



St John's  
C of E Primary School

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Weekly School News!

24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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## Wigan and Leigh Hospice



Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause, we raised an amazing £494.40. Thank you for your continued support.

## Year 5 Robinwood Trip

There will be a meeting on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January at 3:30pm for parents/carers of those children attending the Robinwood trip on the 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March. If you are unable to make it, there will be a PowerPoint we can send home.



During National Preschool Health and Fitness week, PlayPals and Reception class will be exploring different forms of dance, with guest visitors from two local dance school, learning styles from ballet to ballroom. Donations are welcome as the children take part in this fantastic experience. Any donations received will be used towards enhancing our outdoor provision.

## Dates for your diary

30<sup>th</sup> January - Year 6 SATs parent meeting - 3:15pm - 4pm  
Year 5 - Robinwood Parent meeting - 3:30pm  
5<sup>th</sup> February - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Workshop - 9am  
17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February - Holiday Club - St Peter's

## Year 3 Swimming

Children in Year 3 will go to Hindley Phoenix Swimming Baths as part of their National Curriculum on **Wednesday** afternoons. The first lesson will be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and will continue after half term. Please look out for a letter on class dojo with further information.

## Outside Clothing

As the weather is very cold now, can we kindly ask that you send your child/ren to school in a warm, waterproof coat.

## Year 6 SATs



Polite reminder - Year 6 SATs are week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> May. Please do not book any holidays during this time.

**Be Ready**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Safe**

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# Celebrating Success

## Learning Legends

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- Reception - Blossom
- Year 1 - Eliza
- Year 1/2 - Maddison
- Year 2 - Harry
- Year 3 - Freddie
- Year 4 - Harvey
- Year 5 - Seth
- Year 5/6 - Emmie
- Year 6 - Joe



### Sports Star

Congratulations to Rocco in Year 5/6, for outstanding effort in PE, to perform the required gymnastics skills!



### 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 3/4

In English, Year 3/4 have been learning how to write animal stories from the third person perspective. We have used expanded noun phrases and metaphors to add description and drama to our stories.

In maths we have learned how to multiply and divide.

In history we have explored The Stone Age and how the society developed over time. We enjoyed a Stone Age workshop where we were transported into the era using drama and artefacts.

Our Science topic is forces and magnets. We are currently investigating how friction impacts the force needed to move objects.



## Announcements

### Chinese New Year

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, to celebrate Chinese New Year, we will be holding a themed menu. If your child doesn't normally have a school dinner but would like to try one on this day, please log on to your School Grid account to order.



**Friendship Hope Respect Trust**



# 2025/2026 Holiday Dates



**QUEST**

Primary

Quest Academic Calendar  
2024/2025

## **Autumn Term 2024**

**INSET DAY** – Monday 2nd September 2024 (Pupils do not attend) Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 20th December 2024

**Autumn Half Term** – Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November 2024

## **Spring Term 2025**

Monday 6th January – Friday 4th April 2025

**Spring Half Term** – Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025

\* **MONDAY 24th February** – Staff Inset Day (Pupils do not attend) \*New date added

**Easter 2025** – Monday 7th April – Friday 18th April 2025

*Bank Holidays*

*Good Friday 18th April 2025 Easter Sunday 20th April 2025 Easter Monday 21st April 2025*

**Early May Bank Holiday** – Monday 5th May 2025

**Summer Term 2025** – Tuesday 22nd April – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

**Summer Half Term** – Monday 26th May (BH) – Friday 30th May 2025

2025/2026

## **Autumn Term 2025**

**INSET DAY** – Monday 1st September 2025 (Pupils do not attend) Tuesday 2nd September – Friday 19th December 2025

**Autumn Half Term** – Monday 20th October – Friday 31st October 2025

## **Spring Term 2026**

Monday 5th January – Thursday 2nd April 2026

**Spring Half Term** – Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026

**Easter 2026** – Friday 3rd April – Friday 17th April 2026

*Bank Holidays*

*Good Friday 3rd April 2026 Easter Sunday 5th April 2026 Easter Monday 6th April 2026*

**Early May Bank Holiday** – Monday 4th May 2026

**Summer Term 2026** – Monday 20th April – Friday 17th July 2026

**Summer Half Term** – Monday 25th May (BH) – Friday 29th May 2026



# Upcoming Services in Church

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

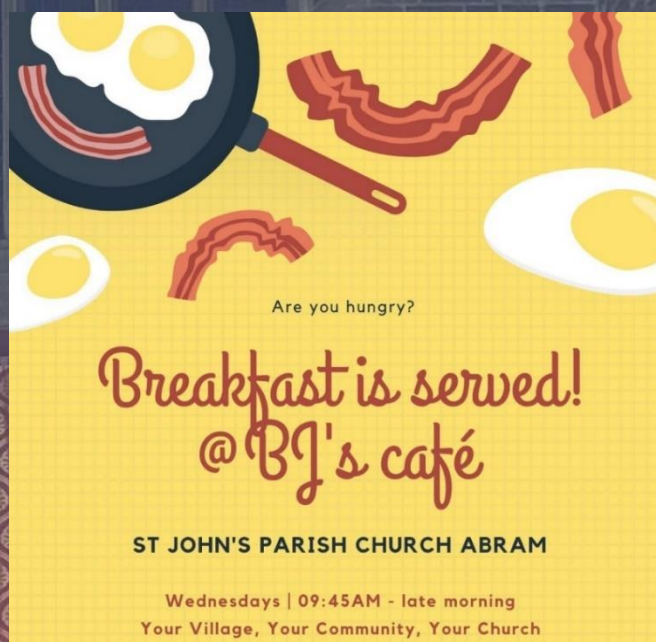
2nd & 4th Sunday of each month- Morning Prayer, 10am

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



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

