



NEWSLETTER

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16th January 2026



Happy New Year! Welcome back to another busy term at Twelve Apostles. I am sure that Christmas will now seem a distant memory. However, I hope you had a restful break and managed to spend some quality time with family and friends. It was lovely to hear the children's stories about their celebrations.

OFSTED

What a start to the new year!

As you know, we were inspected by OFSTED on 13th and 14th January. We are proud to share that we are amongst the first schools in the country to be inspected under this new framework and the very first school in Wigan to do so.

While we are unable to share the final grading at this stage, we can say that we are very pleased with the outcome, and there is so much to celebrate. Staff worked incredibly hard to showcase our school, and as always, the children were the true stars of the show. We are extremely proud of how they represented our fantastic school.

We would also like to thank all parents and carers who took the time to support the school by responding to the Parent View questionnaire. Your feedback is greatly valued and plays an important role in the inspection process.

The official inspection report will be shared with you once it has been quality assured by OFSTED. In the meantime, we would like to make you aware that there has been a significant change to the OFSTED inspection framework and grading system since our last inspection, meaning the final report will look very different to previous reports. The short YouTube clip below clearly explains these changes, and we encourage you to take a look.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbl0FvY976g>

On behalf of myself and the staff, thank you to all our parents and carers for your ongoing support and partnership in helping to make Twelve Apostles such a very special place. We are incredibly proud of our school and look forward to sharing the final report with you soon.

More Wonderful News!

We're delighted to announce that Mr. Rowlands and Miss Hancock were married over the Christmas holidays. This is such joyful news and we know you will join all of us in congratulating them and sending love and best wishes for their future together.

Wishing them both every happiness! ❤️



Spring Term 1 Afterschool Clubs

Monday

Key Stage 2 Boccia Mr Maj This is a new sport and so invite only

Tuesday

Key Stage 2 Sports Hall Athletics Mr Maj

Wednesday

Year 2 Multi-sports club Mr Maj

Year 4 Spanish Mrs Pierre 3:15-4:25pm

Thursday

Key Stage 2 Football Team Mr Maj invite only

Key Stage 2 Choir- Mr Rowlands

Friday

Key Stage 2 Rugby Mr Maj and Mr Ahmed

Spring Term 1 Lunchtime Clubs

Monday

Key Stage 2 Girls Football Mr Maj

Key Stage 1 Lego Club Mrs Pierre – Year 2

Tuesday

Key Stage 2 Basket Ball

Key Stage 1 Spanish Club - Year 2

Wednesday

Key Stage 1 Football

Eco Club Mrs Pierre - Eco Team only

Thursday

Key Stage 2 Circuit Training Mr Maj

Key Stage 2 Spanish Club Mrs Pierre

Key Stage 1 and 2 Mindfulness Club Miss Hancock

Friday

Key Stage 2 Cross Country Mr Maj

Key Stage 2 Lego Club Mrs Pierre

School Uniform Reminder

As we start a new term, I just wanted to remind parents and carers of our uniform policy. Children should come to school in their uniform everyday unless they have PE. On these days they should come to school in their PE kit.

School Uniform

- **Grey or black** uniform trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- School tie for Year 6 (optional)
- **Red** school sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo optional)
- Red and white gingham dresses in summer months
- Flat, **black** sensible outdoor shoes.
- Hair longer than collar length should be tied back.
- **No make-up or nail varnish/ false nails**
- **No Jewellery** except 1 pair of small plain studded earrings and or a small watch (not a smart watch)

PE Kit

- **Plain red** T-shirt (logo optional)
- Plain **black** shorts
- **Black** plimsolls
- **Black** trainers NO LOGOS
- Plain **black** jogging bottoms or leggings
- **Red** Hooded top: (school logo optional)

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Sacramental Preparation Sessions Year 4

Session 1 Thursday 29th January 4:30pm-5:30pm, St Josephs Church, Parents/ Carers and children to attend

