



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

# Weekly Newsletter

## 🔔 Ofsted Inspection Update 🔔

As you are aware, our school was inspected by Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The outcome of this inspection will not be made available for a number of weeks; however, we can expect to receive our final report in approximately 28 days.

## 🏀🏈⚽ Sporting News ⚽🏈🏀

On Monday, our Year 5/6 Dodgeball team attended the ATSA competition at Fred Longworth High. The boys displayed sporting attributes and values to compete against other schools. The team gained momentum as they progressed through the games and started to develop tactical strategies which was great to see. We won more than we lost and overall, it was a great experience. Mr Webster was delighted with the team's exceptional behaviour. Well done boys!



Next week, the ATSA football league begins, and Mr Miller has selected his squad for the first evening of fixtures. The team have trained hard in the Autumn term, and we are looking forward to seeing how they get on over the coming weeks. Good luck Team LSJP!

## 🟡 Advance Notice- School Visits 🟡

Over the next few weeks, we have a number of classes heading out of school to enrich their learning on educational visits. Please keep an eye out on both ParentMail and Tapestry for information regarding these visits.

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

#### Reception

They can't go over or under it, so they'll have to go through it as our Reception class go on a bear hunt in Lilford Woods!

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

#### Year 1

Our Year 1 class are off to Bolton Museum to learn more about Playful Pastimes as part of their history topic.

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

#### Year 3

To take part in a Roman workshop our Year 3 children will become Romans for their day as they enhance their history topic.

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

#### Year 5

As part of their topic on the Industrial Revolution, Year 5 are heading to Bradford Museum to further develop their understanding of this brilliant topic.

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

#### Year 6

To complement their learning about the Ancient Egyptians, Year 6 are off to Bolton Museum where they will take a virtual tour around burial chamber of the pharaoh Tutmosé III.

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

#### Year 5

A visit to the Palace Theatre to watch the Horrible Histories performance about the Terrible Tudors

What a busy, yet exciting few weeks we have in store!

## Reminder!

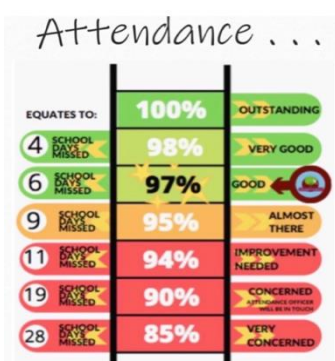
We would like to remind parents and carers of the morning routines before and once school has started. The gates will open at 8:45am and children from Year 1 to Year 6 are expected to walk into class independently. The only parents who should come through the car park gate and walk their children to the classroom door and Reception parents.

We also ask that those parents who wait with their children on the school car park, ensure their children are not running in and out of staff cars to avoid any potential accidents or injuries. Thank you.

### **⚠️ Holidays – not allowed in term time ⚠️**

Again, we are continuing to receive notifications from families regarding taking holidays in term time. We politely remind parents and carers that holidays should not be taken in school time. Holidays are unauthorised absences and may result in penalty fines as shared in the updated warning notice on attached. Holidays in term time also have a detrimental effect on children's emotional well-being as often when they return to school, particularly after a 2-week absence, friendship groups have often moved on/shifted.

Thank you for your co-operation  
The graphic below shows the impact of absences over a year!.



### App of the Week:

Squeebles



One of the many apps in the Squeebles learning range. Although a paid app, this really is a useful tool to support children with practising their tables.

### Thought of the Week



### NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 7th February we will be fundraising for the NSPCC by celebrating Number Day 2025. Children can come to school wearing their own clothes that have a number on them for a small donation. To make your donation, keep an eye out on the Parentmail app.

### Year 6 Parent/Carer SATs Meeting

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, Mr Thomason will be holding a meeting for current Year 6 parents and carers to share information about their child's end of year assessments and how we can support them over the coming months.

## OTHER 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 4-10yr. Old's) 9am
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Parents/Carers SATs Meeting @ 3:30pm and 5:00pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Visit to Lilford Park- Going on a bear hunt!
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Visit- Chester for a Roman workshop
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Visit- Bolton Museum
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Visit to Bradford Museum – Industrial Revolution workshop
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Visit- Bolton Museum for an Ancient Egypt workshop
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Visit- Palace Theatre (am)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Swimming Lessons begin

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will come into effect from 19 August 2024, and we wanted to bring this to your attention now, as it will affect when penalty notices are issued in Wigan.

In line with the [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk), Wigan Council will prioritise the 'support first' approach expecting that support will have been offered to families in cases where it is appropriate, and parents/carers are encouraged to communicate with the school should any support be required to improve attendance.

Penalty Notices are requested by schools and academies and issued by the Local Authority to the parents/carers of statutory school age children, per parent, per child. For example: two children in a family absent from school for a leave of absence may result in each parent receiving a Penalty Notice for each child at the below rates.

### **What are the changes?**

1. There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.
2. The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without a penalty notice being issued.
3. There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.
4. If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.
5. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them.

We would like to thank parents and carers for their support in making sure that children do not miss any learning time.

Yours sincerely,



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**WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY -  
SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2025**

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel St Leigh, WN7 2DB

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:15 pm

Matinees: 25th, 26th, 1st - 1 pm

Saturday Evening: 6:15 pm

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