**WIGAN ST ANDREW’S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2025**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER – 2:15– 3:15PM MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON**

**TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER – 6PM MEET THE STAFF**

**TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER – 9:15AM HARVEST FESTIVAL IN CHURCH**

**WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER – 2:00 – 6:30PM PARENTS EVENING (WHOLE SCHOOL)**

**FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER – FINISH FOR HALF TERM (NORMAL FINISH TIME)**

**MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER - BACK TO SCHOOL**

**THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES**

 **KS1 PM & KS2 AM (EXACT TIMES TO FOLLOW)**

**FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES**

 **KS1 AM & KS2 PM (EXACT TIMES TO FOLLOW)**

**FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER – FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS**

**WELCOME BACK**

It is wonderful to welcome all our St. Andrews family back after the summer holiday. The children have made a fantastic start to the new school year and have settled well in their new classes. We have also welcomed new children to school and our fantastic new reception class. We are all excited to see what this term will bring. Please remember that if you have any problems or worried do not hesitate to contact us.

**L. Taylor**

**Headteacher**

**A FEW POLITE REMINDERS**

As the new school year begins, we would just like to remind you all of a few of the rules that makes the running of school easier:

* Book bags only to be brought to school. No large rucksacks please as we do not have the room to store these.
* All long hair MUST be tied back. This is due to Health and Safety.
* No earrings to be worn for P.E. Again, this is a Health and Safety issue. We are NOT allowed to put plasters over earrings or take them our for the children. This is important to ensure there are no accidents during their P.E lessons.
* Could you please ensure your child’s name is in everything. This is helpful as I am sure you appreciate the problems that arise from lost uniform.

**CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE**

This week, our whole school attendance was 96.47% , which is above the national average- well done! There is no doubt that the children with the best attendance are the ones who are best able to access the curriculum.

**KEY STAGE 1 ATTENDANCE:**

YR- 100%

Y1- 97.45%

Y2- 95.88%

**KEY STAGE 2 ATTENDANCE:**

Y3- 95.54%

Y4- 98.33%

Y5- 96.51%

Y6- 94.32%

**OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM- THANKFULNESS**

As stated in our Christian Vision ‘Our Christian values are our heartbeat’ and we have started looking at our first Christian value- Thankfulness.

We are thankful that each and every one of our St Andrew’s family is unique and special: we celebrate our similarities and differences, and are thankful for our gifts and talents. We will be looking at stories in the Bible and exploring the value in different ways.

This half term we will be thinking about all the things we are thankful for. On Tuesday 7th October at 9:15am, we will be having a celebration of thanks at our Harvest Festival in church.

**CHURCH SERVICE**

Our service this Sunday is a Holy Communion service in church at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome.

Please be aware of the road closures around church due to the Wigan 10k.

Church Services will be uploaded to the school calendar for your information.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON**

We are holding a Macmillan coffee afternoon on Friday 26th September from 2:15pm – 3:15pm. Everyone is welcome to help us support this wonderful charity. Donations of cakes will be greatly appreciated.

**HOLIDAY PATTERN 2025/2026**

AUTUMN TERM:   TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER – FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025

HALF-TERM:      MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025 (INCLUSIVE)

SPRING TERM:    TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY – THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2026

HALF-TERM:      MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2026 (INCLUSIVE)

EASTER HOLIDAY:  FRIDAY 3RD APRIL – FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2026 (INCLUSIVE)

SUMMER TERM:   MONDAY 13TH APRIL – THURSDAY 16TH JULY 2026

BANK HOLIDAY:  MONDAY 4TH MAY 2026

HALF -TERM:      MONDAY 25TH MAY – FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026 (INCLUSIVE)

Many Thanks

*St Andrew’s Staff*