

Friday 25th April 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share with you the results of our parent questionnaire. Thank you that nearly all parents responded and gave comments. It is exceptional to have results showing parent agreement well above 90%. Very few schools achieve this.

We're so pleased to have such a supportive parent community. We don't pretend to be perfect so if there are things that you think we could do to improve, do pop in to meet us and let us know.

Please take a look at the results attached.

With best wishes, Mrs Whiteley (Head of School) and Mr Webb (Executive Headteacher)

Year 3—Clean Air for Schools workshop

As part of the Healthy Schools Streets project, Year 3 participated in a workshop to find out more about the air quality around our school.

Year 3 walked around the local area, taking readings of the different levels of pollution using special monitors. They gathered readings from both quiet areas and those where there was more traffic. Back at school, they compared the results. Year 3 found that the air quality in the busier areas was poorer than in the quieter spaces.

Year 3 are now going to work with Great Ormond Street Hospital School to create a 'Clean Air Map' of the local area highlighting routes with lower levels of pollution. This will then be shared with the whole school.



Camden 'Moving On' Secondary School Event

Parents of children in primary school years 4 and 5 are invited to the Camden Moving On to Secondary School Event on Thursday 5 June 2025, with timed slots available from 4.15 to 6.45pm.

Learn Achieve Aspire

Secondary Schools
in Camden 2025



This free in-person event at the Francis Crick Institute, King's Cross, is a great opportunity to:

- Receive advice on how to apply for a Year 7 place for September 2026 from the Camden Admissions Team
- Find out more about what Camden secondary schools have to offer your child
- Speak with headteachers, student ambassadors and staff from Camden secondary schools.

This is a timed ticket event, so please make sure you arrive for the time you have booked. Free tickets are available on Eventbrite website, search: 'Camden Moving On'.

I have received and read the St George the Martyr CE Primary School newsletter of 25.04.2025

Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

Important dates for your diary...



Monday 28th April—After School Enrichment Clubs start

Wednesday 30th April—Year 5 Camden Music Festival at the Royal Albert Hall—Y5 parents please have a look at the letter that went home this week for further information about tickets and timings

Thursday 1st May—9.15am—Year 2 Presentation to Parents; 2.45pm—Year 3 Presentation to Parents

Friday 2nd May—9.05am—Parent Information Coffee Morning—How to give your child the best chance to succeed at school: A chat with the Head of School

Monday 5th May—Bank Holiday—School Closed

Thursday 8th May—9.15am—Year 1 Presentation to Parents; 2.45pm—Year 5 Presentation to Parents

Friday 9th May—9.05am—Friends of St George the Martyr (PTA) meeting

Friday 16th May—9.05am—Parent Information Coffee Morning—Positive parenting strategies—led by a Camden professional

Thursday 22nd May—9.15am—Reception Presentation to Parents; 2.45pm—Year 4 Presentation to Parents

HALF TERM—Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May



Person of the Week!

Nursery - Eden
Reception - Chris
Year 1 - Arthur
Year 2 - Eloise
Year 3 - Solomia
Year 4 - Ela
Year 5 - Ahil
Year 6 - Grace



Attendance...

A huge congratulations to **Year 2** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** the last week of term.







Our attendance bear, George, will live in the Year 2 classroom next week.



Healthy Snacks

Please remember that children must only bring in snacks for break time and for after school clubs that are **healthy**. Crisps and chocolate are not allowed.

Please see the reminder below:

Things you can eat for your break-time snack	Things you cannot eat for your break-time snack
Fruit 	Fruit winders 
A PLAIN biscuit 	Biscuits with jam, chocolate or any other extras 
Vegetables e.g. carrot sticks 	Crisps 

Work of the Week...

Every week a great piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby.

This week in English, Year 2 have been writing recounts inspired by their trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum last term.

Alikhan has produced an excellent recount demonstrating all of the steps to success. He has included a range of ambitious vocabulary and sentence types. Alikhan's presentation is also superb.

Well done, Alikhan!

Thank you for sharing your wonderful work with us!



Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Mrs Whiteley or Mrs Marsh. **We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.**



St George the Martyr Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL
EVERY SUNDAY DURING OUR 10:30AM SERVICE

WORSHIP TOGETHER
THEN ADULTS STAY IN THE SERVICE AND CHILDREN
AND YOUTH GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



ALL CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED



SGTM YOUTH
Year 6 (age 10) upwards



REGISTER

SAINT GEORGE THE MARTYR
44 QUEEN SQUARE
LONDON WC1N 3AH
families@sgtm.org

AGE: 3.5 AND ABOVE

There is a baby and toddler corner for little ones in the service

SATURDAY 3RD MAY
4PM - 6PM IN ST GEORGE THE MARTYR CHURCH, WC1N 3AH
contact Sally families@sgtm.org for more information

TO STAY UP TO DATE DO FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Pop in after school today for a free cheese toastie plus crafts & games.



Dear God

We pray that this new term at St George the Martyr is blessed by you. We thank you for being by our side through all the work, fun and challenges to come. We thank you for the support of our dedicated teaching staff helping us to celebrate our unique gifts.

