

NEWSLETTER

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6th November 2026

Welcome back. I hope you have had a lovely half term break.

Parental Survey

Have Your Say! Our Parental Voice Survey is still running if you haven't already, please complete the survey. This is your chance to celebrate what's working well in our school and share ideas for how we can make things even better in the future. Your feedback helps us keep growing and improving together.
Please remember, the survey isn't the place for individual concerns, if you have something specific to discuss, do get in touch directly with your child's class teacher or with Mrs Whitton.
Thank you for your continued support.
https://survey.easyquest.com/N4J9YM

Sponsored Bounce Fund Raising Thank you!!

Thank you to all those who have sent in their sponsor money for the sponsored bounce. We have managed to raise £1631.06. This will enable us to subsidise the high cost of transport for the upcoming trips.

Friday 6th November Class Mass St Joseph's Church 10:30am

Thank you to all the parents and families who joined us at St. Joseph's Church today for the Year 2, Year 4, and Year 5 Class Mass. Your presence and support mean so much to our children and school community. It was wonderful to come together to celebrate mass.

Upcoming Events

We have a busy term ahead with lots to look forward to, so please make a note in your diary of the following dates and events in school. I have included a number of events in the run up to Christmas.

Children's Flu Vaccinations

A polite reminder that the children's flu vaccinations will be taking place on Monday 16th November 2026.

All parents/carers should receive a link directly to their registered mobile phone number or email address, allowing you to complete the consent form and indicate whether or not you would like your child(ren) to receive the flu vaccination this year.

The link was sent out on **Monday 26th October** at approximately 5pm.

Please note the following important information:
All parents/carers must complete the consent form, even if you do not wish for your child(ren) to receive the vaccination this year.

Intrahealth are unable to accept vaccination decisions via email. Your decision must be submitted using the online consent form.

If you have any questions, are unsure about anything or experience any difficulties completing the consent form, please do not hesitate to contact Intrahealth directly. They will be more than happy to assist you.

Email: WiganImms@intrahealth.co.uk
Telephone: 0333 358 3397 (Option 1, then Option 1)

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Parental Engagement and Parents Workshops

Following the feedback received through our summer term parental survey, we are reviewing and strengthening the ways in which we engage with parents and carers. Our aim is to build an open and supportive partnership with families, helping you to feel well informed and confident in supporting your child's learning, development and wellbeing. We are currently exploring accessible ways to share the school's expertise in areas including language and communication, reading, writing, mathematics, online safety, and physical and mental wellbeing.

We recognise that the main ClassDojo page can become very busy and that useful information can sometimes be difficult to find. We will therefore shortly create a dedicated parent area on ClassDojo, which families will be able to access whenever needed. This will bring together practical guidance, useful resources, information from external agencies and details of the support available to children and families.

Alongside these developments, we will continue to offer our class-based parent workshops, carefully tailored to the needs of each year group. These will take place during the second half of the autumn term. In response to your feedback, each workshop will be offered twice: once at 9am, following morning drop-off, and again at 5pm after school. The sessions will include practical activities that parents and carers can complete alongside their children, providing useful ideas and strategies that can also be used at home. We therefore ask that children attend with their parent or carer and that, wherever possible, each child is represented at one of the two sessions. The workshop dates are listed below:
Reception: Tuesday 17th November at 9am and 5pm
Year 1: Thursday 19th November at 9am and 5pm
Year 2: Wednesday 18th November at 9am and 5pm
Year 3: Tuesday 3rd November at 9am and 5pm- Thank you to all those who attended
Year 4: Wednesday 11th November at 9am and 5pm
Year 5: Wednesday 11th November at 9am and 5pm
Year 6: Pupils and families have already taken part in a workshop this term. A further Year 6 session will be arranged for the spring term, with details shared nearer the time.

Year 5 Trip to Astley Green Colliery Tuesday 10th November

As part of our Local History topic, Year 5 will be visiting Astley Green Colliery Mining Museum on Tuesday 10th November**.** This visit will give the children an exciting opportunity to explore the history of coal mining in our area and learn more about how it shaped our local community.

Year 4 Shakesperes Workshop A Midsummer's Night Dream

On Monday 16th November, Year 4 will take part in a Shakespeare 'play in a day' workshop based on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This exciting opportunity will encourage the children to express themselves through drama and bring classic literature to life.

Year 3 Stone Age Assembly Friday 27th November 9:00am

Parents and families are warmly invited to attend our Year 3 Stone Age assembly on Friday 27th November at 9:00am. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to share the work they've been doing on the Stone Age.

Reception Intake – September 2026

Anyone interested in sending their child to XII Apostles R.C.P.S. should come into school and register their child's name.

This does not guarantee a place nor is it a formal application for a place. However, it does enable us to forward future correspondence about our open evenings and other relevant information.

