our most vibrant and memorable yet, filled with warmth, fun and true community spirit.

The school fields were buzzing with over 30 stalls, offering everything from sweet treats and crafts to plants and books. Children dashed between laser quest, bouncy castles and games, while “sponge the teachers” drew a crowd. A live band, BBQ, and Pimm’s added to the atmosphere, along with the driving experience and the Old Georgians booth. A sun-soaked afternoon full of fun from start to finish.

Feedback has been fantastic — *“Such a fun day for the kids,” “Best fete yet – so well organised,” “Lovely to see the whole school community come together.”*

A big thank-you to all the volunteers, staff and students who made the day run smoothly — and to everyone who donated or came along to support.

Special thanks to the Summer Fete Committee for their fantastic coordination and commitment behind the scenes, and to our generous sponsors for their support. We’re hoping to share the final amount raised in next week’s newsletter — just waiting on a few final bits to confirm.

What’s next?

PSA Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 9th July 2025
Time: 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Join us to help shape the fundraising goal for the next academic year. All parents are welcome — it’s a great opportunity to meet others, hear what’s happening at school, and find out how you can get involved.

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Date: Saturday, 12th July 2025
Time: From 9:00 a.m.
A great chance to stock up for the new school year! To support the sale, please donate any uniform items (excluding white shirts and trousers), games bags and lacrosse sticks to Goddard Reception by 9:00 a.m.11th July.

Save the dates

- **School Painting Day** – Saturday 20th September 2025
- **Second-Hand Ski Wear Sale** – Saturday 8th November 2025
- **Christmas Fayre** – Saturday 22nd November 2025
- **Christmas Ball** – Saturday 29th November 2025

Your support is what makes these events possible. If you’d like to help organise or volunteer, please email psa@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk

Thank you to all the members of the PSA who work so hard throughout the year. We are so lucky to have such a brilliant parent body who contributes so much.

House Bake Off 2025

Following the successful introduction of House Bake Off last year, this year, points are being awarded towards the Endeavour cup.

In round One, students prepared, cooked and presented dishes for a celebration. We were stunned by the fantastic response from students making fabulous sweet and savoury delights, ranging from homemade fish and chips to filled choux buns, tarts and cakes. House Staff had the difficult job of selecting two Lower school (7 and 8) and two Middle school (9 and 10) students to represent their Houses in the Bake Off Final.

On Friday 27th June, students created their Celebration Showstoppers in 90 minutes. We were bowled over with the creativity, care and attention to detail students paid to their fabulous dishes. Many dedicated students had practised their dishes multiple times and refined it in preparation for the big day. However, with temperatures 25 ℃ outside of the classroom, the heat from the ovens provided an additional challenge. All our finalists kept their cool and worked solidly, producing magnificent dishes which looked professionally made.

Thanks go to our amazing catering team, Mrs Crowther and Mrs White, who kindly joined our judging team, alongside Ms Clough (retired Food Preparation and Nutrition teacher), Mrs Bailey and Miss Baxter. Staff were impressed with how well students worked; the quality of their skills and the decoration of the Showstoppers.

Judging focused on the successful use of the **context, quality of presentation and sensory analysis (taste/texture/aroma).**

The Lower School House Bake Off winners were Lowri T and Phyllis F representing Monk House. The Middle School House Bake Off winners were Dan A and Amelie M representing Grant House.

The overall winner of House Bake Off 2025 was **Monk House.**

St. Albans Treasure Trail

The students battled the intense heat on Monday to complete the St. Albans Treasure Trail and the prize was a well-earned ice-cream.

Having got the train to St. Albans, we walked up to the High Street to the Clock Tower where the trail began. The clues took us around the backstreets up to the Abbey and the prison and back through the streets to the Rose Garden where we had our lunch in the shade. Then off again to St. Peter’s Church and ending back at

the Clock Tower. The students were amazing and had such a positive attitude and team spirit despite walking 18,000 steps!!! A very enjoyable day out with a lovely bunch of students.

The Music Department's Summer Send Off

We are very much looking forward to the Summer Send Off on Tuesday July 8th in the assembly hall.

The evening will feature a programme of performances from auditioned soloists and groups, plus the St George's Jazz Band, whole school orchestra and choir - the evening promises to lift even the most heat exhausted spirits, ready for a joyful summer holiday.

The bar opens at 6pm, the concert starts at 6.30pm. Buy your tickets from ParentPay. Come along!

From Herts for Learning:

We're inviting families across Hertfordshire to help shape the future of children's social care by completing a short questionnaire. You can share your experiences, ideas and hopes for a system that truly supports every child and family. This is your chance to co-design services that reflect your community's needs, because no one understands what works better than you.

Whether you're a parent, carer or young person your insights are invaluable. Let's build a brighter, more supportive future together. □□ Please use the QR code or link below to complete a short questionnaire https://forms.office.com/e/wvHbv3t7qt