



St John's  
C of E Primary School



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Weekly School News!

7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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

## Dates for your diary

7<sup>th</sup> February - Number Day - NSPCC  
12<sup>th</sup> February - Year 3 swimming  
17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February - Holiday Club - St Peter's  
24<sup>th</sup> February - INSET DAY - Children do not attend  
26<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evening

## School Times

School starts at 8:45am. Children can enter their classrooms from 8:40am. Gates will be locked at 8:50am. Any children arriving after this time must sign in at the school office and will receive a late mark. Please encourage your child to arrive to school on time as this will emphasise that they are adhering to our 'be ready' school rule.

## Cycle Safety

Please can all parents/carers remind their child if they are travelling to school on a bicycle to ride safely on their journey to school. Once they arrive at school they will need to get off their bike and push it to the designated area as cycling is not permitted on the school premises.

Thank you

**Be Ready**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Safe**

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

# Celebrating Success

## Learning Legends

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Reception - Zak  
Year 1 - Noah  
Year 1/2 - Lennie  
Year 2 - Charlie  
Year 3 - Jessica  
Year 3/4 - Eva  
Year 4 - Max  
Year 5 - Dana  
Year 5/6 - Thomas  
Year 6 - Benjamin



### Sports Star

Congratulations to Charlie D, Year 1, for his amazing effort in PE.



### 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

**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))

#### 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

\*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 5

In Year 5, we have been doing lots of exciting learning across all subjects. In Art, we have been developing our weaving skills and looking at how we can incorporate nature into our artwork. We have created beads out of paper and tuned them into bracelets. In Science, we have been studying the planets and developing our knowledge of the lunar cycle. We have researched interesting facts and created our own non chronological reports in English to share this information. This is just a small snapshot of what we have been getting up to and we still have lots of wonderful learning and a residential to come!



## Announcements

Congratulations to both Mrs Layhe and Mrs Matukutire who are both pregnant! Mrs Layhe is expecting her new arrival in April while Mrs Matukutire is due in the summer! We will of course update all Year 2 parents once a teacher has been appointed after the May half term. We wish them both well!



**Friendship Hope Respect Trust**



# Job Opportunities



## Job Advert

### CLASS TEACHER

#### VARIOUS ROLES/LOCATIONS ACROSS THE TRUST

##### QUEST (A Church of England Schools Trust)

QUEST Academy Trust is a successful and vibrant **multi-faith** trust that provides a caring and thoughtful quality of education across our family of schools within the Northwest region. Established in 2014, we have 5 Good Schools which include 4 primary schools, nursery settings with before and after school club provisions and the University Collegiate School, Bolton comprising of secondary and sixth form education. QUEST Academy Trust educates over 1700 children and young people across its five schools and nursery provisions within the Northwest. Each of our schools are **unique** individually – each have their own legacy and history focused upon the educational needs of its children and community.

##### Class Teacher (Primary)

We are seeking enthusiastic and dedicated Class Teachers to join our **team**. We have temporary and permanent vacancies **across** our schools in Hindley, Hindley Green and Abram. This is an excellent opportunity to work with a collaborative and supportive Trust, delivering high-quality teaching and learning in Early Years, KS1 and KS2. The successful candidate will be responsible for creating and delivering lesson plans in line with the national curriculum. We are looking for passionate teachers who can inspire and motivate our pupils to achieve their full potential. As a teacher at QUEST, you will have the opportunity to work within a supportive and collaborative environment, where professional development is highly valued. You will be part of a team that is committed to providing high-quality education and fostering a love for learning in young minds.

The ideal candidate will have excellent subject knowledge, strong classroom management skills and the ability to differentiate instruction to meet the diverse needs **of** our pupils.

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

##### Key Responsibilities:

- Plan and teach well-structured lessons, following the school's curriculum and schemes of work
  - Assess, monitor, record and report on the learning needs, progress and achievements of assigned pupils
  - Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of pupils
  - Set high expectations to inspire, motivate and challenge pupils
  - Promote good progress and outcomes for all pupils
  - Develop excellent subject and curriculum knowledge
- Requirements:
- Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)
  - Proven track record of delivering outstanding teaching and learning
  - Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
  - Ability to work collaboratively as part of a team
  - Commitment to continued professional development

##### Why Join QUEST Academy Trust?

- 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.
  - Collaborative working across our schools with a dedicated trust team to provide support.
  - Family Friendly Policies to support work-life balance.
  - Comprehensive CPD opportunities to develop your skills and career.
  - Pension scheme and other attractive employee benefits.
- If you are passionate about making a difference in the lives of our pupils, we would love to hear from you! Apply now to join our talented and enthusiastic team!

Salary: **Variable** to LPR (subject to experience and proven track record)

To arrange a visit to one of our schools please contact **HR**. Cheung at our Quest Training Centre on 01942 834000 (Monday – Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm).



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##### Cleaners

We are seeking dedicated and hardworking cleaners to work at various sites across our Trust.

