



St John's
C of E Primary School



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Weekly School News!

18th October

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As we approach the end of our seven-week half term, I find myself reflecting on the experiences that so many of our children have enjoyed so far this year.

Our Spooky Bingo event was a roaring success, bringing together pupils, staff, and families. Our Year 6 pupils have been pedalling their way to success with the Bikeability programme. Our Reception class parents/carers joined us for a lovely coffee morning recently. The children in Year 3 performed beautifully in our Harvest Service. The whole school embraced the 'Hello Yellow' initiative, promoting mental health awareness and supporting young people's wellbeing, the list goes on!

I am particularly proud of the number of attendance awards we've given out this term. Regular attendance is crucial for our pupils' progress, and it's wonderful to see so many of you prioritising this.

Lastly, I must mention the incredible number of class dojos awarded for following our school rules. This reflects the positive behaviour and attitudes of our pupils, and I couldn't be more pleased. Well done to everyone!

As we look forward to the half-term break, I want to thank you all for your continued support. The partnership between home and school is what makes our school so very special.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term.

Miss Gatley

Dates for your diary

Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November- October Half Term

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November- Holiday club, held at St. John's C. of E. Primary School, Atherton Road, Hindley Green WN2 4UA.

Wednesday 6th November, 3.30pm-7.00pm- Parents Evening, appointments can be booked via My Child At School (MCAS)

Sunday 10th November, 10.30am-11.30am- Y5/6 Remembrance Service at Church

Monday 11th November, 5pm-7pm- Open Evening

Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November- Anti-bullying week

Thursday 14th November, 5.00pm-5.30pm- Y4 Multiplication Timestable Check parent/carer meeting. Please enter via the main office

Friday 15th November- Children in Need, more details to follow

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Safe

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

Celebrating Success

Learning Legends

11/10/24

Learning Legends

Reception- Logi
Year 1 - Theo
Year 1/2 - Kayden
Year 2 - Zane
Year 3 - Aleezay
Year 3/4 - Anthony
Year 4 - Abel
Year 5 - Duncan
Year 5/6 - Lucy
Year 6 - Dzuliya



Sports Star

Congratulations to Max in Year 5 for improved serving in badminton!



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

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

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

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

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/125447/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance.pdf) ([publishing.service.gov.uk](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk))

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

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



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 4

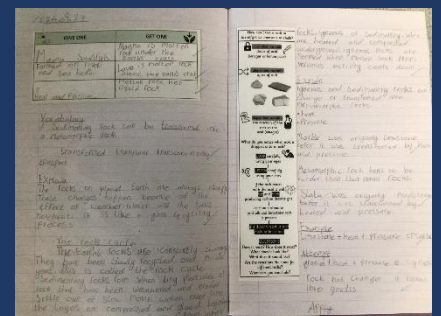
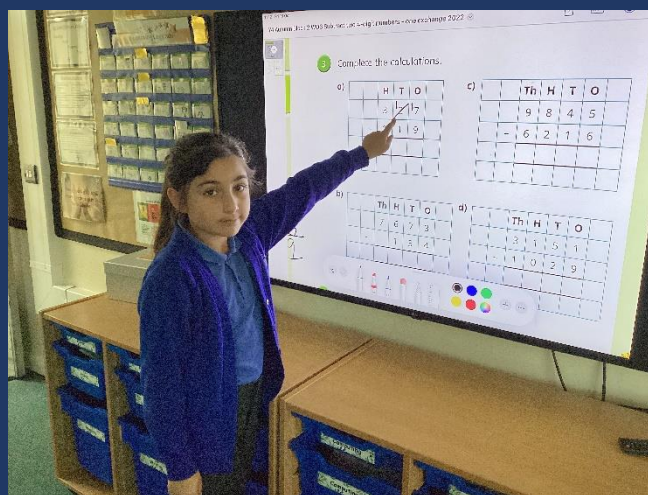
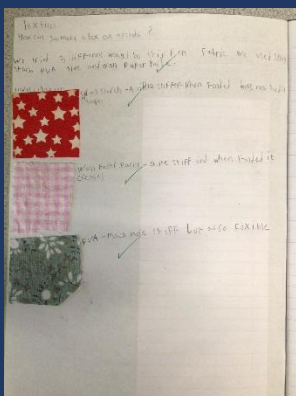
Year 4 have had a busy half term!

In RE, they investigated how people celebrate harvest around the world.

During computing, Year 4 have been learning about personal information and why it is important to keep it safe.

