



St John's
C of E Primary School



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

Weekly School News!

13th September 2024

www.abramsaintjohns.wigan.sch.uk

Meet the Senior Leadership Team (SLT)



Mrs. James
Executive Headteacher



Miss. Gatley
Head of School



Mrs. Evans
Assistant Headteacher

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Reception parents/carers are invited to attend the reception class coffee morning on Friday 27th September at 9.30am in the school hall. The children will be performing some of their favourite songs. We are asking for kind donations of confectionery to sell on the day to raise vital funds for MacMillan Cancer Support. Please can any food donations (including packaging) be handed in to the office from Wednesday 25th September.

Home bakes are also welcome providing all ingredients are stated so that allergens can be identified.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 17th September, CHANGE OF TIME TO 3.30PM - Reception Meet the Teacher, enter via the school office

Thursday 26th September, 3.30pm- Whole of Year Group 6- Meet the Teacher & SATs Parent/Carer workshops, enter via school office

Monday 23rd September- Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school, please complete your e-form sent via Class Dojo. If you require the link re-sending, please contact the school office

Friday 27th September, 9.30am- Reception Macmillan Big Coffee Morning. Parents/Carers welcome to attend

Thursday 3rd October, 9.30am- Reception Welcome Bible Service at Church, parents/carers welcome to attend

Tuesday 8th October, time TBC- Reception & KS1 Phonics parent/carers workshop

Develop Motivate Inspire

Follow us on X (Twitter): @StJohnsAbram

Celebrating Success

Learning Legends

06/09/24 Learning Legends

Reception- Ava
Year 1 - Grace
Year 1/2 - Lucie
Year 2 - Kieran
Year 3 - Aleezha
Year 3/4 - Lilly
Year 4 - Harper
Year 5 - Oliver
Year 5/6 - Sam
Year 6 - Noah



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



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

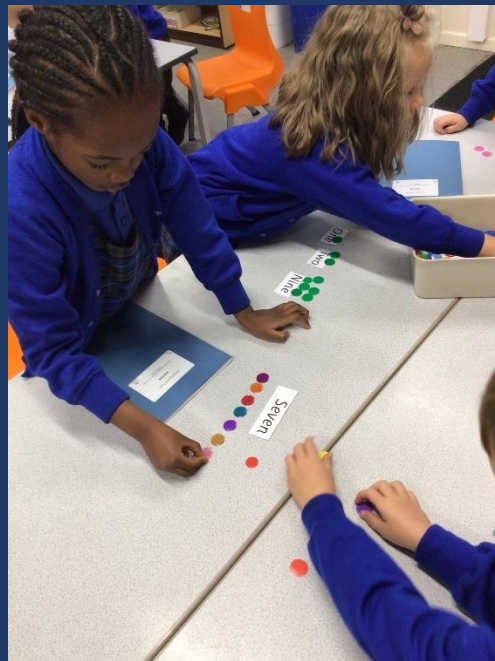
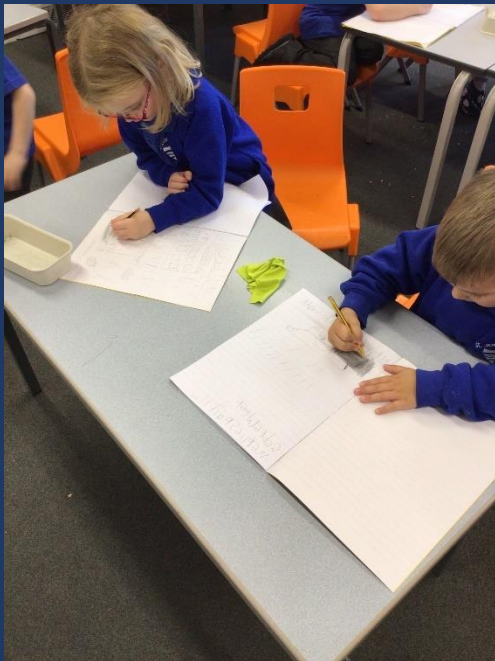
Year 1

Year 1 have had an amazing first week back at school and their attitude to learning has been fantastic!

In maths, they have been focusing on the word representation for numerals.

During R.E, the children have been learning about the harvest festival and they have shown real enthusiasm towards exploring the different ways farmers harvest their crops.

The art topic, this term, is centred around drawing and mark making. The children have thoroughly enjoyed practicing different skills including texture, pressure, smudging and cross-hatching.



