

WIGAN ST ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2025

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER- 'INTRODUCTION TO PHONICS' FOR RECEPTION PARENTS ONLY

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER- LAST DAY FOR CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX DONATIONS (information has been sent via email)

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER- YEAR 5 VIKING EXPERIENCE DAY

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER- ST ANDREW'S DAY SERVICE @ 2PM IN CHURCH

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER @ 9AM- SEND COFFEE MORNING IN 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 @1PM

CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE

This week, our whole school attendance was 96.50%, 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- 98.40%

Y1- 99.33%

Y2- 91.43%

KEY STAGE 2 ATTENDANCE:

Y3- 96.88%

Y4- 94.83%

Y5- 96.67%

Y6- 98%

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Thank you to Rev Sam and our wonderful Worship Club for leading our Remembrance Day service in church. We are so grateful to all those who have fought so that we may live in peace.

OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS PEACE

This half term, as well as remembering those who have fought for world peace, we are exploring the value of peace.

We will be celebrating the birth of Jesus- The Prince of Peace- sent to bring peace to the world.

We will also be thinking about how we can bring peace to others. We want St Andrew's to be a safe place where children feel surrounded by God's love; a place where they can feel God's peace in their hearts

WORSHIP CLUB – REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to Rev Sam for leading our service. Our Worship Club took part in this important service.

They made 'poppy lanterns' as part of our display, read the Bible reading and prayers beautifully. They also made the word 'POPPY' to hold up during the prayers. Well done Worship Club and thank you.

The minutes silence was observed beautifully, well done children, you were amazing. Thank you also to the parents, family members and friends who joined us.

Worship Club are now working on the Christmas Shoebox Appeal, as part of our Ethos incentive this term, and our St Andrew's Day service.

SCHOOL OFFICE

Just a little reminder that if you have any questions or concerns, our school office is always happy to help. You can contact us by email or telephone.

Teachers aren't always able to check emails during the school day while they are teaching, so reaching out to the office often means you'll get a quicker response.

Thank you so much for your understanding and support!

EMAIL: enquiries@admin.saintandrews.wigan.sch.uk

TELEPHONE: 01942 244354

UNIFORM

If your child needs any spare uniform, we currently have a number of boys' school jumpers available in school. If you would like to pick one up for your child, please get in touch with Mrs. Bannister.

EMAIL: ybannister@wiganstandrews.net

CHILDREN IN NEED

Children in Need help fund vital support for children and young people struggling with challenges caused by mental health, poverty, social inequality and family-related issues.

Today we showed our support for 'Children in Need' by bringing in donations and all wearing our own clothes. Together our school have raised £155.40 in aid of Children in Need!!

Well done to everyone!!

Y6 VIKING DAY

We are excited to let you know that we are planning a special **Viking Experience Day** for Year 5 as part of their history topic this term. This will be an **educational, interactive in-school experience** designed to bring the Viking era to life through engaging activities, storytelling, and hands-on learning.

The session will be run by a visiting workshop provider who specializes in making history fun, memorable, and meaningful for children. It will take place **at school**, meaning there's no need for travel or packed lunches.

To help cover the cost of the experience, we are asking for a **contribution of £10 per child**. This will go towards workshop fees and materials. Payment can be made via **Evolve** – Under **'Lesson Configuration'**.

The Viking experience is booked in to run on **Friday 28th November 2025**.

Please could you make sure you have paid for your child/children.

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.

UPCOMING DATES & LOCATIONS – FOR PARENTS, CARERS & SEND SUPPORT

Family Hubs are a new way of bringing together all the support a family may need, from pregnancy through to young people turning 19 (or 25 if they have a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND)). Family hubs will operate as a network of services within your neighbourhood to provide accessible and connected services and support to all families. These services will work together to provide high quality support for the whole family, so that children, young people, and families will get the right help at the right time.

18th November – Clifton Street Family Hub – 01942 828377

2nd December – Wigan North Family Hub – 01942 488000

9th December – Golborne/Lowton Family Hub – 01942 828377

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*