



St John's
C of E Primary School



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Weekly School News!

20th December 2024

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As we reach the end of another calendar year, I find myself reflecting on the busy term we have had.

We welcomed our new Reception children to our school family, who held a Macmillan coffee morning, we have had numerous trips and visitors to school, Year 3 led a fantastic Harvest service and Y5 led a lovely Christingle service at our Church in Abram.

We have also had Christmas performances and concerts, a party day and a Christmas lunch day!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the children, their families and the staff a wonderful Christmas. May you take time to rest, make memories and re-set for the new year ahead.

We wish Mrs. Parkinson from our school admin team all the best as she moves over to one of our other Primary Schools within Quest Trust in the new year to take on the role of admin officer. She has made such a difference and impact to our school and we know she will thrive in her new position.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the parents/carers and family members for their continued support over the past term, it really doesn't go unnoticed.

Best wishes,

Mrs. James

Dates for your diary

Friday 20th December, 3.15pm- School closes at usual time for the Christmas Half Term

Monday 6th January- School returns, gates open at 8.40am

Thursday 30th January, 3.15pm-4.00pm- Y6 parent/carer SATs meeting at school

Further dates for your diary can be found of the Spring Term Dates on page 7

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Safe

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

Celebrating Success

Learning Legends

13/12/24

Learning Legends

Reception- Autumn-Freya
Year 1 - Molly
Year 1/2 - Aria
Year 2 - Mason C
Year 3 - Cali
Year 4 - Cain
Year 5 - Archie
Year 6 - Isabella



Sports Star

Congratulations to Harley in Year 2 for great use of speed and skills in various PE games!



Christmas Raffle Winners

EYFS & KS1 Winners- Isaac D (Rec) & Koby-Lee (Rec)
KS2 Winners- Jakson (Y3/4) & Belle (Y3/4)



End of Term Learning Legend Raffle Winners

EYFS & KS1 Winner- Max C (Y2)
KS2 Winner- Owen (Y3)



100% Attendance Raffle Winners

EYFS & KS1 Winner- Élodie (Rec)
KS2 Winner- Ava H (Y4)



You are the light that gives light to the world
Matthew 5:18



Learning in Action

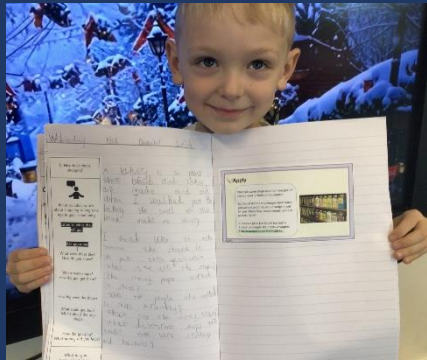
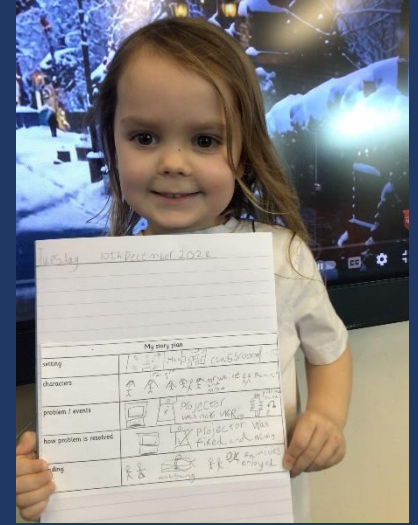
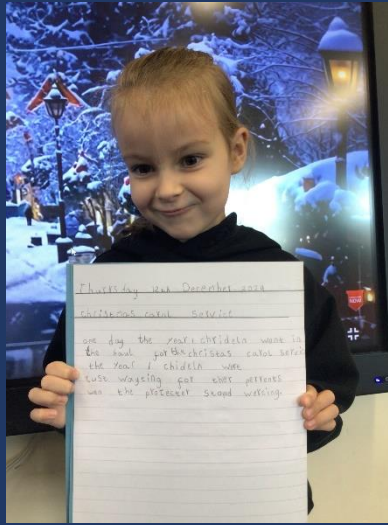
Year 1/2

Year 1/2 have been had a busy week this week!

They have had their Christmas party day and completed lots of exciting learning.

In writing, the children have been studying Stories with a familiar setting. They planned one and used this to help write a story.

In history, Year 1/2 have been looking at shops in the past and comparing them to shops today.



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!

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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	First Offence
Penalty Notice Fines will be issued per parent, for each child that was absent <u>For example:</u> 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines	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.	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
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	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

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.

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2024-2025 ASSESSMENT DATES

W/C 12 MAY 2025	YEAR 6 SATS WEEK
W/C 02 JUNE 2025	YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TIMES TABLE CHECK
W/C 09 JUNE 2025	YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

Please avoid booking any holidays during these times



Friendship Hope Respect Trust



Christmas Party Days

This week, Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 enjoyed their Christmas party days in school.

They all looked fabulous in their party wear, with lots of glitter and sparkle! During the day, the children enjoyed dancing, games, party food and activities. Thank you so much for all the very generous donations of food, drinks and treats from our families.

The children, and staff, had a great time celebrating!



