

9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring 1 Week 1

Happy New Year and welcome to our first parent letter of 2026.

Welcome Back



It has been lovely to see all of our students back in school after the Christmas break. Despite the cold and icy weather, attendance at the start of the week was good and I was delighted to speak to the students and welcome them back to school in our Whole School Collective Worship on Tuesday. This term we are focusing on the value of **hope** and how each and every one of us can make sure that our **words build others up, our actions show kindness** and we are all people who carry hope into our classrooms, our homes and into our wider world. We hope that this will be a really positive and productive term for all of our students.

Attendance – every moment counts

To make this spring term as productive as possible we need students to attend well and to be in school as much as they possibly can. We know that attending **every day** plays a crucial role in academic progress, social development, and overall wellbeing. Each day in school provides opportunities for learning, collaboration, and growth that cannot be fully replaced.

When students attend regularly, they are more engaged, achieve higher grades, and feel more connected to the school community. Even a few days of absence can make it harder for them to keep up with lessons and coursework. We therefore ask for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives on time and ready to learn each day. If your child is unwell or has an unavoidable reason for absence, please inform the school promptly following our absence procedures.

Together, we can help every student make the most of this term and reach their full potential.

Neurodiversity in Schools Project

As a school, we have volunteered to participate in an exciting new national project called **Neurodiversity in Schools**, working alongside the Parent Carer Forum, Wigan Council, the NHS and other partners. As a part of this parent groups will be taking place. Parents will be invited into schools to help develop a relationship with other parents, meet the parent carer forum representatives and learn more about local support and the local offer for children. There is a more detailed information sheet attached to this newsletter for you. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Cooper at school.

Extra-Curricular Update – book your places now!

As mentioned before the holidays, we have updated our Extra-Curricular programme for the Spring Term. Extra-curricular clubs and activities are available to book online via *the Parents Evening booking system*. New clubs for this half term include coding, trampolining and table tennis.

Thank you, as always, for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully,
Jane Galbraith
Headteacher

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AND SUCCEEDING**



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What is Neurodiversity in schools ?

NIS is a national programme funded by NHS England with the aim of shaping whole school SEND provision, providing early intervention and further upskilling school staff through collaborative working with parents and carers.

The programme objectives are as follows:

- To strengthen partnerships between parents, carers and schools
- To enhance parental awareness of the range of support across the local partnership
- To enhance schools' confidence and expertise in supporting neurodiversity within their classrooms
- Further enhance the school environment to address low level needs and allow neurodiverse children to successfully engage in learning.
- Develop an inclusive culture that improves the efficacy of other intervention

We will soon be sharing the dates of our parent groups . In these groups you can:

- Meet other parents
- Share support and advice
- Meet Wigan Parent Carer Forum Representatives
- Meet other local services such as Embrace the A team Hub or Mental Health in schools team
- Learn more about what services and support are in Wigan borough via the 'local offer'

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at Wigan Parent Carer Forum .
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Kindest regards

Luisa Preston

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