Announcements

We would be ever so grateful if you could add **St. John's Abram** to your Asda Rewards cash pot as your nominated school. It is completely free and does not affect your personal cash pot. Each time you scan your rewards card or app, Asda will pay into the school cash pot. So far, you have helped us achieve a whopping **£183!** Let's see how much we can raise before this amazing incentive ends on 30th November. Thank you for your continued support!



Friendship Hope Respect Trust



Local Community

Leigh Football Development

At Westleigh School (Sports Hall)
Westleigh Ln, Leigh, WN7 5NL

Starting on Wednesday 25th September 2024
In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1 6:00pm - 6:45pm
School years - Year 2 & Year 3 6:45pm - 7:30pm
School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,
Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Wednesday at Westleigh School, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is FUN through Football, building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a ball per player for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.

Declan
TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE
0161 302 2510 or 07514 316534

We cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property or clothing
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked

Platt Bridge Community Library
Rivington Avenue, Platt Bridge, WN2 5NG

CHILDREN'S CRAFT CLUB

FREE DROP-IN SESSION

Term Time Only!

Every Thursday

15:30 – 16:30

Week commencing
09/09/2024



It is estimated that three children in every average-size classroom in the UK has a mental health issue, including anxiety, depression, and low self-esteem.

From childhood onwards, we all need to have self-confidence and emotional intelligence to convey our thoughts and feelings, express our opinions politely and confidently, to have a voice in the classroom or workplace, and know how to establish positive relationships with other people. These life skills give us the freedom to develop to our full potential and have self-confidence in our own abilities.

In 1978, Helen O'Grady, a trained teacher and actress, recognised the benefits of drama and role-play in building self-confidence, developing communication skills and encouraging social interaction. 44 years later, the international Drama Kids academy is still delivering this vision around the globe through an expertly structured and professionally written drama curriculum.

Bring your child along to a FREE trial class to see how the programme works!

Our specially written curriculum ensures our students have a fun-filled drama lesson every week whilst we aim to:

- Develop skills in verbal communication and social interaction
- Build ongoing confidence and self-esteem
- Encourage enthusiasm, energy and a positive approach to life

CONTACT US
Wigan and Chorley Classes
preston@dramakids.co.uk
Tel: 07813 865 482
Fees: £29.00 per month

Themed Lunch Day

Topsy Turvy Day

Join the Positive Vibes Team on **Thursday 26th September** for the first themed lunch day of the academic year.

There are lots of tasty options available including a selection of hot meals and a delicious dessert.

Children in Reception and Year Groups 1 and 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Children in Year Groups 3 to 6 can enjoy a school meal for the amazing price of £2.75 unless you are in receipt Free School Meals.

If you think you meet the criteria to receive Free School Meals, please visit the school office where you can collect an application form. This can then be returned to the school office and the admin staff will make the application on your behalf.

Pre-order your Topsy Turvy meal now on your School Grid account!

THE POSITIVES
TOPSY TURVY FOOD

ENJOY A TASTE OF THE UNUSUAL!

Mains:

- Upside Down Cheese and Tomato Pizza
gluten milk
- Upside Down Beef Burger
gluten, sulphur dioxide & sulphites, sesame

Sides:

- Positives Chips
- Sweetcorn
- Baked Beans

Dessert:

- Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard
gluten, eggs, milk

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
SOMETHING FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS
TALKING TO TODDLERS
Every Friday
Free
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

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



SJA SQUAD
EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM
join us for craft, bible stories & games
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ABRAM
Everyone welcome.

AUTUMN TERM 1

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Monday

Y5, Y5/6 & Y6 Football Club - 3.15-4.15 (PE kit to be worn)

Tuesday

Y3, Y3/4 & Y4 Sewing Club- 3.15-4.15

Y3 Craft Club- Lunchtime (Bring an old t-shirt to cover uniform)

Y5, Y5/6 & Y6 Netball Club 3.15-4.15 (PE kit to be worn)

Wednesday

Y1, Y1/2 & Y2 Computing Club- Lunchtime (Bring iPads along)

Thursday

Y3, Y3/4 & Y4 Reading Club - Lunchtime

Y1, Y1/2 & Y2 Board Game Club- Lunchtime

Friday

Y5, Y5/6 & Y6 Maths Games Club- Lunchtime

Y3, Y3/4, Y4, Y5, Y5/6 & Y6 Uno Card Club- Lunchtime

All clubs are **FREE** of charge but places are limited. Some clubs are after school & others will take place at lunchtime. Log on to your My Child At School (MCAS) account to secure your child's place.

my **childs**at **school**.com