In writing and science, the children researched rocks, soils and fossils to write a non-chronological report.

In their Maths lessons, Year 4 used their skills of place value to help solve column additions and subtractions.



Announcements



Poppy Appeal

We have various items for sale ranging from 50p to £1.50. These are available from the school office or to purchase at lunchtime. All funds will be donated to the British Legion.



Madison & Oliver, both in Y1/2 represented the school on Thursday to receive a "Wigan Healthy School Award" at The Edge in Wigan.



Friendship Hope Respect Trust



Spooky Bingo Event



Thank you to everyone who attended the spooky Bingo Event last Friday.

It was lovely to see so many children, family members and staff enjoying the evening!

A special thank you to the best bingo caller in the North West; Mrs. Molyneux and also all the staff involved in putting on such a great event.

All proceeds made will go back into school to support future events and experiences for the children.

Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events or fundraising activities!

Y3 Harvest Service

Y3 led a beautiful Harvest Service at Church this week! Thank you to Mrs. Coburn and the Y3 children for putting on a great performance. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers and family members in attendance. All food donations received will be shared between The Brick and St. Nathaniel's Pantry. Thank you to all who contributed to our harvest appeal, it really does make such a huge difference to the lives of others.



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
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.

October Half Term



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



MORRISONS

Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 21st Oct- Sunday 3rd Nov 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda Cafes, with no adult spend required.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

Monday 14th October - Friday 1st November 2024 Kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BILLS

2 Kids eat FREE Mon - Fri from Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November 2024

PIZZA HUT

Free Kids buffet Monday 14th Oct - Tuesday 5th Nov daily until 3pm with code SPOOKY

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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GREENSLADE FARM COMMUNITY FARM

AUTUMN Family Fun Day

Saturday 19 October
11am - 4pm

Free Entry
Music
Pumpkin Treasure Hunt
Bouncy Castle
Kids Activities
Food and Drinks
Artisan Craft Stalls
Raffle & Tombola

Greenslade Farm
Greenslade Road
Orrell
WNS 7BG

The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football

WYFL

Wild CATS GIRLS FOOTBALL

Wigan & District Youth League - Girls League

Time and Date: Sat - Saturday Morning
Location: William Fosters Hub, Fosters Playing Fields
Cost: £3

Who We Are: Wigan & District Youth League - Girls League

Next Steps: Head to www.wyfl.co.uk or contact us to find out more. Contact: Jack 01492364045

OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMPS
21st - 25th OCTOBER 2024 | 9AM - 3.30PM

@ Atherton High School
Hamilton St. Atherton, M46 6AY

@ Dean Trust Wigan
Greenway, Wigan, WNS 0DQ
(Not available on Tuesdays)

Enjoy professional football coaching with Wigan Athletic.

Open to boys and girls between the ages of 5-12.

From £18.00 per day

To Book please visit
www.wigan.gov.uk

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HINDLEY

BARN DANCE

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024

HOWDY! COME ON DOWN!

ST. PETER'S PAVILION, HURST STREET, HINDLEY
DOORS OPEN AT 7.00 pm
ADULTS - £20, CHILDREN (aged 12-16) - £10,
CHILDREN (aged 11 and under) - £5
Includes Hot Pot Supper and dessert
Tickets available from Church, on-line via St. Peter's Facebook page or by contacting 07539703023

Pumpkin Festival

Half-Term Special Prices
21st - 25th Oct
10 AM - 12 PM
Tickets | £4/ Person

Digitober Tech Time On Tour!

FREE

TECH TIME ON TOUR

- Advice and support
- Basic digital support
- Retro Gaming
- VR (Virtual Reality)
- Explore fun technologies

22nd October 10.00am-12.00pm
Golborne library

25th October 1.30-3.30pm
Shevington library

26th October 10.30am-1.30pm
Leigh library

FREE drop in events

Celebrate "Digitober" with our council Digital Inclusion Team at 3 FREE family fun events - you can explore everything digital from retro gaming to the latest VR technology!

To find out more please visit
<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Digital-Wigan/Tech-Time.aspx>

October Half Term Fun!

Zoo On A Broom!

22nd October
1.30-2.30pm
Leigh library

£4.50 including Eventbrite booking fee

Join ZooLab for a fun rhyming book adventure and to meet all the REAL LIFE creatures
Zog the witch will try to fit on her broom!

