



NEWSLETTER

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1st May 2026

Year 1 Trip to Wigan Life Museum

On Monday, the children in Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Wigan Life Museum as part of their history topic on toys from the past. During the visit, the children had the opportunity to learn all about how toys have changed over time and were delighted to explore and play with a range of toys from the past.



Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Competition

On Wednesday a group of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils represented XII Apostles at a Tag Rugby Development Tournament and they were fantastic from start to finish!

The focus of the day was all about taking part, building confidence, and enjoying the game, and the children did exactly that. For many of them, this was their first experience of representing the school in a sporting competition, and they should be incredibly proud of themselves.

It was brilliant to see their confidence grow with each game, as they began to spread out more, pass with purpose, and make some great tags!



Year 5/ 6 Cricket Competition



Yesterday, a group of our KS2 girls represented XII Apostles at a Girls Strike Development Festival hosted by Lancashire Cricket and the National School Games, funded by the National Lottery.

The focus of the day was all about building confidence, trying something new, and enjoying being active, and the girls did exactly that. For many, this was their first experience of taking part in this type of event, and they showed great courage and enthusiasm throughout.

It was pleasing to see how much progress was made as the day went on, with improved striking, great fielding efforts, and lots of smiles all around!

A huge well done to all of the girls.

✿ A fantastic day and week of sports with plenty more to come! ✿

Upcoming Events

Year 5 and 6 Orienteering Wednesday 6th May

On Wednesday 6th May, a group of children from Year 5 and Year 6 will be visiting Pennington Flash to take part in an orienteering competition. During the visit, the children will have the opportunity to put their navigation and map-reading skills into practice while enjoying an exciting outdoor challenge. The experience will support teamwork, problem-solving and confidence as they work their way around the course.

Class Mass Friday 8th May

Year 2, 4 and 6 will be celebrating mass at St Joesph's Church at 10:30am on Friday 8th May. Family and friends are welcome to join us.

First Holy Communion Year 4 Saturday 9th May 10:30am St Joseph's Church

On Saturday 9th May at 10:30 am Year 4 will celebrate their First Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church. Please keep the children in your prayers.

Year 5 Tattenhall Residential Trip 7th May-8th May

Our Year 5 pupils will be taking part in an exciting Art residential trip to Tattenhall on 7th–8th May. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their creativity and artistic skills, working alongside a qualified artist in a beautiful setting.

For many, this may also be their first experience of staying away from home, making it a truly memorable and enriching experience. We are confident that the children will embrace the opportunity and produce some fantastic artwork during their time away.

Year 6 SATs Week – Monday 11th May 2026

The week beginning 11th May is SATs week for Year 6 who have been busy preparing and revising for these important tests. Class teachers will also be carrying out a series of assessments this half term to help validate their judgement about attainment and achievement of all pupils in their year group.

Can I again stress the importance of supporting your child at home with their preparation.

During test week make sure your child:

- Gets enough sleep
- Eats breakfast
- Comes to school with a bottle of water
- Arrives at school on time
- Is encouraged – children may be worried without showing it

You are nearly there year 6!

Reception's visit to Smithills Farm - Thursday 14th May

On Thursday 14th May, the children in Reception class will be visiting Smithills Farm for an exciting and educational day out. This visit will give the children a valuable opportunity to learn more about a range of farm animals and how to care for them. They will also have the chance to handle some of the smaller animals, helping to build confidence, curiosity and an understanding of the world around them.

Change of Date Sports Festival to Tues 23rd June

We are looking forward to our annual Sports Festival, which will take place on 23rd June. Following the success of last year, the event will once again be held in the morning, with Key Stage 1 taking part from 9:15–10:30 and Key Stage 2 from 10:30–12:00.

Children will compete in their house teams, with opportunities to win medals not only for their skills but also for demonstrating excellent sporting values and teamwork. It promises to be a fantastic occasion for everyone to showcase their abilities, determination, and team spirit.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for the children to shine both in their sporting performance and in the positive attitudes they show towards one another. The only thing we cannot guarantee is the weather, so we will be keeping a close eye on the forecast and keeping our fingers crossed for a dry and sunny day!

Friends of Twelve Apostles Fundraising

Summer Fair and Colour Run Friday 19th June 3:30-5pm

Summer Fair Donations & Volunteers Needed

As our Summer Fair approaches, we are kindly asking for your support in a few important ways.

Prize Donations

We would be extremely grateful for any good quality prizes for our tombola stall. If you have any of the following that you are able to donate, please send into school any new, unwanted gifts, toiletries, teddy's, toys and gift sets. We also need teddy bears that are in good condition for our teddy bear stall.

Colour Run – Volunteers Needed

At this stage, we are still planning to go ahead with the Colour Run. However, for the event to run safely and effectively, we will need at least 12 adult volunteers.

If we are unable to get enough volunteers, we would unfortunately need to consider cancelling the Colour Run.

We have listened carefully to feedback from last year. This year, although the Colour Run will still be ticketed, there will be no time slots, making it simpler and more flexible for families.

If you are able to donate items or volunteer some time, please speak to Ms Grundy. We understand how busy you are but any help, big or small, would be hugely appreciated.

The money that The Friends of Twelve Apostles raises really does enable us to ensure our children have access to a wide range of trips and experiences and also good quality resources in school.

Own Clothes Day Friday 22nd May

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a £1 contribution. The money raised will go towards purchasing prizes to fill the jars for the jar stall at the Summer Fair.



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 24th April 2026

Reception – Jesse-James L & Cody Y

Year 1 – James R

Year 2 – Jacob B

Year 3 – Emily H

Year 4 – Sara M

Year 5 – Jessica R

Year 6 – James L

Friday 1st May 2026

Reception – Oluwadamiola A & Ronnie F

Year 1 – Ava H

Year 2 – Alena C

Year 3 – Tommy T

Year 4 – Andy R

Year 5 – Tom B-F

Year 6 – Shay H

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



In school



On time



Week Commencing: 20th April 2026

Reception 99.35%	Year 1 93.23%
Year 2 94.83%	Year 3 96.45%
Year 4 97.00%	Year 5 98.15%
Year 6 95.33%	

Congratulations
Reception & Year 6

Week Commencing: 27th April 2026

Reception 96.77%	Year 1 98.06%
Year 2 96.55%	Year 3 97.10%
Year 4 95.67%	Year 5 97.78%
Year 6 98.67%	

Have a lovely Weekend 😊

Mrs Whitton

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