



Friday 9th January 2026

Weekly Newsletter

★ Welcome Back ★

We would like to wish all of our children and families a very happy New Year!

We hope you enjoyed a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and are feeling refreshed and ready for all that 2026 has to offer. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week and to hear all about their festive adventures- it certainly sounds like many of them were on Santa's nice list!

We have another busy and exciting half-term ahead, with lots of visits, workshops, sporting events and other activities planned over the coming weeks. We're really looking forward to sharing these experiences with the children.

! Parent/Carer Progress Meetings !

In the final weeks of January, we are holding our first Parent Progress Meetings will be held on consecutive Wednesdays:

The meetings will take place on

Wednesday 21st January:

3:50pm-6:50pm (FACE-TO-FACE)

Wednesday 28th January:

3:50pm-5:00pm (FACE-TO-FACE)

5:20pm-6:30pm (VIDEO VIA PARENTMAIL APP)

The booking system went live earlier this week, and all appointments are booked on a 'first come, first served' basis. There are more than enough appointments slots per class, but please do book early to reserve your preferred time and slot.

. We look forward to discussing your child's progress so far this year!

📢 Applications For Reception Places 2026 📢

Parents and carers with children who are due to start school in September 2026 are advised that the admissions process is still open, and the application portal is where online submissions can be made. All applications must be made by Thursday 15th January 2026.

Please note that we require a supplementary form to be completed in addition to the online application, and we ask that all supplementary forms are returned directly to our school office by **4:30pm on Thursday 15th January**. If we receive your supplementary form after this time and date, the application will be classed as a late application.

If your younger child is due in September 2027, please make sure that we have you registered so that we can communicate important information to you. Parents wishing to have their supplementary form signed will need to attend the signing at church tomorrow (**10th January**) between **9am and 12:00pm**. The link to the online application is shared below:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/resident/education/schools/school-admissions/primary-schools.aspx>

★ Goodbye and Good Luck ★

We would like to inform parents and carers that Mrs Holland, who works in our school office, will be leaving the school in a couple of weeks to begin a new career.

Mrs Holland has been a valued member of our school community for 6 years and has provided a friendly, supportive point of contact for children, families and staff alike.

We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication during her time with us and wish her every success and happiness in her new role- she will be greatly missed by us all at LSJP ❤️

Advance notice:

**Swimming Lessons
for Y3**

Swimming lessons will begin **Friday 13th February**. Please see Tapestry for further details and information.

Reminder!

We would like to ask parents and carers to avoid parking on any double yellow lines around school during drop-off and pick-up times including those who are using our AFA & HAF clubs.
Thanks, LSJP Team

Advance notice:

Year 6 Parent/Carer SATs Meeting

On **Monday 2nd February**, 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.

Sporting News

Over the coming term, we have a number of sporting competitions planned to enrich the children's school experience including boys and girls' football leagues, contact rugby and dodgeball.

We have also entered a KS2 team into the Graham Jackett Cross Country event due to take place on the 7th March. If cross country sounds like something your child would be interested in, then why not take them to Junior Park Run on Sunday mornings on the rugby field near the Sports Village Leisure Centre- It would be wonderful to see more of our St John's pupils taking part!

Polite Reminder

We would like to remind Parents and Carers that Tapestry is the main communication tool used in school and there are many messages posted throughout each day beginning early in the morning to late in the evening. We understand that you will post at a convenient time for yourselves; however, we are sure that you will appreciate that many of these messages appear outside of our staff's working day. Please take into consideration that our staff members have families and lives away from school too and that if messages are received outside of usual working hours, they may not be able to and are not expected to respond immediately. Each of our classes has a minimum of 30 pupils so it would not be feasible for staff to respond to 30 requests in this manner. Staff will always endeavour to respond to any Tapestry messages at the earliest opportunity, but this may not always be immediate. Thanks for your support, LSJP Team

Holidays – not allowed in term time

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.

To help with scheduling holidays for the next school year, attached is the holiday list for the **2026-2027** academic year. Thank you for your co-operation.

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 12 th January	LIFE Education Visit for Year 4, 5 & 6
Monday 19 th January	Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball Tournament @ Fred Longworth High School
Wednesday 21 st January	Parents' Evening 1 Face-to-face
Wednesday 28 th January	Parents' Evening 2 Face-t—face & Video Appointments vis ParentMail
Monday 2 nd February	Year 6 SATs Meeting @ 3:35pm & 5:00pm

HOLIDAY LIST 2026-2027



Autumn Term Begins	School re-opens: Wednesday 2nd September 2026 School closed: Tuesday 1st September 2026 (INSET)
Half Term Break	School closes: Friday 23 rd October 2026 School re-opens: Monday 2 nd November 2026
Christmas Holiday	School closes: Friday 18 th December 2026 School re-opens: Wednesday 6 th January 2027 School closed: Tuesday 5th January 2027 (INSET)
Half Term Break	School closes: Friday 12 th February 2027 School re-opens: Tuesday 23 rd February 2027 School closed: Monday 22nd February 2027 (INSET)
Easter Holiday	School closes: Wednesday 24 th March 2027 School re-opens: Monday 12 th April 2027
Bank Holiday	School closed: Monday 3rd May 2027 (BANK HOLIDAY)
Polling Day	Potential one day closure early May – to be confirmed
Half Term Break	School closes: Friday 28 th May 2027 School re-opens: Monday 7 th June 2027
Summer Holiday	School closes: Wednesday 21 st July 2027