

WIGAN ST ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH – PURPLE DAY

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL- EASTER BINGO

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL – EASTER SERVICE & BONNET PARADE@CHURCH

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL– FINISH FOR EASTER (NORMAL FINISH TIME)

TUESDAY 14TH APRIL – PARENTS EVENING

THURSDAY 16TH APRIL – PARENTS EVENING

THURSDAY 7TH MAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR POLLING DAY

CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE

This week, our whole school attendance was 95.88%, which is in-line with the national average- well done everyone!

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- 96.30%

Y1- 95.79%

Y2- 98.77%

KEY STAGE 2 ATTENDANCE:

Y3- 92.06%

Y4- 94.84%

Y5- 97.70%

Y6- 95.79%

RED NOSE DAY

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our Red Nose Day celebrations this Friday!

Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing **£140.06** for charity through your donations- a fantastic achievement!

It was wonderful to see so many of you dressed up for the occasion. Everyone looked absolutely fabulous and it really helped make the day extra special.

PURPLE DAY

On **Thursday 26th March**, we will be taking part in Purple Day, a fantastic opportunity for schools and local communities to come together to fundraise and raise awareness about epilepsy. Purple Day is an important time to highlight epilepsy and the challenges that children and young people living with

the condition face every day.

Two of our students, Lola and Archie, have epilepsy. Their parents have asked us to share their stories on our school Facebook page, and we are keen to support them and their families.

No child should live in fear of their own body. Seizures can be frightening and may leave children feeling confused, in pain, and alone. In the UK, nearly every hour another child or young person is diagnosed with epilepsy.

Donations are welcome on the day, or you can donate via Lola's story on our Facebook page - [Lola's fundraising team for Young Epilepsy is fundraising for Young Epilepsy](#)

Children are also invited to **come to school wearing something purple to show their support.**

PARKING IN THE STREET

We kindly ask all parents and carers to avoid parking at the far end of the Mort Street during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Parking in this area creates safety hazards for children entering and leaving the school gates as visibility is reduced.

Some of our children have mobility issues and with it being the main entrance into school we want to make sure it is accessible at all times.

Your cooperation in parking considerately and safely is greatly appreciated, helping to ensure a safer environment for all our pupils and local residents.

EASTER BINGO

On **Wednesday 1st April** we will be having hosting an Easter Chocolate Bingo in school to help us raise funds for school.

Letters went out earlier this week. With the hall only being able to hold a limited amount of people, due to fire and safety regulations, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Entry costs **£2 per person**. This includes 1 bingo ticket and a chocolate treat. Additional bingo tickets will be available to purchase on the night at a cost of 50p each. There will be the usual line and full house prizes for each game.

Refreshments and hot dogs will also be available to purchase from the tuck shop. All children must be accompanied by an adult. **Under 3s are free but please include them in the numbers on the ticket.**

EASTER BONNET PARADE

Our Easter Bonnet Parade and Church Service will take place on **Thursday 2nd April**. We invite all children to design and wear their own Easter bonnets, showcasing their creativity.

The church service will begin at **9:15am**, and the children will parade to the church beforehand wearing their bonnets.

We invite everyone to join us to celebrate this special event!

LOST PROPERTY

There is now quite a lot of lost property now built up in the school lost property box. Such as clothing with no names written in them.

If your child has lost an item, please ask at the office. Anything not collected and left in the box when we break up for Easter half term on Thursday 2nd April will be donated to charity.

JEWELLERY AND UNNECESSARY ITEMS REMINDER

Another Polite reminder to parents regarding jewellery: while stud earrings and watches are permitted, **children should not come to school wearing unnecessary jewellery, such as dangly earrings, bracelets, necklaces, or other items.**

A number of children are still coming in with lip gloss and dangly earrings.

If your child wears earrings, please ensure they are removed on days when your child has PE or swimming.

We would also like to remind families that **bag charms, toys, trading cards, and lip gloss should not be brought into school.**

We recognise that some children may need **ChapStick or Vaseline** for personal care, and these are acceptable.

While we understand that children may wish to bring their favourite items, these can easily be lost or misplaced, which may cause unnecessary upset or disagreements between pupils. Leaving these items at home helps us maintain a calm and focused learning environment where children can fully concentrate on their work.

PARENTS EVENING

All classes will be having parents evening on **Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th of April.**

Both will be held during the evening **from 4 – 6pm.** Letters will be sent out, and you can choose the evening you prefer.

Please make arrangements to be available on one of these evenings if you would like to meet with your child's class teacher. Unfortunately, due to staff wellbeing and workload, we will only be able to offer telephone appointments for those unable to attend on those dates.

POLLING STATION

On **Thursday 7th May** we will be closed; we will be being used as a polling station. School

will be open and back to normal school hours on **Friday 8th May 2026.**



HOLIDAY PATTERN 2026/2027

AUTUMN TERM: WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER – FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER 2026

Half-Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026 (inclusive)

SPRING TERM: TUESDAY 5th JANUARY – THURSDAY 25th MARCH 2027

Half-Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2027 (inclusive)

Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March – Friday 2nd April 2027 (inclusive)

SUMMER TERM: MONDAY 5th APRIL – MONDAY 19TH JULY 2027

Half -Term: Monday 24th May – Friday 4th June 2027 (inclusive)