Cleaner Vacancy 1 x 15hr – St Peter's C. of E. Primary School Hindley  
Cleaner Vacancy 1 x 15hr – St John's C. of E. Primary School Abram  
Cleaner Vacancy 1 x 15hr – St John's C. of E. Primary School Hindley Green  
Cleaner Vacancy 1 x 15hr and 1 x 15hr – University Collegiate School, Bolton

**Please ensure you state **in** your application the role and school location you are applying for.**

In this role, you will be responsible for undertaking cleaning duties of classrooms and allocated areas under the direction of senior premises staff.

##### Key Responsibilities:

- Cleaning classrooms, offices, and other designated areas to a high standard
- Replenishing supplies such as soap, paper towels, and cleaning materials
- Reporting any maintenance issues or concerns to the premises team
- Adhering to health and safety guidelines and procedures

##### Requirements:

- Previous experience in a cleaning or caretaking role is desirable
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Excellent attention to detail and a commitment to maintaining a clean and tidy environment
- Flexible and adaptable to changing priorities and demands

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- Pension scheme
- Cycle to work scheme

See our employee benefits brochure for further details

If you are passionate about creating a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for our pupils, staff and visitors we would love to hear from you. Apply now and join our dedicated team at QUEST Academy Trust.

**Please ensure you state **in** your application the role and school location you are applying for.**

Do you know someone who's passionate about making a difference and exploring a career in teaching? We're excited to invite them to our Get Into Teaching Event, where they can discover everything they need to know about becoming an inspiring educator.

### Event Details:

**Date:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Time:** 4:00pm

**Location:** Online Event

This event is perfect for those considering a career in teaching or wanting to learn more about the training process. Attendees will have the chance to:

- Meet experienced educators.
- Learn about training options and funding.
- Gain insights into what it's like to inspire the next generation.

Feel free to forward this invitation to your colleagues, friends, or anyone you think might be interested.

Let's help them take the first step towards an exciting and fulfilling career in teaching!

### Register

**Now** <https://www.kingsbridgeteachertraining.co.uk/apply/get-into-teaching-sept2025>

**GET INTO TEACHING**

**1st Wednesday of the Month! 4pm**

**ONLINE EVENT**

Scan the QR code to book!

FOR MORE INFO VISIT: [www.kingsbridgeteachertraining.co.uk](http://www.kingsbridgeteachertraining.co.uk)

Community First Academy Trust



# Upcoming Services in Church

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

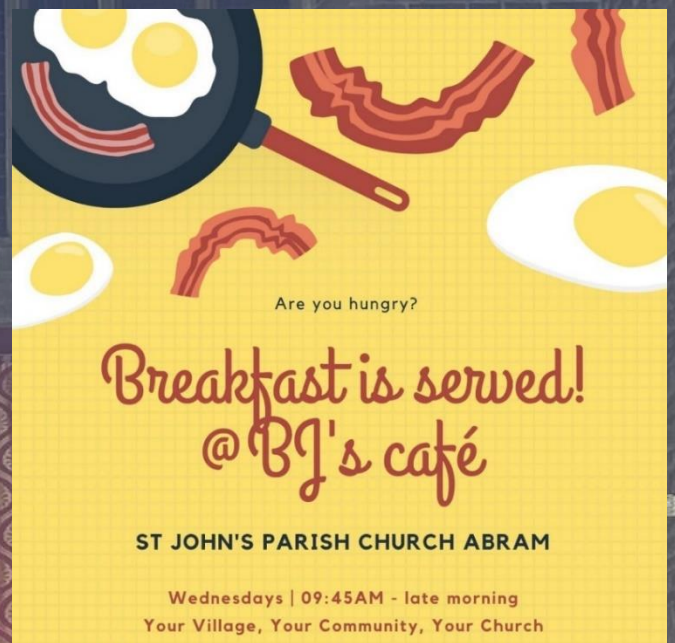
2nd & 4th Sunday of each month- Morning Prayer, 10am

Each Wednesday- Morning Prayer, 9.30am

# Weekly Events in Church

A graphic for the 'Craft & Chatter Group' featuring various craft supplies like scissors, pencils, paper clips, and a teapot with cups of tea.

**ABRAM PARISH CHURCH**  
**Craft & Chatter Group**  
Every Monday 1pm-3pm  
Tea & Coffee Available  
For further information contact  
June- 07528184971

A graphic for a breakfast event featuring a frying pan with eggs and bacon, and a yellow background.

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

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ABRAM

Everyone welcome.



# Children's Mental Health Week

The theme for Children's Mental Health Week 2025 across the UK is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself', with the aim to equip and empower children and young people to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. We want children and young people to discover how getting to know who they are can help them to build resilience, grow and develop. At our school we have been discussing how to best look after our minds and what we love about ourselves. We have explored what helps to keep our minds peaceful and calm and what to do and who to speak to when they are not peaceful and calm.

