



St John's
C of E Primary School

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Weekly School News!

11th January 2024

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Welcome Back!

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

I hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas break and found some time to make memories together and reflect on the year gone by.

As we begin a new year, I would like to introduce our new staff members; Mr. Stafford, who will be taking on the role of P.E Specialist & Mr. Simmons who has been appointed as our site manager.

I am also pleased to inform you that Mrs. Evans will be joining the Senior Leadership Team to undertake the role of Assistant Headteacher alongside her position as Year 2 teacher.

We have another busy term ahead and we look forward to sharing all the amazing learning, which takes place across school each and every day!

Mrs. James

Meet the Senior Leadership Team (SLT)



Mrs. James
Headteacher



Miss. Gatley
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs. Evans
Assistant Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 17th January, 5pm- Friends of St. John's (FOSJ) meeting held in School, all welcome
Monday 29th January - Friday 2nd February- FOSJ Hot Chocolate Week in School, more details to follow

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Celebrating Success

Learning Legends

21/12/23 Learning Legends

Reception Blue - Maja
Reception Green - Ivy
Year 1 - Violet
Year 1/2 - Jack
Year 2 - Noah
Year 3 - Lazelle
Year 3/4 - Jacob
Year 4 - Max D
Year 5 - Niall
Year 5/6 - Bobby
Year 6 - Nathaniel



05/01/24 Learning Legends

Reception Blue - Olivia
Reception Green - Alfie
Year 1 - Ellie
Year 1/2 - Alice
Year 2 - Aleya
Year 3 - Oscar
Year 3/4 - Oliver
Year 4 - Max D
Year 5 - Rafael
Year 5/6 - Harvey
Year 6 - Libby



Music Star

Congratulations to Cain in Year 3 for listening well in music and learning the new musical word accelerando, well done!



Sports Star

Congratulations to Isabella in Year 2 for great resilience in dodgeball!



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

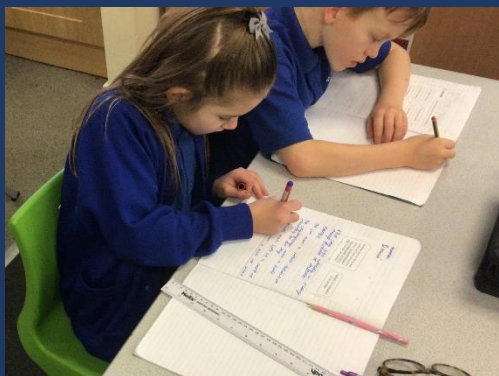
Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been exploring multiplications in maths to become marvellous mathematicians.

In their English work, they have been looking at expanding their knowledge of similes, metaphors and expanded noun phrases in preparation to write a story.

In Geography Year 3 have been looking at the different climates of the world and how people have adapted to survive in these conditions.

In PE, the children have moved on to their new topic of gymnastics. They have been looking into how to support each other and working on their balance skills.



Announcements

SPRING VIEW CRICKET & BOWLING CLUB
WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR JUNIOR TEAMS IN 2024

TRAINING AT NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL ON SATURDAY MORNINGS
(starting 10/02/2024)
10am to 12pm

- UNDER 9'S
- UNDER 11'S
- UNDER 13'S
- UNDER 15'S

ALL COACHING STAFF ARE DBS CHECKED & ECB QUALIFIED

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KATIE RUDD
Tel: 07939 644312
Email: Katie.rudd1@outlook.com






Spring View Cricket & Bowling Club, Warrington Road, Platt Bridge, WN2 3TQ

Recycle 4 School Scheme

Come and fill our recycle box, which is located in the foyer, with any unwanted clothes and shoes to help raise money for our school.

Click the link to find out what we do and do not accept:

[Items we accept | Recycle 4 School](#)

Thank you for your continued support.



Friendship Hope Respect Trust



Upcoming Solihull Parenting Courses



Free nine week course to help:

- Understand your child's behaviour and how they communicate.
- Recognise how your child is feeling.
- Reduce the difficulties you face in everyday life.
- Improve how you communicate with your child.
- Understand the importance of play.
- Develop good routines and boundaries.
- Improve relationships between you and child for a happier and calmer home.

Starting 18th Jan

Thursday 9:30-11:30

The A Team Hub

31 Platt Fold Street

WN7 1JH

Email Parentingsupport@wigan.gov.uk to book a place



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Starting Thursday 11th January

12:30 –14:30

Wigan Central Family Hub

The Meadows

Email Parentingsupport@wigan.gov.uk to book a place



Reception 2024 Places

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, they will start reception class at the start of the new school year in September 2024.

