



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

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Weekly School News!

13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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## Christmas Dinner Day



The children enjoyed Christmas dinner day on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. They looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers and accessories. Thank you to the kitchen staff for providing the children and staff with a delicious meal!

## Carols in the Community

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, some of our children represented the school by joining in the annual carols in the community event. This took part round the Christmas tree opposite St. John's Church.



It was a lovely event and the children sang beautifully. Thank you to everyone who attended.

## Dates for your diary

**Monday 16th December-** Reception & KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2) Christmas Parties

**Tuesday 17th December-** KS2 Christmas Parties

**Friday 20th December-** Y4 9 lessons & Carols with Communion, more details to follow

**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

**Be Ready**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Safe**

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

# Celebrating Success

## Learning Legends

**06/12/24**

### Learning Legends

Reception- Jaxon  
Year 1 - Ronan  
Year 1/2 - Bentley  
Year 2 - Voilet  
Year 3 - Georgia  
Year 4 - Ryleigh  
Year 5 - Zac  
Year 5/6 - Max  
Year 6 - Jacob



### Sports Star

Congratulations to Corey in Y1/2 for super listening and trying hard in games!



### 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/124444/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 1

This week in Year 1, the children have been working hard on their phonetic spelling in phonics.






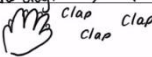
They have been trying hard to spell out words by recognising the sounds that are in them.

In PE, the children worked outside in small teams to complete a circuit.

In their RE work, Year 1 looked at a range of different pictures about the nativity and picked their favourite ones to stick in their book. The children then wrote sentences about why they picked them!

Well done Year 1, what a fantastic week.



My story plan	
setting	Cold  
characters	Yr 1 and Y1/2 
problem / events	No music.  broken
how problem is resolved	Mrs James saved the day. 
ending	 clap clap clap



## Announcements

### Santa Dash

The children took part in the Santa dash last Friday. They all looked fantastic in their Christmas accessories and enjoyed getting active in a fun way!



Mrs. Parkinson, who has formed part of our admin team for the past six years, will be moving over to one of the other Primary Schools within Quest Trust after Christmas. She will be taking on the role of Admin Officer. Mrs. Parkinson will be missed at #TeamAbram and we wish her all the best in her new role.



Friendship Hope Respect Trust





# Y1 & Y1/2 Christmas Carol Service



Year 1 and Year 1/2 led a lovely Christmas carol service earlier this week. It was such a fantastic turn out; our school hall was filled with parents/carers and family members. The children were brilliant, and the staff did a great job of organising this festive event. Thank you to all who attended.

# Reception Christmas Performance



What a fantastic performance of "Wriggly Nativity" Reception gave this week! They did amazingly and it was lovely to see so many people in the audience. Well done to our Reception children and the Y5 children who supported with this performance.

A special thankyou to the Early Years Foundation Stage team for working so hard to put together this amazing show.



# Upcoming Services in Church

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

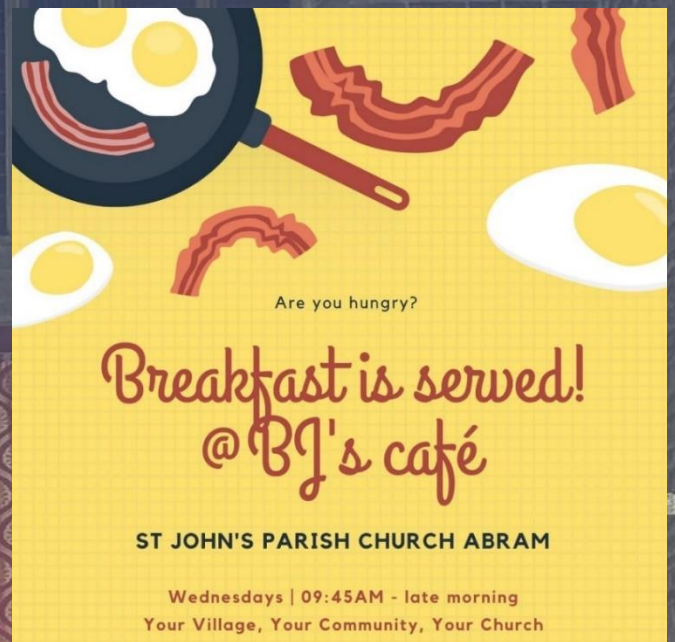
2nd & 4th Sunday of each month- Morning Prayer, 10am

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



**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
St John the Evangelist C.E. Church, Abram  
Sunday 15th December 2024  
at 6.00 pm



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



# School Raffles & Sales

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## CHRISTMAS Raffle

Prizes include:  
**Build-a-Bears**  
**Chocolate**  
**Hampers**

2x winners - EYFS & KS1  
2x winners- KS2

Tickets on sale from Tuesday 3rd December  
£1 per strip

Lucky winners drawn on the last week of term

## CHRISTMAS Bake Sale

18TH DECEMBER

Enjoy the most delicious festive treats made by PlayPals out of school and reception children.

**50P PER ITEM**

PLEASE BRING THE CORRECT CHANGE

Outside the school main entrance 3.00-3.30

## Christmas Flumpets

£2 each  
All proceeds go to  
Wigan & Leigh Hospice

**SOLD OUT**

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# Local Community

### FIRST KICK CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

Newbridge School,  
Mass LA, Platt Bridge, Wigan WN2 3TL

<b>FOOTBALL CAMP</b> Football Development Sessions Penalty Shootouts & Tournament, 100% Wins, Soccer Games & FIFA Tournaments. Meals & Treats Assorted 50p	<b>TAX FREE CHILDCARE</b> Government Tax-Free Childcare scheme accepted - check eligibility URN - 2299710	<b>MULTI-SPORT CAMP</b> Badminton Cricket Sports Day Dance & Gymnastics Hockey Netball & many more...
<b>DATES &amp; TIMES</b> Monday 27th December Tuesday 28th December Thursday 29th January Friday 30th January Drop off between 8pm - 9.30pm Collection between 4pm - 5pm	<b>NAF SCHEME</b> Limited fee charged for those on benefit related free school meals. For more info please visit: <a href="http://www.naf.gov.uk">www.naf.gov.uk</a>	<b>PRICES</b> 1 day - £18 2 days - £30 3 days - £50 4 days - £65 50% sibling discount

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, Games, Dodgeball, Football, Healthy Snacks, Hot Tournaments, Skips, Xbox FIFA, WIGI MARSH KART, Badminton, Trampoline, Hockey, Netball, Rugby, Basketball, Parachute Games, Hula Hoops, Multi-Skills Activities, Sports Day, Colouring, Street Dance and Karate Day Activities.

To Book Please Call  
0161 302 2510 or 07514 316 534

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## 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**

## Christmas Story Time with ...

**Green Bean & Friends**

Standish library  
Sat. 14th Dec.  
11.30am

## JUST HELPING

Registered Charity number 1149068

Wigan & Leigh Hospice

## RECYCLE YOUR TREE

[www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)

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## 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) \*Amendment

**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 13th April – Friday 17th July 2026

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