



St John's
C of E Primary School

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Weekly School News!

14th February 2025

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Dates for your diary

- 17th - 21st February - Holiday Club - St Peter's
- 24th February - INSET DAY - Children do not attend
- 26th February - Parents Evening
- 3rd March - Lent Appeal
- 6th March - World Book Day
- 14th March - Comic Relief
- 17th March - Reception 2025 Parents Open Afternoon
- 25th March - Class Photographs
- 26th-28th March - Year 5 Robinwood Residential
- 28th March - Reception Mother's Day stay and play (more details to follow)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the end of another half term! As the nights stay lighter for longer it's encouraging to see signs of Spring all around. We have had an extremely busy half term which has included Year 3 starting swimming lessons, dinosaurs in Key Stage 1, sports competitions and much more. As this half term comes to a close it marks the halfway point in our school year and there's still so much more to look forward to. Please enjoy the half term break and I look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 25th February.

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Gatley

London 2025



A meeting for the YEAR 6 2025 trip to London will be arranged after the half term

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Safe

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St. John's C of E Primary School, Abram

Celebrating Success

Learning Legends

Reception - Arlo
Year 1 - Brody
Year 2 - Connie
Year 3/4 - Leo
Year 4 - Ayla
Year 5 - Jacob
Year 5/6 - Sam
Year 6 - Bella

Learning Legends



Sports Star

Congratulations to Connie,
Year 2, for always listening
and trying hard in PE.



Attendance is Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notices issued after the 19th August 2024

Per parent, per child

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued per parent, for each child that was absent
For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines

5 consecutive days of term time holidays or unauthorised absence.

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 non-consecutive sessions of unauthorised absence

Penalty Notice Fine will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period
Parent's can view their child's current attendance data on the MyChildAtSchool app.

Unauthorised attendance codes include codes U, O and G

Any term time holidays that are taken after the start of the 2024/2025 academic year will be treated under the new legislation as the new rules apply to any offences committed from 19th August 2024, regardless of when the holiday is booked

The full guidance can be found at the following link. [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/124444/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance.pdf) ([publishing.service.gov.uk](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk))

*Please note this information is correct at time of writing and subject to change.

First Offence

The first time a penalty notice is issued for term time leave on regular attendance, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence

(within a rolling 3 year period)

The second time a penalty notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days with no option of reduced rate for early payment

Third Offence and any further offences

(within a rolling 3 year period)

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to Magistrates' Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education

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Attendance Matters

Your role as a parent/carer is to ensure your child attends school daily and on time.

Those who turn up run the world!

Attending school every day = 100% attendance = Zero learning lost

Make every minute of learning count!



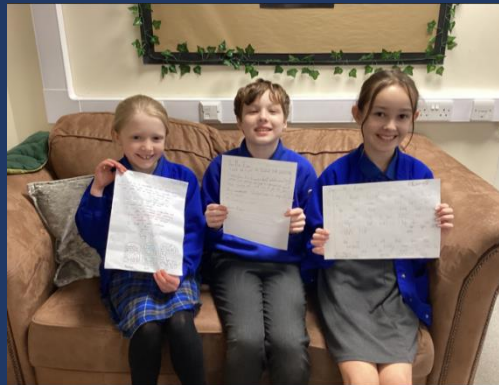
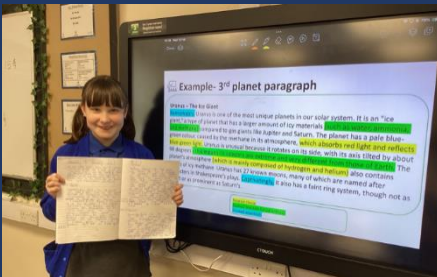
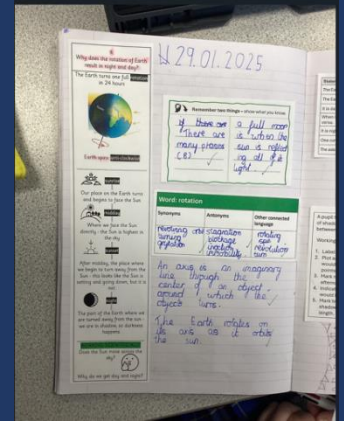
You are the light that gives light to the world
Matthew 5:18



Learning in Action

Year 5/6

In writing, the children have been writing a non-chronological report all about the solar system and the planets. The children have showcased some impressive skills by including fronted adverbials, relative clauses and parenthesis in their writing. They have used knowledge from our current Science topic to research facts. Some of the children have entered our competition to become a Bramhall's Book Buddy telling us why they love reading so much and why they should be chosen for the job. Good luck!



