



St John's  
C of E Primary School



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Weekly School News!

8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

[www.abramsaintjohns.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.abramsaintjohns.wigan.sch.uk)

## Welcome Back!

*A very warm welcome back to school! I hope you have all had a great break and are ready for a busy and exciting half term. There are a number of trips, visits and experiences for the children to look forward to, please make sure you keep up to date with Class Dojo and MCAS notifications.*

*It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attending the Parents' Evening this week. Thank you all for your support and it has been great to hear how happy your children are in school - that's the most important bit!*

*Miss. Gatley*

### Upcoming Trips/Visits

#### Reception

Aladdin Panto, Bolton Victoria Hall, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Y1, Y1/2 & Y2

Local Community Walk, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Y3, Y3/4 & Y4

Stone-age Workshop in school, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Y5, Y5/6 & Y6

Catalyst Science Discovery Centre, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**Please log on to your child's My Child At School (MCAS) account to secure your child's place on these wonderful enrichments.**



### Dates for your diary

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am-11.30am-**

Y5/6 Remembrance Service at Church

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November-** Odd sock Day

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm-7pm-** Open Evening at school

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**November-** Anti-bullying week

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 5.00pm-5.30pm-** Y4

Multiplication Timestable Check parent/carers meeting. Please enter via the main office

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November-** Children in Need- the children are invited to wear either Children in Need merchandise, a yellow or spotty accessory along with their uniform or PE kit. Kind donations of £1 for this very worthy cause

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November-** Advent- Christmas Tree Worship. The children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or accessory along with their school uniform

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 4pm-6pm-** Wigan & Leigh Hospice Light for a Life Event, all welcome

**Be Ready**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Safe**

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

# Celebrating Success

## Learning Legends

**18/10/24**

### Learning Legends

Reception- Jack  
Year 1 - Jaiden  
Year 1/2 - Olivia  
Year 2 - Madeline  
Year 3 - Alex  
Year 3/4 - William  
Year 4 - Freddie  
Year 5 - Asante  
Year 5/6 - Max  
Year 6 - Ellis



### Sports Star

Congratulations to William in Year 3/4 for excellent effort whilst playing basketball



### 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/121444/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance.pdf) ([publishing.service.gov.uk](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/121444/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance.pdf))

\*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



## 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

After a restful break, Y5 have had a very busy start to this half term!

On Monday, we were visited by PC Donovan to talk about fire safety during Bonfire night. The class were fantastic and were so well behaved for our local police officer.

On Tuesday, Miss Walls from School Games Wigan came in to provide training for our class to become sports leaders on the playground. They worked on their leadership skills and developed games they will play with KS1 at dinner time.

As well as all of that, we were asked to enter a Christmas card competition for our local MP!

It's been a great week and that is just the start our exciting learning this half term.



## Announcements

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need

Children are invited to wear Children in Need merchandise, a yellow or spotty accessory along with their school uniform.

If your child has PE on this day, they are still invited to wear an accessory along with their PE kit. Kind contributions of £1 will be donated to this very worthy cause.

Thank you for your continued support!



### Odd Sock Day

To launch anti-bullying week, children are invited to wear odd socks along with their school uniform or PE kit on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**November.** This is to celebrate that we are all unique and different. No donation is required as this is simply to raise awareness.



**Friendship Hope Respect Trust**



# Local Community

**Wigan library**  
**Saturday 16th**  
**November**  
**10am-1pm**

**Christmas Book Fair**

**FREE**

Meet more than **40 local authors**, both children's and adults, with the chance to buy signed copies as special gifts for loved ones (or yourself!)

**PLUS** meet Father Christmas, enjoy Science fun with Daresbury Lab, Circus fun with Adrian and **FREE** face painting /crafts/refreshments!

**Wigan & Leigh Hospice**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
*and Santa's Grotto*

**WITH GIFTS FROM SANTA!**

**JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE DAY OF FUNDRAISING!**

**LEIGH MINERS WELFARE INSTITUTE**  
**KIRBY RD, LEIGH, WN7 4EF**

**FREE ENTRY!**

**17TH NOVEMBER**  
**11 AM - 3 PM**

01942 524203 fundraising@wlh.org.uk

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Makants Greyhound Rescue**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**Sunday 24th November**  
**10.30 - 2.00**

**Homemade cakes,**  
**Dog coats and accessories,**  
**Bottle & chocolate tombola,**  
**Dog treats, Craft stalls.**  
**Plus more.**  
**Dogs welcome,**

