



Wishing you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas and all the best for 2026!



Well done to all the pupils who have been reading regularly at home this half-term. All children who read at least 3 times a week have their names entered into a half-termly class draw. Congratulations to our winners from this half-term who will receive a £5.00 Waterstones voucher.

Rec: Luna

Year 1: Freddie B

Year 4: Asha

Year 2: Lara

Year 5: Libby

Year 3: Myles

Year 6: Delilah

We are proud of our school uniform. Children are expected in school each day in either school uniform or P.E. kit. P.E. kit is where we see some deviation from the correct kit. A plain blue tracksuit (no logos) must be worn and a plain blue t-shirt (or the old school white P.E. top or new P.E. top). Black shoes are to be worn for school, and **not boots**. Ear-rings are not allowed for school. We appreciate your support with this.

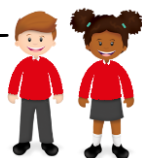
Thank you to everyone who bought the Antlers for Wigan & Leigh Hospice. We will let you know how much was raised soon. Thank you so much everyone for your support.



We all hope you enjoyed all the performances recently. I am very proud of all the children for their contributions. They were all fantastic. It was lovely to see so many people in school. £680 was raised in total with refreshments and the selling of raffle tickets. A further £168.12 was raised for 'The Children's Society'. Thank you for your generosity.



Please check your child's uniform over the holidays and make sure names are still in everything. In the new year please send in any good-quality uniform your child has outgrown, and we will arrange a uniform swap.



Christmas Holiday

We break up for Christmas on **Friday 19th December at 3.25pm** and the children return to school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.



All holidays in term-time are unauthorised. As well as having an impact on the children's education, it also affects them emotionally and with their friendships. Please help your child by avoiding taking them on holiday in term-time. As you are aware, 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 days) in a 10 week rolling period will result in each parent receiving a penalty notice for each child.

There have been a few instances this term where children have been reported as sick and then the children have told us they have been on holiday. Please be honest with us. It puts the children in a very difficult position.

Attendance

Can I remind you that if your child is ill and unable to attend school that you contact the school office via phone, email or dojo on 'Office messages'. Please **do not** notify teachers directly. It is important that you update the office daily should your child not be attending school.

In our celebration assembly this week we celebrated our Year 4 having the best weekly attendance over the half-term, and all the pupils throughout school who have had 100% attendance. Well done everyone!



Congratulations to Year 4 for having the most dojos this term. Well done to all the children for earning their bronze dojo badges this term (for 250 dojo points).



Next half-term Boris will be reminding us that 'Too much selfie isn't healthy'. We want children to know that they are loved but HeartSmart is about loving others too, as Jesus says in Mark 12:31, "Love your neighbour as yourself".

Here are the details of the St. Stephen's Services taking place in the school hall over the Christmas period. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday 21st December @ 9.30am Church Service - Stepping Up Nativity

Sunday 22nd December @ 10am Church Service - Service of The Word

Tuesday 24th December @ 4pm Church Service - Eucharist

Wednesday 25th December @ 10am Church Service - Eucharist

Sunday 29th December @ 10am Church Service - Café Church