Open Evening (Adults only) Tuesday 10th November at 6 pm

We will be holding an Open Afternoon for Parents/Carers and children on Thursday 19th November at 2:00 pm

Year 5 Trip to Tattenhall

Year 5 will visit Tattenhall for an art residential on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th November. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore their creativity and enjoy learning together beyond the classroom.

Friday 20th November Class Mass St Joseph's Church 10:30am

Year 1, Year 3, and Year 6 Class Mass will join Father Keiran at St Jospeh's Church to celebrate mass. Parents and carers are welcome to join us there.

Advent Mass in School
Wednesday 2nd December 2026 at 2pm

Father Keiran will be celebrating mass here in school and everyone is welcome. He will be joined by the whole school and Year 4 will lead the mass.

Year 6 Residential Robin Wood
Wednesday 9th- Friday 11th December 2026

Year 6 will be away on their residental trip to Robin Wood. If you haven't aready, please complete any outstanding payments.

Wonderful News!

We're delighted to announce that Mr Maj and Miss Hope have both celebrated their weddings recently. Miss Hope is now Mrs Lavin. This is such joyful news and we know you will join all of us in congratulating them and wishing them every happiness. 💕



Christmas Events

Year 2 Christmas Nativity Performances

Mrs Featherstone and Miss Hope and the children in Year 2 will be busy this term practicing for the Christmas performances. Parents and Carers are invited to watch this special Christmas performances on the following dates. The children have been given parts to learn so please help your child to learn their words.

Monday 7th December at 2:30 pm
Monday 7th December at 6:00 pm

There is no limit on the amount of tickets available, so please just turn up to the performance of your choice. There is no charge, but we will have a collection for our nominated Christmas Charity at the end of each performance.

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 16th December

If your child currently has a packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas Dinner, please let the school office know so your child can be added to the dinner system. The cost is £2.61 and all payments must be made online via Evolve by Tuesday 15th December 2026.

Christmas Parties

Infants (**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**) – Monday 14th December at 1:30 pm
Key Stage 2 – Tuesday 15th December at 1:30 pm

Children will be invited to wear their own party clothes, but please remember they will still play outside at playtime and therefore need a warm coat and appropriate shoes. In addition, we ask that children bring a plate with party food covered up. This may include a cake, a carton of drink, a piece of fruit and packet of crisps.

Friends of Twelve Apostles Fund Raising Events

Christmas Hamper Donations – Friday 27th November

The children will be invited to come into school in their own clothes on this day and donate goods for the Christmas hampers. The friends will then make up the hampers which will be raffled at the Christmas Coffee morning.
The idea is that each class will be allocated a specific food group to bring in. The children are invited to wear their own clothes and donate an item of food from the list below. These items will then be used to make the mixed hampers which will be raffled at our Christmas coffee morning to which all parents and carers are invited.

- Reception – e.g. Packets of rice, noodles, pasta, soup
- Year 1 – e.g. Crisps, Pringles, tortillas, Bombay mix, nibbles
- Year 2 – e.g. Biscuits, chocolates, sweets – Haribo's, jelly babies
- Year 3 – e.g. Tins of savoury foods - soup, veg, beans, tuna, corned beef
- Year 4 – e.g. Tins of sweet foods – fruit, custard, rice pudding
- Year 5 – e.g. Jars – curry sauce, pickles, jam, pasta sauce
- Year 6 – e.g. 50p each – to supplement hampers with shortage items

Second Hand Toy Sale – Friday 4th December

We are once again holding this annual event, so please can I urge parents and children to start sorting their toys out. Please send into school week beginning 30th November. 

Christmas Coffee Morning and Christmas Hat Competition Monday 14th December at 9:00 am.

This is a chance for everyone to get together. The children will be invited to make a Christmas hat for this event. The school council will judge the entries looking for creativity and imagination and select an overall winner from each class. There will be a small prize for all those that enter.

Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 16th December

The cost of the event will be £**3** to cover the cost of food and a present.

Star of the Week



Congratulations and well-done to all our stars!

Friday 16th October 2026

Reception – Ruby P & Alina P
Year 1 – David H
Year 2 – William S
Year 3 – Freya F
Year 4 – Emily H
Year 5 – Caleb W
Year 6 – Harriet R

Friday 6th November 2026

Reception – Esme W & Wayne B
Year 1 – Hunter B
Year 2 – Annabella G
Year 3 – Emerald M-O
Year 4 – Louis G
Year 5 – Millen C
Year 6 – Poppy S

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

 **In school**

 **On time**



Week Commencing: 12th October 2026

Reception	92.00%	Year 1	94.84%
Year 2	94.00%	Year 3	97.59%
Year 4	97.42%	Year 5	88.67%
Year 6	95.19%		

Congratulations
Year 3 & Year 1

Week Commencing: 2nd November 2026

Reception	98.67%	Year 1	99.35%
Year 2	97.00%	Year 3	96.21%
Year 4	93.87%	Year 5	92.67%
Year 6	91.85%		

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