

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

**NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2026**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY- SEND COFFEE MORNING**

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBUARY – Y4 ROMAN EXPERIENCE DAY (INFORMATION BELOW)**

**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY- YEAR 5/CHOIR @ YOUNG VOICES**

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY- ‘NUMBER DAY’ (INFORMATION BELOW)**

**MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – BRASS CONCERT (Y4 & SCHOOL BAND)**

**MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY to FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY- CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY- ‘WEAR YOUR SCARF TO SCHOOL DAY’ (MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW)**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY- FINISH FOR HALF TERM (NORMAL FINISH TIME)**

**MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY - BACK TO SCHOOL**

**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH- ‘WORLD BOOK DAY’**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH- ‘COMIC RELIEF’**

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL- ‘EASTER BINGO’**

**THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL- FINISH FOR EASTER (NORMAL FINISH TIME)**

**CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE**

This week, our whole school attendance was 93.52% , which is well 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-89.35%

Y1- 93.87%

Y2- 94.65%

**KEY STAGE 2 ATTENDANCE:**

Y3-94.84%

Y4-78.30%

Y5- 96.17%

Y6- 97.68%

**YEAR 4 ROMAN EXPERIENCE DAY**

Just a reminder that Year 4 will be enjoying their Roman Experience Day on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** as part of their history topic this term.

This will be an educational, interactive in-school experience designed to bring the Roman occupation to life through engaging activities, storytelling, and hands-on learning.

The session will be run by a visiting workshop provider who specialises 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 ‘Roman Experience Day’**

## **SEND COFFEE MORNING**



# **SEND Coffee Morning Drop-in**

**27/01/26 08:50-10:00a.m**



**enjoy tea, coffee and homemade cakes**  
**chat with your SENDCo, an Early Help Advisor and other parents/carers**  
**Share your experiences and concerns**

**If your child is on our SEND register or you have any concerns about your child's learning, wellbeing or behaviour, come and join us in a relaxed, friendly and supportive environment.**

## **BRASS CONCERT - YEAR 4 & THE SCHOOL BAND**

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Year 4 and the school band will be performing for parents/carers in the school hall at 9:30am. You do not need tickets to attend.

We hope to see you there.

## **GOODBYE REV. JOHN**

I'm sure most of you are aware that sadly, we are losing Rev John. He has successfully completed his curacy and has a new post in Middlesbrough.

His final service at St Andrew's church is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 9.30am. This is a parade service with holy communion when we welcome our uniformed organisations.

Please join us if you can.

We are sorry to see John go, he has done so much, both in church and school, and we will miss him. We wish John, his wife Laura, and son Ted all the very best for the future.

## **YOUNG VOICES CONCERT**

Year 5 pupils/ Choir will be taking part in the Young Voices concert in Manchester on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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/37006349CDE08A7E>

## **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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

### **NUMBER DAY**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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*