Upcoming Services in Church

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

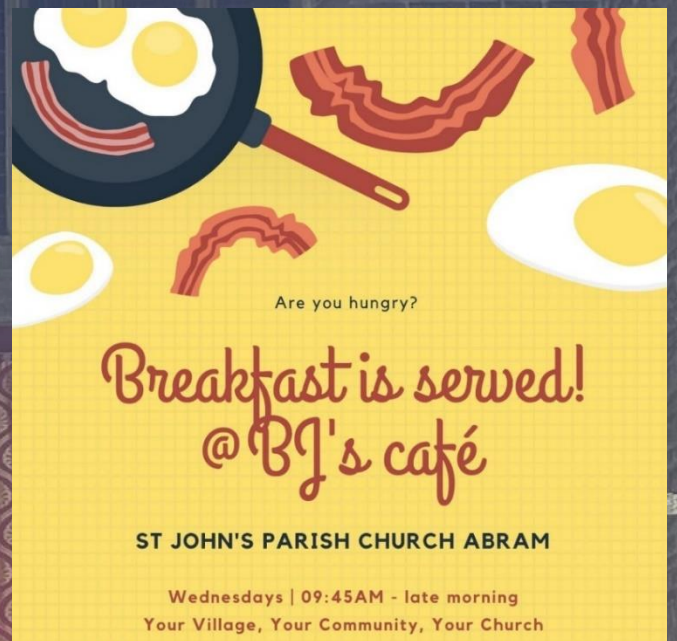
2nd & 4th Sunday of each month- Morning Prayer, 10am

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.


Local Community




FIRST KICK CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB



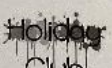
Newbridge School,
Moss Ln, Platt Bridge, Wigan WN2 3TL

<p>FOOTBALL CAMP</p> <p>Football Development Sessions, Penalty Shootouts & Tournaments, NEFF Wars, Bouncy Castles & FIFA Tournaments.</p> <p>Medals & Trophies Awarded Daily.</p>	<p>TAX FREE CHILDCARE</p> <p>Government Tax-Free Childcare scheme accepted - Check eligibility URN - 2799710</p> 	<p>MULTI-SPORT CAMP</p> <p>Dodgeball Cricket Sports Day Dance & Gymnastics Hockey Netball & many more...</p>
<p>DATES & TIMES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 30th December Tuesday 31st December Thursday 2nd January Friday 3rd January <p>Drop off between 8am - 9:30am Collection between 4pm - 6pm</p>	<p>HAF SCHEME</p> <p>Limited free spaces for those on benefit related free school meals, for more info please visit: https://www.half.gov.uk/parentalhelp.htm</p>	<p>PRICES</p> <p>1 day - £18 2 days - £36 3 days - £50 4 days - £65 50% sibling discount</p>




View more on our social media

Facebook: First Kick Football
Instagram: firstkickfootball




Each day medals and trophies are awarded for good teamwork, best attitude, hard work and star player.

Additional Activities: Bouncy Castles, Slides, Dodgeball, Football, Penalty Shootouts, Mini Tournaments, Jenga, XBOX FIFA, Wii Mario Kart, Badminton, Toys, Lego, Hockey, Netball, Rugby, Basketball, Parachute Games, Hula Hoops, Multi-Skills Activities, Sports Day, Colouring, Street Dance and Rainy Day Activities.



To Book Please Call
0161 302 2510 or 07514 316 534

We cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property or clothing. There is no liability for injury or illness by areas close to our facilities.





U12 GIRLS WE NEED YOU!

Years 6 and 7



FOOTBALLERS WANTED!

Saturday matches

Training Leigh sports village wed 8pm to 9pm

BOND STREET FC ARE LOOKING FOR GIRLS TO JOIN OUR U12'S TEAM!

GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE INFO AND TO SIGN ON NOW!

MARSHES PLAYING FIELDS, WN7 5DE

JEN ROBERTS
07535 695834



Pony Panto & Christmas Fun Day

Join us at My Life on 23rd December for our EPIC pony pantomime & Christmas fun day!

Panto - Santa - Christmas Stalls & a whole lot of fun!

BOOK NOW






Registered Charity number 1149068




RECYCLE YOUR TREE

www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree




AN INTERACTIVE RETELLING OF THE

Christmas Story

WITH **Hot choc** Photo opportunities

TUESDAY **24TH** DECEMBER

10AM - 11AM
ST JOHN'S CHURCH
HINDLEY GREEN

& a Real Donkey!





CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SPRING 2025

January 2025

Thursday 30 th January, 3.15pm-4pm	Y6 SATs Parent/Carer Workshops
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February 2025

Monday 3 rd February - Friday 7 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 3 rd February - Friday 7 th February	PlayPals Parent's Evening all week
Friday 7 th February	Number Day NSPCC
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February	HALF TERM Holiday club held at St. Peter's C. of E. Primary School, Kildare Street, Hindley, WN2 3HY
Monday 24th February	INSET DAY- Children do not attend
Tuesday 25 th February	Easter Raffle event begins, more details to follow
Wednesday 26 th February, 3.30pm-7pm	Parents Evening, more details to follow

March 2025

Monday 3 rd March	LENT appeal, more details to follow
Tuesday 4 th March	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day, more details to follow
Friday 14 th March, TBC	Comic Relief
Monday 17 th March, TBC	Parents open afternoon
Tuesday 25 th March	Tempest- Class Photographs
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th March	Y5 Robin Wood Residential
Friday 28 th March, time TBC	Reception- Mother's Day stay & play, more details to follow

April 2025

Thursday 3 rd April, 9.30am	Y2 Easter Communion Service at Church, parents/carers welcome
Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April	EASTER BREAK Holiday club held at St. John's C. of E. Primary School, Simpkin Street, Abram WN2 5QE Monday 14th April - Thursday 17th April
Tuesday 22 nd April, 8.40am	School re-opens

**** PLEASE NOTE, DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ANY SUCH CHANGES WILL BE POSTED ON CLASS DOJO WITH AS MUCH NOTICE AS POSSIBLE ****