

9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been another productive week in school, with children taking part in a range of activities that have supported their learning and personal development. Whether representing the school in sporting events, exploring new experiences through workshops and visits, or continuing their learning in the classroom, pupils have shown enthusiasm and commitment throughout the week.

Year 6 Football Success at Laithwaite Park

Our Year 6 football team represented the school brilliantly at the recent tournament held at Laithwaite Park. After a series of excellent performances, the team progressed all the way to the final 16, showing great determination, resilience and teamwork throughout the competition.

Their final match was incredibly close and was decided by a penalty shootout. Although the result did not go our way, the children should be extremely proud of their efforts, sportsmanship and the way they supported one another throughout the day. We look forward to seeing them continue to develop and wish them the very best for their next competition. Well done, team!

Year 6 Fire Safety Visit

On Wednesday 7th October, our Year 6 children were due to welcome the Fire Service into school for a special fire safety session. Unfortunately, the visit had to be postponed, but we are pleased to say that it has already been rebooked and will take place in the coming weeks.

During the visit, children will learn important fire safety messages, with a particular focus on staying safe around bonfires and fireworks as we approach the autumn celebrations. We look forward to welcoming the Fire Service to school and giving the children this valuable opportunity to learn how to keep themselves and others safe.

Celebrating European Languages Day

Although European Languages Day took place in September, our children enjoyed a fantastic French-themed celebration on Friday. KS1 pupils took part in interactive workshops led by Andrea from Petit Pois, while KS2 children explored famous French landmarks through a treasure hunt-style quiz.

The afternoon was filled with fun activities that helped children learn more about French language and culture. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and curiosity across the school as we celebrated the value of learning languages and appreciating different cultures.

Parent Governor Vacancy

A reminder that information regarding our Parent Governor vacancy was sent out earlier this week. If you are interested in becoming a school governor and helping to support the strategic direction of the school, please submit your nomination by Friday 16th October. We encourage anyone interested to consider this rewarding opportunity to contribute to school life.

Attendance Award

A big well done to Mrs. Barton's/Mrs. Moss' and Mrs. Ainscough'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.

Upcoming Events:

- **Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th October:** A reminder to parents and carers that Parents' Evening is next week. If you have not already done so, please book your appointment online using the link that was sent via ClassDojo. Year 5 and 6 parents to come through the office and wait at the fish tank. Year 3 and Year 4 parents come into the area outside of year 3 and 4 classrooms via the school play playground. Year 1 and 2 come into the infant hall to wait. Do not worry, staff will be around to direct.
- **Monday 12th October:** Our Year 5/6 girls are looking forward to taking part in their first football competition of the year. The team are extremely excited and have been working hard in preparation for the tournament. We wish them the very best of luck. Go girls!
- **Monday 12th October :** Representatives from the Brick will be coming to school to talk to the children about the charity and the work they do to launch our Harvest collection. Please see below for information on food donations for The Brick.
- **Tuesday 13th October:** On Tuesday, Year 3 will be visiting Llandudno as part of their history learning. During the trip, they will explore the historic copper mines and discover how people used technology to mine and smelt copper during the Stone Age and Iron Age.
- **Tuesday 13th October:** A team of children from Years 4 to 6 will be representing the school in an upcoming ten-pin bowling competition. We wish them the very best of luck and are sure they will demonstrate excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship as they compete against other local schools.
- **Wednesday 14th October** On Wednesday, our Year 2 children will be visiting the Lowry Museum, where they will take part in exciting art and drama workshops linked to their learning.

Reminders

- **Toast:** If you would like your child to have toast at breaktime after half term, this can now be paid for through Evolve.

1 slice of toast: £7 per half term

2 slices of toast: £14 per half term

Please ensure payment is made before midnight on Sunday 1st November.

- **Parking:** We continue to receive complaints from local residents regarding parking at the beginning and end of the school day. We kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately and be mindful of our neighbours. Please also remember that these are particularly busy times, with many children and families crossing the roads around school. Parking safely and responsibly helps to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support and cooperation
- **End of Term Reminder:** Following the feedback that you gave us about our before and after school provision, after-school club will be available as usual for any children who require it on Friday 23rd October – the last day of term. **School will also close at 3:20, not the earlier time of 2pm.** A quick reminder that orders for class photographs need to be placed by Monday 5th October. Parents and carers should have received a letter home containing a link to view the photographs and place an order. Please make sure you place your order by the deadline if you would like to purchase a copy.

As we look ahead to another exciting fortnight, with trips, sporting events, workshops and Parents' Evening still to come, we would like to thank you for your continued support. These experiences enrich our children's learning and provide valuable opportunities for them to develop new skills, interests and confidence. We wish you a pleasant weekend and look forward to sharing more of our children's achievements in the weeks ahead.

Mrs. Hunter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12 th October	Parents Evening
Tuesday 13 th October	Parents Evening
Tuesday 13 th October	Y3 trip to Llandudno
Wednesday 14 th October	Y2 trip to The Lowry
Thursday 15 th October	KS2 Wheelchair Day
Monday 19 th October	Halloween Disco – Y1-Y6
Tuesday 20 th October	Y6 out at Byrchall until 11.45am
Tuesday 20 th October	Y4 trip to Chester
Tuesday 20 th October	Y6 at Byrchall - am
Wednesday 21 st October	Y6 visit from Fire Service
Thursday 22 nd October	New Intake 2027 Open Evening – 5.00pm
Thursday 22 nd October	Collection by The Brick for food donations
Friday 23 rd October	Black History Day
Friday 23 rd October	Break for half term – Please note normal finishing time of 3.20pm
Monday 2 nd November	Back to school
Wednesday 4 th November	Y5 trip to Jodrell Bank
Thursday 5 th November	Guy Fawkes Day

ATTENDANCE CLASS	ATTENDANCE % This week
Rec1	95
Rec2	94.5
Year 1D	95.2
Year 1M	98.3
Year 2B	96.6
Year 2C	94.5
Year 3A	99.3
Year 3S	97.7
Year 4D	96.3
Year 4R	96.4
Year 5M	96.8
Year 5C/B	98.7
Year 6K/S	98.7
Year 6L/W	89.3



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

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8th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our commitment to supporting the local community, we are delighted to announce that **The Brick**, a Wigan-based charity, has been nominated as one of the charities that our school will be supporting during this academic year.

To begin our fundraising and charitable activities, we will be collecting food donations for The Brick as part of our Harvest celebrations. We would be extremely grateful for any non-perishable food items that families are able to donate.

Food donations will be accepted from Monday 12th October until Thursday 22nd October.

Suggested items include:

- Tinned meat, fish, fruit or vegetables
- Pasta, rice and noodles
- Cereals and porridge oats
- Tea, coffee and long-life milk
- Biscuits and snack items
- Toiletries and household essentials

All donations should be brought into the school office or given to your child's class teacher.

We know that our school community is always incredibly generous, and we thank you in advance for your support. By working together, we can help provide vital assistance to local individuals and families.

Thank you for helping us make a positive difference in our community.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ainscough

Harvest Food Donations

Help us make a difference!

We are collecting food donations for



Small donations make a big difference!

The Brick provide vital support to people in need in our local community, and your generosity can help them continue their important work.

Donations to be sent into school from
the week beginning 12th October
until 22nd October

Suggested items include:

-  Tinned food (e.g. vegetables, fruit, beans, soup, tuna, meat)
-  Pasta, rice and cereal
-  Long life milk and juice
-  Biscuits and snacks
-  Toiletries (e.g. soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes)

Thank you
for your
support!