The application deadline is Monday 15th January. Visit [School admissions \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/school-admissions) and put us as your number 1 choice!

Join our #StJohnsFamily

Apply for your Reception

2024 place at:

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

www.wigan.gov.uk

Select us as your first place choice!

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Upcoming Services in Church

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

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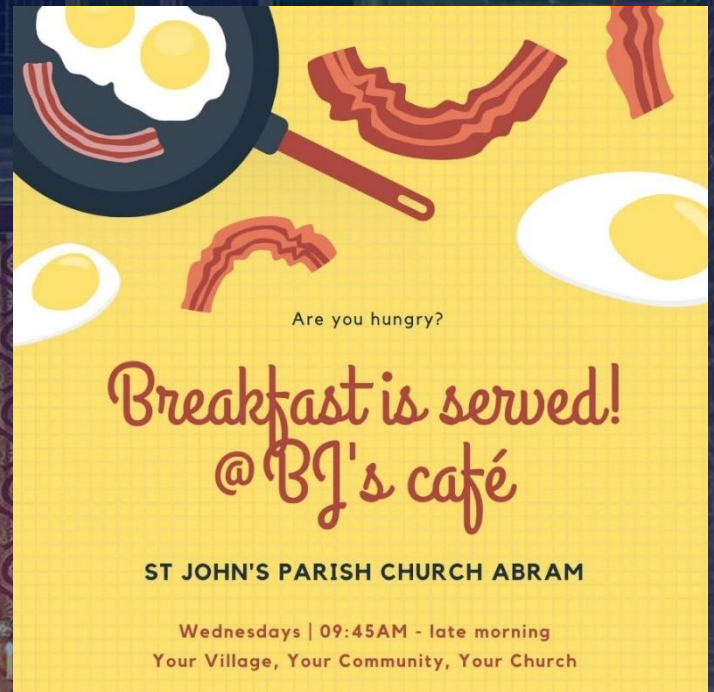
2nd & 4th Sunday of each month- Morning Prayer, 10am

Each Wednesday- Morning Prayer, 9.30am

Weekly Events in Church



ABRAM PARISH CHURCH
Craft & Chatter
Group
Starting Monday 2nd October 1pm-3pm
Tea & Coffee Available
For further information contact
June- 07528184971



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



St John's Church Abram
SOMETHING FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS
TALKING TOTS
Every Friday
From 10am
Starts 26th January
Whether you're a parent to be, new parent, guardian or grand parent, join us for a chat, a brew and some toast
Bring along your babies and toddlers too!
Free to join - Small donations welcome for refreshments
Future events will include baby massage and sensory classes

SAVE OUR CHURCH!

Have your say on the proposed closure of our Church.

Email your views to:

rightbuildings@churchwigan.org

Let's keep our village Church, which is at the heart of our community, open!



Our new Curriculum

As we start a new year, we have a new approach with a new curriculum.

We have always delivered a curriculum based on the National Curriculum subject expectations. We have used schemes of learning from White Rose Maths, Jigsaw, GetSet4PE, Questful RE and Essential Letters and Sounds for Phonics. We pride ourselves on delivering lessons based on evidence based research to give our children the very best learning. We have invested in a new curriculum, CUSP, for our foundation subjects to give children an even more ambitious curriculum and enrich the children's education. We have responded to the government recommendations for reading and our children have an additional 15 minutes per day at the end of lunchtime to read for pleasure.

An introduction to CUSP



CUSP is an evidence-led curriculum that is built on the principles underpinned by the best cognitive and neuroscientific research available. Three core elements constitute the overarching curriculum offer: Cognitive load theory, Principles of Instruction and Generative Learning Practice.

How are lessons structured?

