



Friday 6th June 2025

Weekly Newsletter

♥★Welcome Back!★♥

We would like to welcome you back as we returned to school this week; we hope you had an enjoyable and restful half term break. We cannot believe that we are beginning the final half-term of the year- it's an extremely busy time with 'Big School Time' sessions for our new starters; transition afternoons for those children moving up in school and our Year 6 leavers' celebrations to fit in too! A busy and fun-filled few weeks coming up!


 **Year 6 Leavers Assembly** 

Tissues at the ready for our Y6 parents and carers as we invite you to attend this final event to celebrate the end of your child's primary school journey. This year's assembly is on **Thursday 17th July** and will begin at 9am.

We look forward to seeing you all there and celebrating your child's time at St John's!

 **Freezy Friday** 

Year 6 would like to say a he thank you to those who were able to support their Freezy Friday enterprise campaign before we finished for half term. Each Friday over the coming weeks, the children will be setting up shop on the school car park so that you can start your weekend with a cold treat!

We look forward to seeing you next week! 



!! Advance Notice !!

Leigh Traffic Reduction Scheme

Following previous consultation, Wigan Council have notified school of some local improvement works taking place from **27th May**. Most of them will not impact close to our school, but from **9th June** and for approximately 5 weeks, they will be constructing a new puffin crossing between junctions of Glebe St and Newhall Grove and the side road uncontrolled crossing points will also be upgraded along Kirkhall Lane. The aim is to encourage more people to walking to school and to leave their cars at home. It will make it safer and easier to get around and promote happier, healthier living, both physically and mentally. Please bear the above in mind for the return after the half term break. Thanks, LSJP Team

! Data Collection Forms !

Yesterday, Children from Rec – Year 5 brought home a letter that contains all the information we hold for them on our system. Please could you check the information, make any changes, sign and return the forms ASAP.

If the information is correct, please still sign and return to confirm we hold the correct information. This data collection check is our annual check to ensure we hold the correct information in line with our GDPR policy.

Thank you for cooperation

 **Music Alive** 

This afternoon, the children in Year 3, 4 and 5 had the opportunity to watch a performance by Wigan Music Service : Music Alive!

They were introduced to different parts of the brass instruments and the team demonstrated how the brass instruments worked. They were shown how the 'colour' of the music could be changed by adding an accessory to the instrument.

What a way to end our week!

 **Sporting News** 

Upcoming Events:

Year 5 & 6 Netball League
begins Monday 16th June

Inclusion Football Festival
Monday 16th June

Year 3 & 4 Town Sports
Tuesday 24th June

Year 5 & 6 Town Sports
Thursday 26th June

 **Polite Notification** 

A local resident and active member of Leigh Neighbours has visited school to raise concerns about pupils of St. John's trampling the flowers and plants within the Jubilee Garden. The resident reported how some children are being allowed to run and play in the garden after school without adequate parental supervision overseeing their play. It has been explained to me that some flowers/plants have been damaged by the unsuitable nature of play taking place. In response, we kindly remind our families to ensure that children are supervised at all times when visiting the Jubilee Garden and that they use the space in a respectful manner. Volunteers of Leigh Neighbours work diligently and selflessly to maintain a nourishing and community-focused beauty spot where people can come together to enjoy nature. Thank you for your cooperation.

 **Tapestry Reminder** 

We would like to remind all parents/carers of the rules stipulated in the Tapestry safe user agreement that you all signed when your child's account was set up. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow you to download, screenshot or export the images of the children as not all children have the safe permissions. If school become aware of this happening, we would have to remove your parent access. Thank you for your support with this.

 **Headlice** 

Please could we ask that you check your child's hair regularly for headlice and use a suitable treatment. Unfortunately, this is a common problem in schools, but it can be reduced significantly if **everyone** checks their child's hair on a regular basis, treats and re-treats hair if infected.



2025 BELIEVE SPORTS AWARDS
NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN
To nominate please visit bewellwigan.org/believesportsawards
Or for more information contact Be Well on 01942 828535

Thought of the Week:

THE WORLD IS FULL OF KIND PEOPLE. IF YOU CAN'T FIND ONE, BE ONE.

✗📧✗ A further reminder about Unauthorised Holidays ✗📧✗

We kindly remind parents and carers once again to resist taking holidays in term time. These are unauthorised absences which impact on your child's progress and often on their ability to re-establish themselves within their trusted friendship groups too. We have also been receiving numerous enquiries from parents regarding the timings of key assessments for the purposes of arranging holidays around them.

The **Y1 Phonics Check** is administered week commencing Monday 9th June 2025 and concludes by 16th June 2025.

The **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check** is administered week commencing Monday 2nd June 2025 and concludes by 13th June 2025.

Y6 writing assessments continue into June and conclude towards the end of June.

It is imperative for children to maintain good attendance throughout, and holidays in school time must be avoided.

DIARY DATES

DATE	Event
Each Sunday	St Mary's Church Sunday Service @ 10am with Sunday School. Junior Park 2K Run @ Leigh Sports Village (free for 4-11yr. Old's) 9am
Monday 16 th June	Primary Inclusion Football Festival
Monday 16 th June	Year 5 & 6 Girls' Netball League begins
Thursday 19 th June	Year 6 Science Workshop with Bedford High

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions – they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this ‘secret code’ is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like ‘mid’ or ‘delulu’ may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (👤) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🍷 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥👉👉 (fire + ‘woozy’ face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.



CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.



ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted “What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?” can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.



PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who’s watching them.



EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

- 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around
- 🙄 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or ‘simping’
- 😬 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless
- 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
- 😍 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement
- 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
- 😐 (Moi) Stone-faced, unbothered
- 👉 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
- 👑 (Crown) ‘Slaying’, as in doing great
- 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone’s behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- 🍌 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
- 🍷 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
- ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine
- 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being ‘two-faced’
- 🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
- 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
- 🌿 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
- ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse
- 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes (‘noods’ is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

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