

WIGAN ST ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2025

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER – 6PM MEET THE STAFF

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

TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER – 8:50AM – 10:00AM SEND COFFEE MORNING

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

SEPTEMBER SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Sunday 28th – 9.30am – Family Café Church in the Parish Centre &

9.30am – Service of the Word in Church

Everyone is welcome, please join us if you can.

CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE

This week, our whole school attendance was 97.11%. Which is above the national average! 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- 97.78%

Y1- 95.65%

Y2- 94.25%

KEY STAGE 2 ATTENDANCE:

Y3- 98.81%

Y4- 97.00%

Y5- 96.93%

Y6- 99.28%

KEY RINGS & UNIFORM

Please can all parents ensure that the amount and size of key rings on their child's bags be kept minimalistic. Why we understand that your child may need something to help identify their backpack or bookbag at home time. The staff have noticed increased disagreements with the children due to who's got what key ring and this is something we do not want to carry on in school. As it creates wider disruptions between the children and their learning.

We also ask that you label **ALL** your children's clothing – this makes home time and P.E run more smoothly for both children and staff.

PLEASE MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S INTERNET USE

It has come to our attention that many of our children are using apps that are not appropriate for their age. This can result in your child seeing inappropriate content or having unsupervised contact with older children- or even adults posing as children!

Messaging outside of school can impact relationships within the classroom. We strongly advise that you monitor and restrict your child's use of mobile devices. We are often asked to help resolve fallouts and issues that are a direct result of the following apps, and you can help by adhering to the age restrictions.

Social Media Age Restrictions



USING THE FIRST AVENUE ENTRANCE

Thank you for your support in using the First Avenue entrance to bring your children to the Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms.

We are lucky that you are all very patient and appreciate that safely dismissing so many children from the main entrance takes some time; it has really helped that some of the children are now using the Year 1 and 2 exit doors.

As mentioned on last week's newsletter, we can arrange for siblings to walk to the Year 1 or Year 2 classroom so that you can collect your children from the same door.

MEET THE STAFF

We are looking forward to our 'Meet the Staff' evening next week on Tuesday 30th September @6pm in the school hall. We will introduce all the staff, share any updates and useful information with you, and answer any questions you may have. You will then have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher. We were hoping to make this a meeting for parents and carers; if possible, could you try and attend without your child/children.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

The Headteacher will be sending out information regarding the election of 2 parent governors in the very near future. Before she does, I thought it may be helpful for anyone interested, for me to give a brief overview.

Parent governors are a core part of a school's Board of Governors. The role is voluntary and unpaid. The role of a parent governor is no different to any other governor. Governing boards make strategic decisions and work together to:

- develop a vision and strategy for the school
- oversee financial performance and make sure money is well spent
- hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school
- engage with pupils, staff, parents and the wider school community to understand their views

Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have a first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the 'consumers' point of view. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of the school.

It is important for parent governors to establish a rapport with the parental body which elected him/her, whilst continuing to maintain a strategic approach to school governance. Although being available to advise parents on appropriate routes of action is a very important aspect of the role, it is vital that parent governors do not personally become involved in individual concerns. Confidentiality and impartiality need to be maintained at all times.

While all parents are concerned with their own child's best interests, a parent governor must make strategic decisions that are in the best interests of the whole school community – governing boards work as a team to make collective decisions.

The role of governor, although demanding and challenging at times, is very rewarding too. We hold one full governing body meeting each term, in the evening, in addition two committee meetings per term, usually held during the day. You will receive the necessary training to help you settle into your role and we usually 'buddy' new governors with an experienced governor. There is also mandatory training. You will have to undergo a DBS check, a governor eligibility check, complete a declaration of interest and agree to our Code of Conduct.

There will be more information in the election pack and on the LA website to help you make an informed decision as to whether this may be for you. We look forward to welcoming the successful parents to our team.

Jayne Donnellan

Chair of Governors

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