

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

**NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**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**

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER @ 4:30 – 6:30PM – CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE BINGO**

**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 93.07%, which is below 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- 98.55%

Y1- 94.81%

Y2- 96.83%

**KEY STAGE 2 ATTENDANCE:**

Y3- 93.23%

Y4- 80.04%

Y5- 95.19%

Y6- 93.33%

**FLU JAB - REMINDER**

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow the link below to complete an online consent form. If you wish to decline, please still complete the form to indicate your decision.

 <https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/66166080>

The vaccinations will take place at school on **2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025**.

The link will close on **23rd November 2025**.

If your child has already received the flu vaccine elsewhere since September 2025, please complete the form and select 'No' to consent.

### **STREET PARKING AND DRIVING**

It has come to our attention that some of the driving in the street during school pick up and drop off hours is a safety issue. As we are at the end of a small street with high pedestrian numbers, the safety and wellbeing of all is our utmost priority.

We understand that it can be frustrating finding a parking space or quite busy at pick up and drop off times especially in winter months when the weather isn't great!

We ask that you please park and drive with everyone's safety in mind.

Thank you for your continued co – operation.

### **WINTER UNIFORM – THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to all the children who have come to school wearing their winter uniforms this week! You are all looking very smart and we are sure you have all felt warmer this week.

### **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

### **Y5 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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**.

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

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our event in church and the Parish Centre. We raised £2480.80.

### **ST ANDREW'S DAY**

There will be a Holy Communion service in church on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am to celebrate St Andrew. There will also be a Hub service at St Michael's at 10.30am.

We will also have a school celebration in church on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm. Everyone welcome.

### **CHRISTINGLE**

Our celebration this year will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. It will be a Parde service with Holy Communion and will take the same format as last year. Please join us if you can.

### **REBUILD WITH HOPE**

There will be a community sale on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 10am-1.30pm at Christ Church, Ince. High fashion clothing at discount prices.

### **CUPPA & CHAT COFFEE MORNING**

Come along to the Parish Centre on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 10am-12pm. This will be a Christmas special – enjoy tasty snacks, tombola and raffle. Everyone welcome.

### **WARM SPACES IN THE PARISH CENTRE**

This restarts every Wednesday from 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **CHRISTINGLE**

#### **November 25<sup>th</sup>**

We will this year be holding our Christingle Service on SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025 AT 9.30 AM in St Andrews Church. This will be a special service for all the family.

The Christingle was established by the Moravian Church in 1747 as a symbol of Christ's light and love. The Children's society introduced it to the Church of England in 1968 and it has since become a popular event.

A Christingle symbolizes the light of Christ's love. This is a lighted candle mounted in an orange, which has red ribbon around it and four cocktail sticks each with dried fruit or sweets. The orange

represents the world and the candle symbolizes Jesus the light of the world. The red ribbon or tape represents the blood of Christ. The fruits and the sweets are symbolic of god's creation and his love for us.

The Children's society holds its special Christingle appeal each year between Advent and Candlemas and is an enjoyable way to complete the Christmas season. Christingle offers us all an opportunity to be part of something wonderful.

At the service envelopes will be available so that you can make a donation to the Children's Society. Your donations will help to change the lives of disadvantaged children for the better and will help The Children's Society to continue to provide much needed support to vulnerable and disadvantaged children, helping to give them a much better chance in life.

Let us join together to celebrate Christ, the light of the world and bring hope to disadvantaged children through this joyous event.

If you are unable to attend on Sunday the 7 December there are boxes in school for anyone who would like to make a donation to the children's society. I would welcome and be very grateful for any donation to help make the lives of children better, however small that donation may be.

We look forward to seeing you at our Christingle, which will be fun filled and a wonderful start to Christmas celebrations. Help us to shine a light for children who need our help and love.

*Cath Knowles*

*Local Missional Leader*

#### **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.

**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*