

WIGAN ST ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 10AM – HARVEST CAFÉ CHURCH IN THE PARISH CENTRE

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

CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE

This week, our whole school attendance was 93.53%. 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- 94%

Y1- 93.67%

Y2- 91.38%

KEY STAGE 2 ATTENDANCE:

Y3- 93.25%

Y4- 90.67%

Y5- 98.47%

Y6- 93.91%

FINAL CHANCE TO SPONSOR YOUR CHILD!

We're absolutely blown away by the amount raised so far for our Great Athletes experience with Antony Cotterill! We have raised almost £2000 just online

Thanks to your incredible generosity, the funds raised will go towards purchasing brand new sports equipment. This will bring a fresh energy to our PE lessons and help boost physical activity and mental wellbeing across the whole school!

If you haven't had a chance to donate online and would prefer to send in cash and your child's sponsor form, please make sure it's returned by Wednesday morning, 15th October.

PARENTS EVENING

Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday, 15th October from 2:00pm to 6:00pm for the entire school.

If you have not yet received a letter to book a time slot with your child's teacher, please collect one from the school office as soon as possible.

HARVEST SERVICES

Sunday 12th October 10am – Harvest Café Church in the Parish Centre

At all these services we will be collecting dried and tinned goods. These will be donated to our food pantries.

There is also a service every Tuesday evening in church starting at 7.30pm.

WARM SPACES IN THE PARISH CENTRE

This restarts every Wednesday from 1st October 1pm-3pm.

Come along for a cuppa and chat, a bite to eat and an afternoon keeping warm. We have crafts, puzzles and books available.

You can call in and do as you wish. This is aimed at the elderly, vulnerable or those living alone who would like to get out of their house and enjoy some company. Everybody welcome.

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