Session 2 Monday 9th February 3:15-4:15pm, School, Children only

Session 3 Monday 23rd February during school day, School, Children only

Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesday 4th March during school day, School, Children only

Session 4 Monday 13th April 3:15-4:15pm, School, Children only

Session 5 Monday 27th April 3:15-4:15pm, School, Children only

First Holy Communion Saturday 9th May 10:30am St Joseph's Church

Monday 9th February-Friday 13th February Children's Mental Health

Children will take part in a variety of activities designed to support their understanding of mental health and the *Five Ways to Wellbeing*. These experiences are important in helping children build resilience and develop practical strategies to support and maintain their mental wellbeing.



Star of the Week



We are
not SUCCESSFUL
because We are Smart.
We are
SUCCESSFUL
when we
work hard.

Congratulations and well-done to all our stars!

Friday 9th January 2026

Reception – Albie T & Oluwadamilola A

Year 1 – Peter W

Year 2 – Romayah A

Year 3 – Francesca W

Year 4 – Erica R

Year 5 – Louie H

Year 6 – Autumn C

Friday 16th January 2026

Reception – Nathan K & Alfie L

Year 1 – Theo H

Year 2 – Daphne R

Year 3 – Layla W

Year 4 – Olivia W

Year 5 – Jenson J

Year 6 – Mason G

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



In school



On time



Week Commencing: 6.1.26

Reception 97.58%	Year 1 92.34%
Year 2 95.00%	Year 3 100%
Year 4 93.75%	Year 5 95.00%
Year 6 95.83%	

Week Commencing: 12.1.26

Reception 84.84%	Year 1 96.77%
Year 2 97.67%	Year 3 94.19%
Year 4 94.97%	Year 5 95.67%
Year 6 97.67%	

Congratulations
Y3 & Y2 & Y6

Friends of Twelve Apostles

The Friends play a crucial role in organising fund raising events to purchase new equipment and pay for trips out of school and visitors to school. During the Autumn Term Friends events raised over £700. This has enabled us to heavily subsidise the Autumn Term school trips and visits so that our children have exciting and valuable experiences that supports the curriculum. Please come along and share ideas for future fund-raising events at our next meeting which will be held on 26th March at 9am.

Planned Friends Events

Disco Friday 6th February

DJ and Party Games - small prizes can be won.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Disco: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Disco: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Entrance: all children to be dropped off and picked up via the junior playground.

Please can we ask that all parents drop their children off at their allocated time and then return to collect them at their finishing time. Apologies, but due to space/health and safety, parents are unable to stay with their children.

Also, due to space in the school hall, we apologise, but we will have to keep the maximum number of children to 100 per key stage. The tickets will be purchased on a first come first serve basis.

TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY

The cost of a ticket is £2.50 per child. Please send the cash in an envelope with their name on into school and hand it into their class teacher. A ticket will be arranged and sent home with your child. The Friends of XII Apostles will also be on the Junior playground before and after school to sell tickets.

There will be a tuck shop whereby your child can purchase a drink, crisps or sweets. Please send your child with a maximum of £2 on the evening should you wish for them to purchase any goods.

Unwanted Christmas Presents

If you received a few gifts that weren't *quite* right, why not pass them on? We're collecting unwanted but *new* items to use as prizes for upcoming events and fundraisers.

It's a great way to declutter, reduce waste, and help us add a bit of extra fun to our activities. Just drop off your items at the school office.

Sponsor



Rainbows,
Brownies,
Guides and
Rangers

Places available at Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers
Girls aged 5 years – 18 years

For more details, please contact Jane Lovett on 07877619237
Or
see the Girl Guiding website...

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Feet First - Chiropodist - Nicola - 07767696014

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers - Jane - 07877619237

9th-15th Leigh Cubs and Beavers Group - Jane Riley - 07714417263

T Crawley & Son, Coal Merchant - Damian - 07702 527000

Labra-Claws Avenue - Dog Grooming - 07359 206529