Planetary Adventure!
23rd October
various times
Wigan Library
- booking essential via Eventbrite

Enter the Planetarium from Daresbury Laboratory to experience our night sky as never before!
Please see Eventbrite for session times and to book.

WARRIORS
OCTOBER HALF TERM INTERNATIONAL CAMP

AT ROBIN PARK ARENA
TUE 22 - FRI 25 OCTOBER

TAKING RUGBY CAMPS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

BOOK NOW
[WWW.RL.NET/INTERNATIONALCAMP](http://www.rl.net/internationalcamp)

APPLECAST FARM

HALLOWEEN

Pumpkin Picking & Carving

THURSDAY 24TH - SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER

£8.00 PER CHILD

THIS INCLUDES ONE PUMPKIN & CARVING

PRE BOOKING NEEDED!

TIME SLOTS FROM - 10AM - 2PM

Work with us



LUNCHTIME ORGANISER VACANCIES

We are seeking a dedicated Lunchtime Organiser to join our team at Hindley Green CP School. In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring the welfare and supervision of pupils during the lunch break, creating a safe and enjoyable environment for them to eat and play.

Key Responsibilities:

- Supervise and engage with pupils during their lunch break, ensuring their safety and well-being
- Assist with the serving and distribution of lunches, encouraging good table manners and hygiene
- Organise and lead lunchtime activities and games to keep pupils entertained and active
- Provide first aid and administer minor treatments as required
- Maintain a positive and nurturing environment, promoting the school's values and ethos

This is an excellent opportunity to join our dedicated team and contribute to the success of our school. We offer a range of benefits, including:

- **Wellness Day** - An additional day leave for you to spend time on your own wellness. A day to rest and recuperate, bringing your best selves back to work
- **Family Friendly Policies**
- **Comprehensive CPD opportunities**
- **Pension scheme**
- **Cycle to work scheme**
- Please see Employee Benefits brochure for further information

If you are passionate about making a difference in the lives of our pupils, we encourage you to apply for this rewarding role.

For further details please phone the office on 01942 255406



WE ARE HIRING

Play Pals Childcare Limited

Play Pals Nursery Room Leader

We are seeking an experienced and passionate Nursery Room Leader to join our Play Pals nursery team based on Atherton Road, Hindley Green. In this role, you will be responsible for leading a team of practitioners and providing high-quality care and education for our youngest children aged 0 to 2 years.

Key Responsibilities:

- Oversee the day-to-day operations of the nursery room, ensuring a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment
- Plan and deliver engaging, age-appropriate activities and learning experiences for the children
- Supervise, support, and mentor the nursery practitioners, promoting their professional development
- Maintain accurate records, observations, and assessments to monitor each child's progress
- Work closely with parents/carers to build strong partnerships and provide regular feedback
- Ensure the nursery room adheres to all relevant policies, procedures, and regulatory requirements

Requirements:

- Relevant Level 3 or above qualification in Childcare or Early Years Education
- Minimum 2 years' experience in a similar Nursery Room Leader or Senior Practitioner role
- Strong knowledge of the EYFS framework and best practices in early years education
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to engage with children, families, and the team
- Ability to lead and motivate a team, while also being a collaborative and supportive colleague
- Commitment to continuous professional development and a passion for working with young children

Why Join Play Pals?

- Additional day leave for your birthday
- Wellness Day - An additional day leave for you to spend time on your own wellness
- Childcare Discount
- Refer a friend scheme for staff appointments
- Mental Health First Aiders
- Opportunities for Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- And many more - see our benefits brochure

Salary: £11.90-£12.10 per hour (pay award pending)

If you are an enthusiastic and dedicated Nursery Room Leader who shares our vision for providing exceptional early years education, we would love to hear from you. Apply now to join our thriving Play Pals family!

For further details please contact our Area Manager - Mrs. Nichola Crank n.crank@quest-trust.org.uk 07852529510



WE ARE HIRING

Play Pals Childcare Limited

Play Pals Childcare is a successful and vibrant organisation that provides a caring and thoughtful quality of nursery care across our family of settings within the Northwest region.

