

19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A big well done to Miss Norris', Mrs. Hunter's/Miss Clayton's and Mrs. Charnock's/Mrs. Parkinson's classes for getting the highest attendance this week. The class winners of the attendance award get a fun 30-minute 'Golden Time'! During this time, they can pick what they want to do—whether it's drawing, playing games, reading, or going outside to enjoy an extra play! It's a great way to celebrate their great attendance and give them some time to enjoy doing something they love.

This week has brought brighter, warmer days which has meant that the children have been able to make the most of the school grounds! All year groups have been preparing for Sport's Day next week and we are all looking forward to competing and being active with our friends.

This week's highlights:

- **World Cup Day:** What a success the day was! All the children engaged in a range of footballing activities including a football tournament which ended with final matches being played in front of the whole school. All the children played brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day! A huge thank you to Mrs Charnock for organising alongside our partners at Wigan Athletic.
- **Spain 2026:** Our Year 6 children have been enjoying the weather in Spain this week. They have embraced the Spanish culture and have loved taking part in the events and activities organised for them. The waterpark visit was a big hit and the children competed well in the football games organised for them against other local teams.
- **Reception Stay and Play Sessions:** Our stay and play sessions have continued this week for our newest members of the Nicol Mere family. It is lovely to see their confidence grow each visit. We cannot wait until we see them in their uniforms ready to start their learning journey with us.
- **Father's Day Celebrations:** We welcomed parents and loved ones from Reception and Year 1 today into school today. It was lovely to see the excitement and pride on the children's faces when they saw their special adult in school. Thank you to all those who supported our Father's Day market. The school raised £428.00 which will help to fund future projects and activities for all our children to enjoy.
- **Football Friendly:** Year 5 and 6 played in a friendly match against St Oswalds. The children played closely fought games resulting in a loss for Team A and a win for Team B. Both teams played superbly.

Upcoming Events:

- **Sports Days:** The weather is looking good for next week – KS2 sports day will be on Monday 22nd June with Years 3 + 4 starting at 9:15 and Years 5 +6 starting at 1:30. KS1 sports day will be on Wednesday 24th June with Reception starting at 9:15 and Years 1 + 2 starting at 1:30.

We look forward to welcoming you all. Cold drinks and snacks will be available on the day through card/phone payment only. We kindly ask you to remain behind the tape during the event. We will give the children an opportunity to come see you once the event has finished.

The weather is looking to be warm, so please ensure children have a good layer of suncream on before school, a sun hat and a water bottle.

- **Year 3 Trip to the Lake District:** On Wednesday 24th June, Year 3 will be visiting the Lake District as part of their Geography unit of work.
- **Year 1 Trip to Southport:** On Thursday 25th June, Year 1 will be visiting Southport Beach where they will be comparing the physical and human features, they see with those in Ashton.
- **Nicol Mere's Got Talent:** Auditions are going well. We have one more round of auditions for Years 1 + 2 next week, and then the finalist will be announced by the School Council. We can't wait to see all the amazing talents our children have to offer and are looking forward to an unforgettable grand finale on Thursday 16th July!

Sports Days and WellFest – We now have the facility to be able to take card payments using SumUp. This is our final step to ensure that school is completely cashless saving the admin staff and bursar precious time. We will be able to take card payments (over £1.00) on these days for refreshments and any other activities, e.g. Facepainting.

Important Information

School Uniform Changes: From September 2026, new DfE guidelines on branded school uniforms will come into effect. Our school uniform will now include only three branded items:

Main uniform:

- Yellow badged polo shirt
- Navy badged jumper/ cardigan
- Tartan skirt/pinafore or grey trousers

PE kits will be simplified to:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Navy shorts
- Plain navy tracksuit

These items can be purchased from supermarkets at a lower cost, helping to make uniform more affordable for all families. Children are free to wear any of the branded PE kit that has already been purchased for the time that it fits your child. Do not buy additional kit unnecessarily.

Reminders:

- **Breakfast and After-School Club:** Please remember to book online **before midnight the day before** if you wish to reserve a place for your child. This helps us plan staffing and ensure a safe, fun environment for everyone.
- **Please be reminded** that scooters and cycles are not to be ridden on the school playgrounds and the paths around the school buildings. This is for the safety of pedestrians including small children.

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your continued support.

ATTENDANCE CLASS	ATTENDANCE % This week
Rec1	93
Rec2	98.3
Year 1D	87.9
Year 1N	100
Year 2B	93.3
Year 2H	100
Year 3A	96.1
Year 3S	94.9
Year 4D	99.2
Year 4R	98.8
Year 5M	99.2
Year 5R	99.6
Year 6K/S	92.1
Year 6L/W	99.2



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 22 nd June 2026	KS2 Sports Day 9.15am – Y3/4 1.30pm – Y5/Y6
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Wigan & Leigh Hospice Whole School Assembly
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Y3 trip to Lake District
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	KS1 Sports Day 9.15am – Reception 1.30pm – Y1/Y2
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Y3 trip to Lake District
Thursday 25 th June 2026	Y1 trip to Southport Beach
Monday 29 th June 2026	Summer Disco
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	Y6 Trip
Friday 3 rd July 2026 – Monday 6 th July 2026	Y6 PGL trip
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Mufti (to raise money for the Walking Day)
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Y4 walk to Three sisters (am)
Friday 3 rd July 2026	pm – Y4 brass performance to parents
Sunday 5 th July 2026	St. Peter's Walking Day
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	KS2 Dance for Rights
Tuesday 7 th & Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Performing Arts performance for parents – 5.00pm
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Wellfest (please note change of date)
Friday 10 th July 2026	Y5 trip to Edge Hill
Monday 13 th July 2026	Y4 Trip
Monday 13 th July 2026	3.20pm – Y5 & Y6 meet the teachers for parents
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Y6 Leaver's Assembly – 2.00pm
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	3.20pm – Y3 & Y4 meet the teachers for parents
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	3.20pm – Y1 & Y2 meet the teachers for parents
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Nicol Mere Talent Show (pm)
Friday 17 th July 2026	Break for Summer – finish at 2.00pm