

3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A big well done to Miss Cliff's and Mrs. Dennis' 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's highlights

- **Ambleside trip:** Our Year 3 children visited Ambleside as part of their Geography fieldwork topic. They represented our school beautifully throughout the day and had a fantastic time exploring and learning in a real-life environment.
- **Summer disco:** On Monday evening, the children enjoyed our annual Summer Disco. It was wonderful to see everyone having so much fun dancing, playing games and spending time with their friends. We raised £1,010.00 for the School Fund which will be used to subsidise enrichment activities for the children.
- **Key Stage 1 Sports Day:** On Tuesday, we finally held our Key Stage 1 Sports Day. We were incredibly lucky with the weather, and it was fantastic to welcome so many families to cheer on the children. Thank you to everyone who came along to support. The children showed great determination, enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship throughout the event, and we were so proud of their efforts.
- **Year 6 leavers' trip:** On Wednesday, our Year 6 children enjoyed their much-anticipated leavers' trip. They began the day roller skating before heading to the bowling alley and finishing with Laser Quest and the arcade. It was a brilliant day filled with laughter and lasting memories. Today, some of our Year 6 children have headed off to PGL in Shropshire for an exciting weekend of adventure. Don't forget to keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and photographs.
- **Walking day:** On Friday, we held a MUFTI Day, with a £1 donation going towards St Peter's Walking Day. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile cause. We raised £332. We would also like to wish all the families representing our school at the Walking Day on Sunday the very best—we hope you have a wonderful day. If you would like to join us, please meet us on the school carpark at 1:15pm or at St Peters at 1:30.
- **Year 4 brass performance:** On Friday afternoon, our Year 4 children showcased everything they have learnt during their brass lessons with a special performance for parents and families. It was a lovely afternoon, and the children's confidence and progress were wonderful to see. Thank you to everyone who came along to support them.

Upcoming Events

- **Monday – Late Start:** Following England's football match in the early hours of Monday morning, we will be offering a late start until 10:30am on Monday morning for children who may be staying up to watch the game. Please note that any child arriving after 10:30am will be marked as having an unauthorised absence. School will be open at normal times for everybody else, including breakfast clubs.
- **Transition Afternoon:** On Wednesday afternoon, all children will spend time with their new teachers as part of our ongoing transition programme. We will also be sharing our annual 'Meet the Teacher' video on our Facebook page next week, so keep an eye out for it.

- **Wellfest:** Next Thursday is our annual Wellfest, one of our favourite events of the year. Children are being asked to wear festival clothes with a splash of purple to support Wigan and Leigh Hospice with their 'Turn Wigan Purple' event. We are asking for a £1 donation, to be paid through Evolve (Misc section).

Throughout the day, the children will take part in a range of wellbeing activities designed to promote healthy minds and healthy bodies. From 3:20pm, we will open the school gates to parents, carers and families to join us for the celebrations. There will be food stalls, refreshments, inflatables and a live band for everyone to enjoy. We would love to see as many families as possible, so bring a picnic blanket, relax in the sunshine and enjoy a lovely afternoon together.

Important Information

Medical Tracker: Over the next couple of weeks, we will start using the medical tracker to send messages home about first aid incidents and medication administration. Email messages will be sent from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk. Please add this address to your email address books (or approved sender list) to prevent messages from being blocked by your SPAM/JUNK filters

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.

Free School Meals

Below is a letter you should have already received about the changes that the DfE have made to how free school meals are allocated.

Early Finishes

Starting September 2026, school will no longer be having an early 2pm finish every half term break. Feedback from our recent Before and After-school Club survey has shown that many of our parents struggle arranging childcare when there is an early finish. We will return back to the traditional early finishes for the Christmas and Summer breaks. Do not worry – we will remind you of these.

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.
- **We remind parents that fizzy drinks are not permitted at lunch time.**

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

ATTENDANCE CLASS	ATTENDANCE % This week
Rec1	88.7
Rec2	100
Year 1D	93.8
Year 1N	97.9
Year 2B	99.3
Year 2H	97.7
Year 3A	93.8
Year 3S	96.2
Year 4D	99.4
Year 4R	97.7
Year 5M	96
Year 5R	94.7
Year 6K/S	94.1
Year 6L/W	91.8



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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	Y1 trip to Southport (re-arranged from 25.6.2026)
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

18th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

National Insurance checks for Free School Meal eligibility

From September 2026, the Department for Education are making some changes to the way that Free School Meals are allocated.

All families and children will need to be rechecked to see whether you can receive this entitlement. Please note, although all KS1 children receive 'Universal Free School Meals', we would ask that you still complete this process. This can open avenues of financial help towards the cost of some other trips/activities within school.

Please copy the link below into your search bar or scan the QR code. This will take you to an online form where you can enter your details which will enable a check to take place. You will need to enter your name, date of birth and national insurance details. This application process is simple and easy to use and takes less than 2 minutes.

To Apply for free school meals link: <https://forms.wigan.gov.uk/xfp/form/750>

Or scan the QR code.



Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Hunter
Acting Headteacher



NICOL MERE'S WELLFEST 2026

**THURSDAY 9TH JULY
3.20PM - 6PM**



**A day to support our children's
mental health and wellbeing**

To support Wigan and Leigh Hospice, we are asking the children to wear their own festival clothing and an item that is the colour purple (this could be a hat, bobble, face paint, top, trousers etc). Alternatively, children can wear their school uniform.

A £1 donation can be made on Evolve for the Wigan and Leigh Hospice. All proceeds will be given to charity.

**LIVE MUSIC FROM HAYDN OWEN PLUS A
DJ!!!!**

**COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES...
GUESS THE NAME OF THE TEDDY, GUESS HOW MANY SWEETS
IN THE JAR, FACE PAINTING, TATTOOS AND COLOURED
HAIRSPRAY, BOUNCY SLIDE, HOT DOGS, DRINKS, SWEETS,
ICE LOLLIES AND CRISPS.**

CARD PAYMENTS ONLY



