

WIGAN ST ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY 2026

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY- SEND COFFEE MORNING

THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY- YEAR 5/CHOIR @ YOUNG VOICES

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY- 'NUMBER DAY' (INFORMATION BELOW)

MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY to FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY- CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY- 'WEAR YOUR SCARF TO SCHOOL DAY' (MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW)

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY- FINISH FOR HALF TERM (NORMAL FINISH TIME)

MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY - BACK TO SCHOOL

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH- 'WORLD BOOK DAY'

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH- 'COMIC RELIEF'

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL- 'EASTER BINGO'

THURSDAY 3RD APRIL- FINISH FOR EASTER (NORMAL FINISH TIME)

CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE

This week, our whole school attendance was 95.23%, 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- 91.67%

Y1- 93.79%

Y2- 99.26%

KEY STAGE 2 ATTENDANCE:

Y3- 97.14%

Y4- 91.70%

Y5- 95.79%

Y6- 96.89%

ORDERING SCHOOL DINNERS

This is a reminder to please ensure that you order your child's dinner before the cut-off time of 10:30am.

After this time, it may not be possible to access the dinner system to place an order. Unfortunately, the school is unable to order dinners on behalf of parents, as all payments and orders are now processed online and we are unable to reimburse any costs.

We understand that on occasion this may be unavoidable and that genuine mistakes can happen. Please be assured that we would never allow a child to go without their dinner; however, they may only receive a sandwich NOT a hot dinner.

Thank you for your cooperation.

YOUNG VOICES CONCERT

Year 5 pupils/ Choir will be taking part in the Young Voices concert in Manchester on Thursday, 5th February 2026.

Please make sure you have used the link/QR code in the email sent to you during the Autumn term inviting you to join the Young Voices Music Room. This platform allows your child to practise the songs and actions ready for the performance. A Young Voices playlist is also available on Spotify.

Tickets are available at the link below.

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/37006349CDE08A7F>

RECYCLE TO READ

We have joined forces with Valpak and Wastebuster's in their recycling initiative for schools.

We are collecting household batteries (e.g. AA,AAA etc.), to help stop the damaging effects they can have on the environment if not correctly disposed of. In return we will be able to choose books for our school – a win, win situation. Please hand any used batteries to a member of staff when you drop off or collect your child or hand them into the school office. For more information, please see recycle-more.co.uk.

Kooth

It is well documented that January can be a month when people struggle with their mental health. Kooth.com offers lots of great advice and coping strategies. There is a free webinar you can book on via their website covering 'Anxiety & self-care for families' It includes how to spot signs of anxiety and how to offer support if your child is struggling. The webinar is available on 26th and 28th of January and is free to access. Please see kooth.com for booking details.

LET'S STAY SAFE ONLINE

There are lots of things we can do to help keep ourselves and our children safe online. Setting parental settings for on games consoles, mobile phones and TV's, ensuring location settings are 'off'. There is lots of advice and help for parents and children on the NSPCC website and from the UK Safer Internet Centre. Links to these websites can be found under 'Child Safety' in the 'Policies & Information' on the website.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

CONTACTING SCHOOL

If you need to report any absence, inform the school of any appointments, please contact the school office on 01942 244354, or via email: enquiries@admin.saintandrews.wigan.sch.uk

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please be aware that their working hours are from 8.00am-5:30pm Monday to Friday. Emails received outside of these hours will be responded to on the next working day. We thank you in advance for your understanding as the wellbeing of our staff and their families is equally important.

In the first instance, please contact your child's class teacher with any questions or concerns about their wellbeing or education. If the class teacher feels this needs to be addressed by senior management, your concerns will be passed on.

If you feel you have an issue that needs to be addressed by senior management, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

NUMBER DAY

Friday 6th February is 'Number Day'. This year, we are going to have a 'Times Tables Rockstars Day'. The focus of the day will be Maths fluency skills and the children will take part in a fun times tables challenge.

Your child can be a 'Rockstar' for the day and dress up as a Rockstar/Popstar.

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