Announcements

Polite Reminder - Robinwood 2025

All payments for our Year 5 trip to Robinwood must be paid by the end of February. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office



Friendship Hope Respect Trust



Community Events



Computer Explorers

Feb Half Term
MINECRAFT Social

Craft, code and create in Minecraft with others this half term!

2 HOUR EXTENDED SESSIONS - Only £15

FRI 21ST FEB

- Wigan Library 10am-12pm
- Leigh Library 2pm-4pm

BOOK! Visit the link or scan the code - bolton.computerexplorers.co.uk
Questions? Email us bolton@computerexplorers.co.uk

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GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE SESSIONS

HOSTED BY WIGAN WARRIORS WOMENS TEAM AT WESTHOUGHTON LIONS

OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE GIRLS

Kickstart your child's passion for rugby league with our exciting and fun training sessions! Hosted by players of the Wigan Warriors Women's team and supported by 5FL qualified coaches from Westhoughton Lions these open training sessions will give an exciting introduction to Rugby League, focusing on skill development, teamwork, fitness and having fun in a supportive environment.

- OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED GIRLS
- COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE
- SATURDAY 8TH, 15TH AND 22ND FEBRUARY AT 10AM

The sessions will be hosted at Westhoughton Lions, The Den, Cunningham Road, Westhoughton, Bolton, BL5 2AN.

To take part in the sessions please sign up via the link below: www.ticketsource.co.uk/westhoughtonlions

For any queries, please contact Westhoughton Lions



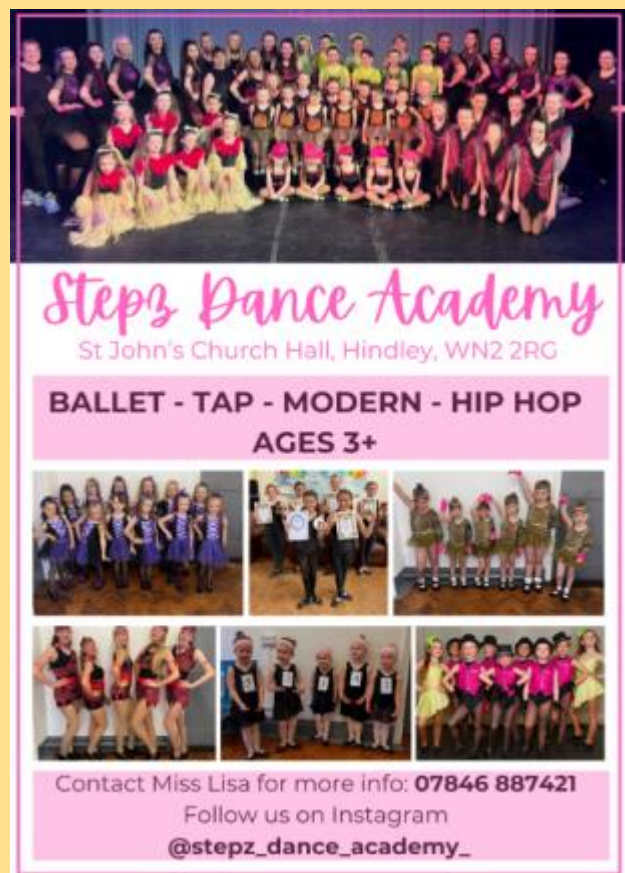
FREE Family Water Safety, Story Time and Craft with the Canal & River Trust

Monday 17th February 10.00am

Please book via Eventbrite

[Quack, Quack Take two steps back!](#)

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Steps Dance Academy

St John's Church Hall, Hindley, WN2 2RG

BALLET - TAP - MODERN - HIP HOP

AGES 3+

Contact Miss Lisa for more info: **07846 887421**
Follow us on Instagram [@stepz_dance_academy_](#)

Upcoming Services in Church

1st & 3rd Sunday of each month- Holy Communion, 10am

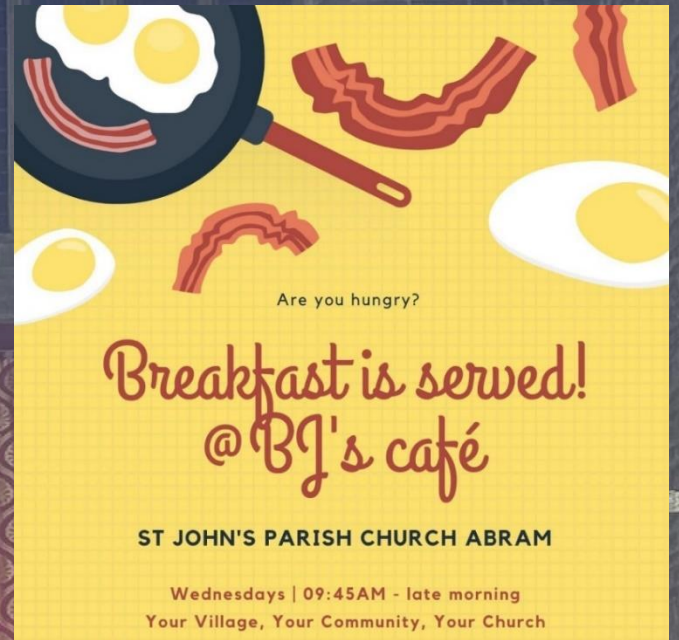
2nd & 4th Sunday of each month- Morning Prayer, 10am

