



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



Weekly School News!

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What an amazing start to 2024 it has been! The children have embraced our new CUSP curriculum and continue to learn and grow each day. As we approach the February half term, I would like to reflect on what has been another busy, yet jam packed half term. PlayPals and Reception have had visits from lots of "people who help us," some of our Year 6 pupils were lucky enough to attend the Young Voices concert in Manchester and we raised lots of money for the NSPCC on Number Day! I'm sure the term ahead, albeit a short one, will be just as successful and full of amazing experiences for our Children. I hope the children enjoy the half term break and I look forward to welcoming them back into school on Monday 26th February, gates open at 8.40am.

Mrs. James

Sports Hall Athletics

Congratulations to the children who took part in the sports hall athletics event last week. They were delighted to receive **SILVER MEDALS** for their efforts.



Dates for your diary

Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February - HALF TERM. Holiday Club held at St. Peter's C. of E. Primary School, Hindley

Monday 26th February- School returns. Gates open at 8.40am

Monday 26th February- FOSJ Easter raffle tickets go on sale (see poster for further details)

Thursday 7th March- World Book Day, more details to follow

Friday 15th March, 6pm- FOSJ Easter Bingo at school

Thursday 21st March, 9.30am- Year 2 Easter Communion Service at Church, Parent/Carers welcome

Friday 22nd March- Comic Relief, more details to follow

Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April - EASTER BREAK. Holiday Club held at St. John's, Abram. The booking system will open after February half term.

Develop

Motivate Inspire

Follow us on X (Twitter): @StJohnsAbram

Celebrating Success

Learning Legends

09/02/24 Learning Legends

Reception Blue - Evie Reception Green - Frankie Year 1 - Freddie Year 1/2 - Annabella Year 2 - Scott Year 3 - Rosie Year 3/4 - Hollie Year 4 - Leo Year 5 - Harper Year 5/6 - Ellis Year 6 - Anabelle



Music Star

Congratulations to Connor in Year 5/6 for his fantastic djembe performance!

Sports Star

Congratulations to Lilly in Year 6 for amazing "spikes" in volleyball!







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 6

Alongside preparing for their SATs in May, Year 6 have been extremely busy.

They have favoured PE this half term, where they have been enjoying both volleyball and gymnastics.







Year 6 have had visits from both the Greater Manchester Police and the Greater Manchester Fire Service. The children asked some really interesting questions and enjoyed finding out about the work they do.

Friendship Hope

In their reading lessons the children have really enjoyed all the brand new books that have been bought for them to read - particularly the picture book 'How to Live Forever' by Colin Thompson.



Announcements

Congratulations to Harry in Year 5 who has now moved up to National Rankings in Table Tennis and is currently at number 10 in the whole country for the under 10's category. What an amazing achievement!



From Monday 4th March, Midshire Signature Services will be our newly appointed catering provider. Meals will remain at the price of £2.50 and we will continue to use School Grid.

Respect Trust







Friends of St. John's

FOSJ NEEDS YOU!

Are you passionate about contributing to the experiences and equipment our children receive whilst at St. John's?

Can you dedicate a little time to help our volunteer group to plan fundraising events and carry out special activities in school?

If the answer is YES, then the Friends of St. John's team would LOVE to hear from you!

You can find out more by contacting them via: Email- sjafosj@questrust.org.uk Facebook - Friends of St. John's C of E School X (Twitter) - @SJAFOSJ

Upcoming FOSJ Events



Upcoming Services in Church

1st & 3rd Sunday of each month- Holy Communion, 10am
1st & 3rd Sunday of each month- SJA Squad, 10am
2nd & 4th Sunday of each month- Morning Prayer, 10am
Each Wednesday- Morning Prayer, 9.30am

Weekly Events in Church



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

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!

World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March. This year, the theme is "You are a reader." To celebrate, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform. They can dress as their favourite character or something which represents their favourite book. Please do not feel the need to buy anything new, utilise what you already have. Get creative and have fun!

> More information can be found herehttps://www.worldbookday.com/about-us/

We are also running a competition to design a book token. See the flyer below for details.

DESIGN A NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN

COMPETITION 2024

DESIGN YOUR VERY OWN GIFT CARD FOR A CHANCE TO WIN MONEY TO SPEND ON BOOKS... AND A BOOKSHOP VISIT FOR YOUR CLASS!

National Book Tokens' annual DESIGN A NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN competition is back, inviting children of all ages to get creative and share their love for books and reading by designing their own fabulous gift cards !

The winning entrants will receive HUNDREDS of pounds worth of National Book Tokens for their schools and themselves. PLUS the overall winner will get a £10/€12 National Book Token in their winning design for every child in their class... and the opportunity to spend them in a visit to a local bookshop!



Please hand in your finished design to your class teacher by Friday 1st March.

On World Book day (Thursday 7th March) we will announce a winner from each phase: EYFS KS1 LKS2 UKS2 These children will be able to choose a book as a prize.

Lent Appeal 2024

30 silver coins!

For every task done, earn 5p, 10p or 20p! It's up to you to earn your fee! Fill up your cube with 30 silver coins! To right the betrayal of Judas' wrongs!

Children will be bringing home a small money box by the end of this week to try to collect 30 pieces of silver!

Please can all money boxes be returned to school by Tuesday 19th March. The winning class will enjoy a whole afternoon of PE with Miss Gatley! All money raised will be donated to The Samaritans.

SAMARITAN

Wigan Family Hubs



Family Hubs are a new way of bringing together all the support a family may need, from pregnancy through to young people turning 19 (or 25 if they have special educational needs or disabilities). Family hubs are here to help the whole family



www.wigan.gov.uk/FamilyHubs

Working together to support families





Healthier POLICE Wigan

Here are some examples of what you might find in a Family Hub network within your neighbourhood:

- Health visiting, midwifes and antenatal appointments and classes
- Activities for babies and children aged 0-5
- Activities and support for families of young people who have special educational needs and disabilities
 - Support with a range of housing situations including homelessness, help with affordability, repairs and tenancy arrangements
- Help with debt and money worries including access to food parcels/pantries
- Ways to improve whole family health and wellbeing
- Ways to improve parenting and relationships including learning opportunities
- Activities and opportunities for young people
- Support with things like job searches, housing applications and booking appointments.



We are planning to have seven family hub networks operating across the Wigan Borough, which means if you live locally, you should always be able to find support in your neighbourhood.

When will they be here?

We have launched our first family hub, the rest will be in place by December 2024

How can I find out more?

www.wigan.gov.uk/FamilyHubs









Our new lunch menus launch on Monday 4th March on a three weekly cycle courtesy of our new catering provider- Midshire Signature Services. Please log on to School Grid if you wish to pre-order your child's lunch.



Spring 2 New After School Clubs

ALL CLUBS RUN BETWEEN W/C 26TH FEB - W/C 18TH MARCH, 3.15PM - 4.15PM

> Y5, Y5/6 & Y6 GIRLS & BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB (MONDAY)

REC, Y1, Y1/2 & Y2 SEWING CLUB (TUESDAY) REC & Y1 DRAWING CLUB (THURSDAY)

REC - Y6 OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CLUB (THURSDAY)



RETURNING CLUBS KS2 ART CLUB (THURSDAY) Y1-Y6 CHOIR (THURSDAY) Y5, Y5/6 & Y6 GIRLS NETBALL (THURSDAY)



ALL CLUBS ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND PLACES CAN BE BOOKED VIA MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS)







 Please note, if your child has already been enrolled onto a returning club this term, there is no need to re-book them a place for next term.