



YOUR NEWSLETTER
St Aidan's Catholic Primary School
Friday 11th Sept 2026
'Hand in Hand with Jesus'



Week Commencing 14/09/26

	Time	Information	Year Group
Monday	AM	Wigan Observer First Days photograph	Reception
	PM	Keyboard lessons	KS2
	PM	Guitar lessons	KS2
	PM	Brass lessons	KS2
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Spanish club	Y2
	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Tag rugby club	Y5/6
Wednesday	AM	Tempest Family & Individual photographs	
	Lunchtime	Spanish club	Y1
Thursday	Lunchtime	Spanish club	KS2
	AM	Violin lessons	KS2
	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Multi-sports club	KS1
Friday		Non-uniform day for Bed Poverty – see below	



Quiet Disciple

This week's Quiet Disciples are Nancy Moss for lovely manners and Noah Shields for being so mature and sensible.

Attendance: 2nd Sept 26 to 4th Sept 26

School attendance is important. Although it is important that children do not attend school when they are poorly, we do miss them when they are off. Good attendance is vital to success in school and life. The table below shows the % of children we have missed this week – had the best attendance

Registration group	Absence %
Reception	4.3
Y1C	0
Y1/2	0
Y2	4.2
Y3	3.4
Y3/4	2.9
Y4	0
Y5	3.3
Y5/6	0
Y6	3.4
Whole School	2.2



The school target for attendance is **96%.**

Please help us to aim even higher with our attendance.



World Car Free Day

Let's get moving and make a difference! Tuesday 22nd September is 'World Car Free Day.' We encourage our school community to leave the car at

home and walk, cycle or even scoot to school where possible. Together, we can enjoy a healthier journey, reduce pollution and help make our planet a little greener!

Senior Prefects

Congratulations to all the children who took part in this year's Senior Prefect selection process. We are incredibly proud of the confidence, leadership and commitment shown by every applicant.

A very warm congratulations to our newly appointed Head Girl, our two Head Boys (a special one-off arrangement this year in recognition of the outstanding candidates), their Deputies, and our Senior Prefects. We know you will be excellent role models for our school community and look forward to seeing the positive contribution you will make throughout the year.



We are looking forward to offering the children more leadership opportunities this year including Hands Disciples, Sports Ambassadors and Computing Ambassadors.

This week in Care Club

We have loved meeting our new children. Everyone has been busy with back-to-school crafts and activities.

Book Nook



Please check Seesaw and our school website to discover the exciting books each class will be enjoying in their English lessons during the autumn term.

Family & Individual Photographs



Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday morning for **Reception to Y6**. Children who have siblings not yet at school, or in our Nursery, can have their photos taken with them, if parents come to the office at 8.30am. Children with siblings in our school will have their picture taken together during the morning.

High School Applications



From 12th September 2026, parents/cares can apply for high school for admission in September 2027. Please apply online via the Wigan Council website. The closing date is 31st October 2026. The online portal may ask parents for a UID number Please note parents **do not** need the UID number to apply, you just need to click no UID and you will be able to continue with the application form. If you have any queries, please ring the Admissions department on 01942 489013.

Attendance



Good attendance is vital for school to be able to provide pupils with the best possible chance of achieving their potential. Attendance of less than 90% can have a significant impact on learning, potentially leading to the loss of over a year of education by age 16. Holidays in term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The policy regarding Education Penalty Notices is available on our website.

Non-uniform day for Bed Poverty

Wigan Council, along with Mr Motivator and The Brick Multibank are raising awareness of bed poverty and the impact that not having a safe, comfortable bed can have on a child's sleep, well-being and ability to learn. One million children in the UK do not have a bed to sleep in at night. Children may come to school in non-uniform clothes for a donation of £1 towards this worthy cause.

Nursery and Reception 27/28 Open Day

This will take place on Monday 2nd November 2026, parents are welcome to come and visit our Nursery and Reception classes. There is no need to book, please just come along.



Dates for your diary for the next half term

Please note that these dates may be subject to change

Date	Time	Information	Year Group
12/9/26		Online applications for High School 27/28 open via the Wigan Council website	
14/9/26	10.15am	Wigan Observer First Days photograph	Reception
16/9/26	AM	Family and individual photographs (Tempest)	Reception – Y6
18/9/26		Non-uniform day for Bed Poverty	
30/9/26		Online applications for Reception 27/28 open via the Wigan Council website	

Safeguarding and Child Protection



Designated Safeguarding Leads are **Mrs Farrimond** and **Mrs Gillard**
Deputy Safeguarding Leads are **Mrs Wood** and **Mrs Maiden**
Our children and their families know that there is always a trusted adult who they can talk to.