We praise you for giving us the opportunity to learn and have an education and pray for our school community and everyone who supports us at the beginning of this term's learning journey.

In Jesus Name, Amen

Fridays 10.30-12.00

COSMO PLACE

Under 5's Stay and Play

Free Admission

SAINT GEORGE THE MARTYR
44 Queen Square, WC1N 3AH

St George the Martyr C of E Primary School
Parent Questionnaire February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your helpful comments. Your views and those of your children are very important to us. They help us move the school forward and are an effective way of checking that we are getting things right. School leaders take them into account when we are planning for the future.

We were very heartened by the huge number of positive comments about our school. Positive comments really help staff to keep motivated and to keep doing their best for your children.

We were very glad to hear parents say that their child enjoys school. Many parents commented that the school has high expectations for the pupils at St George the Martyr, particularly around behaviour. Parents also noted that their children are encouraged to work hard and do their best. One parent commented, *'The school instils a great work ethic in the children.'*

Parents shared that the school provides a calm and positive learning environment. Many parents said the school is inclusive and that staff are caring and supportive. Parents were pleased that their child feels safe at St George the Martyr and many described the school as nurturing. One parent shared, *'The school is very good at making children feel safe, secure and included.'*

Many parents told us that they find the school and its staff approachable and friendly. Parents said that the school staff have positive relationships with their children. One parent said, *'The staff's engagement and dedication towards managing the children is the best.'* Parents also shared that they feel the school is led and managed well. One parent commented, *'The leadership team work tirelessly to ensure the best school life for all children. Thank you.'*

Parents also commented that they feel able to approach the school with any concerns they may have, such as bullying, and feel reassured that they will be listened to and that these concerns will be taken seriously. One parent noted, *'The school has a strong focus on supporting both the children and the parents.'*

A large number of parents told us that they appreciate the ways that school provides excellent communication with them and regular information through the weekly newsletter, text messages and other letters. They shared that they feel well-informed about what is happening in the school. Parents appreciate when staff meet with them to discuss their child's progress and any concerns they may have.

Many parents said that teaching is something the school does very well, and as a result their child is making good progress. One parent commented, *'The school are very dedicated to providing a high quality of education.'* Another parent shared, *'The teaching and support for my children in school can be seen by the progress they are making over the year.'* Lots of parents commented that the teaching of reading is a strength at St George the Martyr. Parents shared that teaching staff are *'dedicated'*, *'passionate'* and *'amazing'*. Many parents commented that the school meets pupils' needs and that their child is well-supported in their learning.

Two parents asked for fewer Non-Uniform Days. Non-Uniform Days are held once at the end of each month, providing an opportunity for pupils to donate to the school's chosen charities. Charitable giving is an important way for children to demonstrate our value of compassion and to engage in social action. Children tell us they like the monthly opportunity to wear their own clothes to school and many parents have said they prefer general non-uniform days than being asked to dress up for a theme on multiple days through the year.

We had a split between a few parents who think that there should be no homework or less or easier homework and another small group who think there should be more homework. Evidence shows that homework is most useful for children to reinforce and practice learning they have already completed in class that week. It provides an opportunity for parents to work with their child at home and sets good habits for children. Parents are always welcome to choose other materials to work on at home in addition to school homework. If parents find that their child has found a piece of homework too difficult, please don't feel it needs to be fully completed. Teachers welcome hearing from parents and children about where work was tricky because this helps teachers plan further practice in school.

Many parents said that they could not think of anything to improve and that the school should keep doing what it does well! This is reassuring to hear, but we don't pretend to be perfect so if there are things that you think we could do to improve, do pop in to meet me and let me know.
We try our hardest to be a really good school.

Best wishes,
Mrs Whiteley

Questionnaire responses

We received 102 responses representing parents of 153 children

N.B. 1% = 1 parent

1. My child enjoys coming to school

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
55%	44%	1%		

Overall 99% positive

2. My child feels safe at school

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
60%	39%	1%		

Overall 99% positive

3. My child is making good progress

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
53%	46%	1%		

Overall 99% positive

4. The school teaches my child to behave well

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
63%	36%		1%	

Overall 99% positive

5. I am kept informed about how my child is getting on

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
50%	47%	3%		

Overall 97% positive

6. I feel comfortable about approaching the school with a question or a problem

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
58%	41%	1%		

Overall 99% positive

7. Staff expect my child to work hard and do his/her best

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
60%	39%	1%		

Overall 99% positive

8. Staff treat my child fairly

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
51%	49%			

Overall 100% positive

9. The school is led and managed well

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
52%	44%	3%		1%

Overall 96% positive

10. The school provides appropriate homework, including reading books

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
46%	50%	2%		2%

Overall 96% positive

11. The school helps children to succeed through its Christian vision: 'Go shine in the world, and live as Jesus lived'

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
36%	46%	2%	16%	

Overall 82% positive

12. The school provides opportunities for my child's spiritual development (for example through learning about God and faith, whoever God is to them)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
34%	53%	2%	11%	

Overall 87% positive