Each Wednesday- Morning Prayer, 9.30am

Weekly Events in Church

A graphic for the Craft & Chatter Group featuring various craft supplies like scissors, pencils, paper clips, and a teapot with cups of tea.

ABRAM PARISH CHURCH
Craft & Chatter Group
Every Monday 1pm-3pm
Tea & Coffee Available
For further information contact
June- 07528184971

A graphic for BJ's cafe featuring a frying pan with eggs and bacon, and a yellow background.

Are you hungry?
Breakfast is served!
@ BJ's cafe
ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH ABRAM
Wednesdays | 09:45AM - late morning
Your Village, Your Community, Your Church

SJA SQUAD

EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM

join us for craft, bible stories & games

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ABRAM

Everyone welcome.



Bramhall's Book Club

Become a Book Buddy!

Children are asked to apply by producing either a poster, a letter or a video explaining why they would like to be a book buddy, why reading is important and how they would help promote reading across our trust and school.

Application deadline is Tuesday 25th February and they can be handed in to the school office.

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Author Spotlight...

JUDITH EAGLE

This issue is dedicated to Mrs Julie Bramhall, our well loved colleague who sadly passed away on the 5th February 2021

All content used in this issue has been supported by Julie's former colleagues

In this section, we will have top picks of our favourite books...

Mrs Bramhall's choice...
A modern family learns to reconnect after being forced to move to the remote British countryside and discover a magical tree from where they are transported to spectacular and fantastical lands

Some of Judith's bestselling books

An Interview with an Author

Why do you choose to read?

Reading is an escape, a comfort, an inspiration. Without reading, there would be no writing. I love the tingle I get when I read a really good sentence, and it's so good, I have to read it again, maybe even write it down. Without reading, there would be no knowledge, or understanding. Reading is joy.

Quote of the Month!

BOOKS GIVE A SOUL TO THE UNIVERSE, WINGS TO THE MIND, FLIGHT TO THE IMAGINATION, AND LIFE TO EVERYTHING.

Bramhall's Book Club

Mrs Julie Bramhall

Mrs Bramhall was the well known and loved Assistant Headteacher at Abram St. John's and sadly passed away in 2021. All that knows Mrs Bramhall knew that she was 'thinkers about books!' and ensured that the love of reading was at the heart of all of the curriculum!

To commemorate her life and build her legacy in her name, as a Trust, we are starting our new initiative **Bramhall's Book Club!** As a Trust, we are now dedicating time for story time at the end of the school day and we are enlisting Reading Ambassadors and Book Buddies across our schools!

The role of the chosen children is to promote a love of reading across our Trust nurseries, schools and sixth form ggs, within our local community. Mrs Bramhall left behind books with her personal notes scribbled across the pages and our Ambassadors and Buddies are going to share these books with all children, staff and our community to ensure Mrs Bramhall's passion is shared with all and although she is no longer with us, her love of reading will be with us forever.

Memories of Mrs Bramhall...

'One of Julie's favorite books was the Magic Faraway Tree' "She could create anything and everything!"

"She was an excellent player and would play footballs never play for me children!" "She loved to wear colorful brights!"

"She created the best fruit baskets to bring into school on her birthday!" "I know she loved this book - the one she read to me and the nurse."

"She could quieten a class by walking in the room."

"Julie, what can I say? She had the kindest of hearts and the sweetest of souls... She is missed dearly."

Mrs Bramhall's Recommended Reads!

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse by Charlie Mackesy

Follow the tale of a curious boy, a greedy mole, a wary fox and a wise horse who find themselves together in sometimes difficult terrain, sharing their greatest fears and biggest discoveries about vulnerability, kindness, hope, friendship and love.

Rainbow Village by Emmi Smid

In a land faraway, there is a village where nobody likes to mix with anyone who is different from them. Until an unexpected visitor comes along, and shows the villagers how much stronger they are when they all come together...

Upcoming Reading Events!

World Book Day 2025 will take place on **Thursday 6 March 2025**. This annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading is one of the highlights of the year within the Quest Trust!

Keep your eyes peeled to see what your school is doing for the upcoming day!