Connect	Explain	Example	Attempt	Apply	Challenge
<p>Make Connections with previous learning through questions, quizzes, two things, give one and get one routines.</p> <p>Position and frame substantive concepts in context of this learning using Big Ideas map.</p> <p>For example, the concept of LIGHT connects to the SCIENCE domain of PHYSICS and the importance of understanding that LIGHT is made of waves that help us communicate.</p>	<p>Focus the learning question to help pupils attend.</p> <p>Introduce essential vocabulary in the context of the lesson.</p> <p>Use vocabulary modules and scripts to introduce new words.</p> <p>Be efficient with words and clear with explanations.</p> <p>RECEPTIVE LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Make worked examples really explicit.</p> <p>Use diagrams, images, videos, artefacts to help articulate the content.</p> <p>Reduce number of slides on interactive boards.</p> <p>Use My Turn boards to capture the core content by writing on flip chart paper and hanging it up.</p>	<p>USE WHAT YOU KNOW</p> <p>Pupils practically have a go at selecting and organising the content you have taught them.</p> <p>DELIBERATE PRACTICE</p> <p>Develop receptive and expressive language. This enables pupils to rehearse and make sense of the learning.</p> <p>FEEDBACK – a great opportunity to Diagnose, Intervene and Evaluate (Hattie) the learning taking place.</p>	<p>SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW</p> <p>Use teacher books to model page layout using double page spreads.</p> <p>Use CUSP Thinking Hard routines to help pupils explain and connect their learning.</p> <p>Use and apply vocabulary all the time. Make it unmissable and irresistible.</p> <p>Increase productivity through CUSP Hexagon pathways to explain content.</p>	<p>DEEPEN WHAT YOU KNOW</p> <p>Quizzes to increase the retrieval practice effect.</p> <p>Self-questions to develop richer knowledge of the content.</p> <p>Two things</p> <p>Blank hexagon pathways</p> <p>Open word paths</p> <p>Partial word paths</p> <p>Closed word paths</p>

A lesson may multiple parts to it. It may not be linear. You can introduce the dynamic phases of attempt into multiple phases.

The long term plan for each class is on our school website.

Find out what your child is learning in the 'Take a Look' Curriculum tab on their class page on the school website.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SPRING 2024

January 2024

Wednesday 17 th January, 5pm	Friends of St. John's (FOSJ) Meeting
Friday 19 th January	Faith Friends- World Religion Day
Monday 29 th January – Friday 2 nd February	FOSJ Hot Chocolate Week, more details to follow

February 2024

Friday 2 nd February	Number Day NSPCC
Monday 5 th February - Friday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 13 th February	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 14 th February	Ash Wednesday LENT appeal, more details to follow
Wednesday 14 th February	Parent's Evening
Monday 26 th February	FOSJ Easter Raffle Begins, more details to follow

March 2024

Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day, more details to follow
Friday 15 th March, time TBC	FOSJ Easter Bingo
Thursday 21 st March, 9.30am	Y3/4 Easter Communion Service at Church
Friday 22 nd March, TBC	Comic Relief
Monday 24th March - Friday 5th April	HALF TERM



HOLIDAY CLUB



19th - 23rd February 2024
@St Peter's, Hindley, WN2 3HY



Monday - Multi Sports

Tuesday - Dodgeball

• **Wednesday - Bikes & Scooters**

• **Thursday - Movie Day**

• **Friday - Football**



[Click here](#) or scan the
code to reserve a place!



9AM-4PM *No Wraparound

Cost-£11.50 per day, £55 per week

Super Hero Themed Lunch Thursday 18th January

BANG

WHAM!

AT QUEST WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL CHILDREN TO TRY OUR
THEME DAYS AS WE LAUNCH OUR
'SUPER HERO THEMED LUNCH'

ALL ELIGIBLE PUPILS IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS
WILL BE PARTAKING IN OUR THEME DAYS
(THIS INCLUDES ALL KS1 PUPILS)

ALL KS2 PUPILS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TRY OUR EXCITING
SCHOOL MEAL OPTIONS AND SWAP THEIR PACKED LUNCH
FOR A HOT MEAL ON OUR THEMED DAY FOR ONLY £2.50!

HAVING SCHOOL MEALS HAS A POSITIVE IMPACT ON PUPILS
FOOD CHOICES, ESPECIALLY FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES,
RESEARCH SHOWS.

Our menu has
something for every
SUPER HERO
in school!

POW!

Super Hero Themed Lunch Thursday 18th January

BANG

WHAM!

MAIN:
TITAN CHICKEN TIKKA CURRY
& NAAN BREAD
TITAN QUORN TIKKA CURRY (VG)
& NAAN BREAD
SERVED WITH SPIDERMAN SIDES OF RICE / VEGETABLES

"SUPERTATO" BAKED POTATO
SERVED WITH A SELECTION OF THOR FILLINGS
& SUPERWOMAN SIDE SALAD

SUPERMAN SANDWICH
SERVED WITH A SELECTION OF IRON MAN FILLINGS
& SENSATIONAL SIDE SALAD

DESSERT:
VILLAIN VANILLA SPONGE & CUSTARD
OUR FANTASTIC FOUR: FRESH FRUIT, YOGHURT,
CHEESE & BISCUITS

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