Nursery Manager

We are seeking an experienced and dedicated Nursery Manager to lead our 0-4 nursery setting at Play Pals Childcare. As the Nursery Manager, you will be responsible for the overall management and day-to-day operations of the nursery, ensuring the highest standards of care and education for our young pupils.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide strong leadership and vision for the nursery, promoting a positive and nurturing environment
- Manage and supervise the nursery staff, ensuring they are supported, developed, and working effectively
- Implement and monitor the nursery's policies, procedures, and curriculum to meet or exceed regulatory requirements
- Maintain a safe and stimulating learning environment, adhering to all health, safety, and safeguarding guidelines
- Liaise with parents/carers, external agencies, and the wider school community to build positive relationships
- Monitor and evaluate the nursery's performance, identifying areas for improvement and implementing necessary changes
- Ensure the nursery's financial and administrative duties are carried out efficiently

Requirements:

- Level 3 qualification in Early Years or a related field (minimum)
- Significant experience in a similar nursery management role, with a proven track record of success
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to build strong relationships with staff, pupils, and parents
- Thorough knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum and regulatory requirements
- Strong organisational and problem-solving skills, with the ability to multitask and prioritise effectively
- Passion for early years education and a commitment to providing the best possible outcomes for young children

What We Offer:

- Salary: £14.00 - £14.60 per hour (pay award pending)
- Employee Benefits:
 - o Additional day leave for your birthday
 - o Wellness day - An additional day leave for you to spend time on your own wellness
 - o Childcare Discount
 - o Refer a friend scheme for staff appointments
 - o Mental Health First Aiders
 - o Opportunities for Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
 - o And many more - see our benefits brochure

If you are an experienced and dedicated Early Years professional who shares our vision for excellence, we would love to hear from you. This is an exciting opportunity to lead a thriving nursery and make a lasting impact on the lives of our youngest pupils.

For further details please contact our Area Manager - Mrs. Nichola Crank n.crank@quest-trust.org.uk 07852529510



WE ARE HIRING

Play Pals Early Years Practitioner

Join our dedicated team of Early Years Practitioners at Play Pals nursery settings. We have vacancies available in both our 0-3 and 3-4 year old settings, offering the opportunity to work with a range of age groups.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide high-quality care and education for children in your care
- Plan and deliver engaging, age-appropriate activities and learning experiences
- Observe and assess children's progress, maintaining detailed records
- Work collaboratively with colleagues to ensure a consistent, nurturing environment
- Communicate effectively with parents and carers, building strong relationships
- Adhere to all safeguarding policies and procedures to keep children safe

Requirements:

- Minimum Level 2 qualification in Early Years or Childcare
- Experience working with children in an early years setting
- Strong understanding of the EYFS framework and best practices
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Passion for supporting children's development and well-being

Why Join Play Pals?

- Benefits: Birthday leave, additional wellness day off, childcare discount, refer a friend scheme, and more
- Continuous Professional Development: Opportunities to expand your skills and knowledge
- Supportive Environment: Dedicated mental health first aiders and a collaborative team
- Established Nursery: Be part of a successful, growing Nursery provision with a strong reputation and links to QUEST Multi Academy Trust.

If you're an enthusiastic and dedicated Early Years Practitioner, we'd love to hear from you. Apply now to join our vibrant team and make a meaningful difference in the lives of young children.

For further details please contact our Area Manager - Mrs. Nichola Crank n.crank@quest-trust.org.uk 07852529510





Autumn Term 2

Extra Curricular Clubs



Monday:

Football Club, 3.15pm-4.15pm

Open to Y5, Y5/6 & Y6. Please bring football boots PE/football kit and shin pads

Tuesday:

Mindfulness Colouring Club, 3.15pm-4.00pm

Open to Y3, Y3/4, Y4, Y5, Y5/6 & Y6

Tuesday:

Netball Club, 3.15pm-4.15pm

Open to Y5, Y5/6 & Y6. PE kit to be worn

Wednesday:

Outdoor Activity Club, 3.30pm-4.30pm

Open to ALL classes. Warm coats to be worn

Thursday:

Christmas Club, 3.15pm-4.15pm

Open to Y1, Y1/2, Y2, Y3, Y3/4, Y4, Y5, Y5/6 & Y6.

Children will learn songs to support the Church Christmas Nativity in December

Thursday:

Drawing Club, 3.15pm-4.00pm

Open to Y3 & Y3/4

Thursday:

Sewing Club, 3.15pm-4.15pm

Open to Y3, Y3/4 & Y4

Friday:

Uno Club, 12.00pm-12.45pm

Open to Y3, Y3/4, Y4, Y5, Y5/6 & Y6

**ALL clubs run from w/c 11th November to w/c 9th December and are FREE.
Children will need to be re-booked on to returning clubs. All places can be book via
My Child At School (MCAS)**

my child at school .com