**Boothstown**  
**British Legion**  
**Victoria Street,**  
**Boothstown,**  
**Worsley.**

**ABRAM COMMUNITY CENTRE CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**All stalls for this event or free**  
**If you would like a stall**  
email [abramcommunitycentre.stevenhyde@outlook.com](mailto:abramcommunitycentre.stevenhyde@outlook.com)

**Sunday**  
**1st December 12-4pm**

**Free coffee, tea and mince pies**

**Meet Santa in his grotto**

**Free selection box for all children**

**Supporting local businesses and groups in our community**

**Hindley & Hindley Green**  
**Christmas Switch On Event**

**Sunday 1st December 2024 11:30am - 5pm**  
**Hindley Town Hall Car Park**

- \* Three Silcock's Funfair Rides - Children Ride for Free!
- \* A Visit to Santa in his Grotto - Includes a Free Selection Box
- \* Free Hotdogs, Crisps & Beverage for the kids
- \* Free Face Painting
- \* Sue & Mick our Christmas DJs
- \* Mansoor (Humanity First) Spicy Specials - Free of Charge
- \* Free Doughnuts Provided by Brian & Denise - Cross Keys Chippy
- \* Community and Market Stalls

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**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**Sat 7th December**  
**1pm-4pm**

Find the perfect present—or chance your luck at the many fun & games stalls!

**Come & Visit our special guest - Santa**

Also an appearance from the Ukulele Group - Happy Pluckers!

**Food and drink available!**

**Christmas Movie Night**  
**14TH DECEMBER**  
**From 5pm**

Every ticket purchased gets one free raffle entry!

Join us for the Original Live Action Movie!

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**£3 PER TICKET**

**DONATIONS WELCOME**

**St John's Church - Abram**  
Contact Jodie for your tickets 07544413164

**Family Welfare**  
Supporting Families Since 1950

**WE LISTEN, WE CARE, WE SUPPORT.**

**TOY APPEAL**

**Ways to donate**

You can bring toys direct to us at the Adult Learning Centre in Leigh, or visit our Just Giving page at [justgiving.com/campaign/toyappeal2024](https://justgiving.com/campaign/toyappeal2024) and make your donation. Thank you.

\* We can only accept new toys or toys still in the original packaging

**Family Welfare**  
Adult Learning Centre  
Walmesley Road  
Leigh WN7 1XN  
[www.familywelfare.co.uk](http://www.familywelfare.co.uk)  
Charity Registration No. 1176820

# Upcoming Services in Church

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

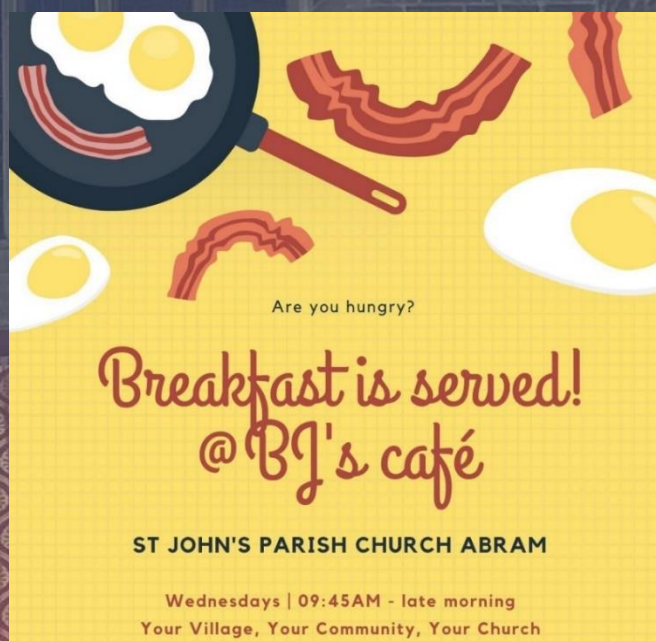
2nd & 4th Sunday of each month- Morning Prayer, 10am

Each Wednesday- Morning Prayer, 9.30am

## Weekly Events in Church



**ABRAM PARISH CHURCH**  
**Craft & Chatter Group**  
Every Monday 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**



**RETURNING SOON,  
FURTHER INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!**



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

**SJA SQUAD**  
**EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM**

join us for craft, bible stories & games

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ABRAM

Everyone welcome.



**Abram Parish Church**