

St. Michael's C.E. Primary School

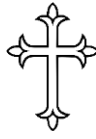
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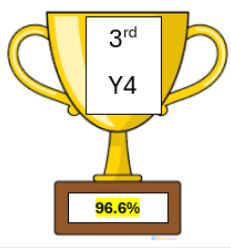


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'Immersed in a Christian Community, each individual is encouraged, challenged and nurtured to learn and grow to achieve their full potential.'

Love, Respect, Kindness, Faith, Honesty and Courage

Newsletter 13th February 2026

Weekly Class Attendance

	Attendance Champions 2 nd - 6 th February 2026									
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Pancake Flipathon Fun! 🥞

Pancake Day falls during half term this year, but that hasn't stopped us from celebrating! Our children took part in a sponsored Pancake Flipathon challenge,

and what a fantastic time they had. There were lots of smiles, laughter, and some very impressive flipping skills!
Thank you to everyone who supported and sponsored them, we are still accepting sponsor money in the office. 😊



World Book Day 2026 challenge

Wigan Borough Libraries have partnered with Green Bean Collection to run a World Book Day 2026 challenge across our borough!

For KS1 children the challenge is to use a box and household/garden items to create a story den for Green Bean.

For KS2 children the challenge is to use the attached template to design a comic strip story based on Green Bean.

The closing date for entries for both challenges is Saturday 7th March.

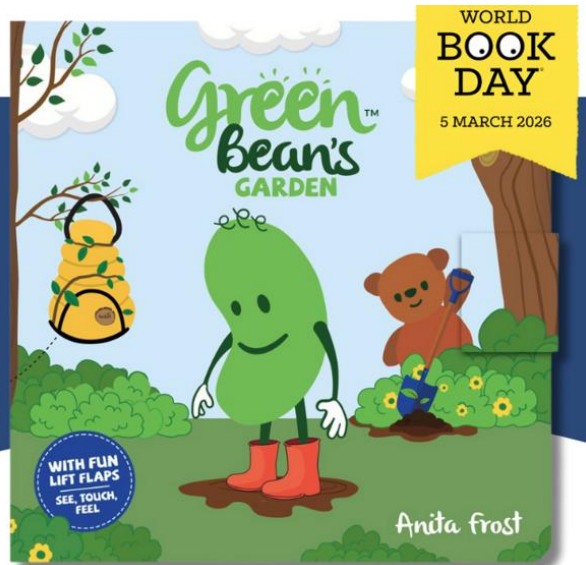
Entries can be dropped off at any of our libraries – please see locations here or they can be scanned/photographed and sent to

library.transformation@wigan.gov.uk

Photos of the winning designs will be shared on both Wigan libraries and Green Bean Collection social media pages.



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www.greenbeancollection.co.uk



House Teams Update! 🏆

We're thrilled to be building on our House Teams spirit, bringing more fun, teamwork, belonging and friendly competition to our school! 🎉


Our first inter-house event kicks off this Friday with a Kurling competition to celebrate the Winter Olympics! ❄️🏒
 Get ready for more exciting challenges ahead — from spelling bees and art contests to rounders and times tables battles. 🍌🍌🍌

The Houses



<p>Red Robins</p> <p>Small but mighty! Red Robins are known for their energy, determination and big team spirit. They never give up and always give their best, whether in the classroom or on the field. With bold hearts and positive attitudes, Robins lead with courage and kindness.</p>	<p>Blue Kingfishers</p> <p>Fast, focused and fearless, Blue Kingfishers dive into every challenge with enthusiasm. They are creative thinkers who bring energy and flair to everything they do. With sharp focus and bright ideas, Kingfishers make a real splash in every competition!</p>
<p>Yellow Eagles</p> <p>Proud, powerful and determined, Yellow Eagles soar above challenges with confidence. They show resilience, leadership and fantastic house spirit. With their eyes on the prize and wings spread wide, Eagles always aim for greatness.</p>	<p>Green Owls</p> <p>Wise, thoughtful and focused, Green Owls think before they act and always aim high. They are brilliant problem-solvers who work calmly and confidently as a team. With sharp minds and strong teamwork, the Owls are always ready to rise to the challenge.</p>

Kurling Competition



Get ready for a competition of precision, teamwork and cool concentration! Our Inter-House Kurling Clash is a fantastic test of strategy and skill, where accuracy matters more than speed.

Each house will enter teams made up of pupils from different year groups, promoting collaboration and house unity. Players will take turns carefully sliding their stones towards the target, aiming to score as many points as possible by landing closest to the centre.

Every stone counts. Every round builds tension. With tactics, communication and steady nerves playing a key role, Kurling allows every participant to shine.

At the end of the tournament, points from each round will be added together, and the house with the highest overall score will be crowned Kurling Champions.

It's calm, competitive and full of excitement — where strategy meets house pride!

World Book Day Breakfast 🌍📖

We would like to invite **Year 2 and Year 3** parents and carers to join us for a World Book Day Breakfast in the school hall 🍌🍌

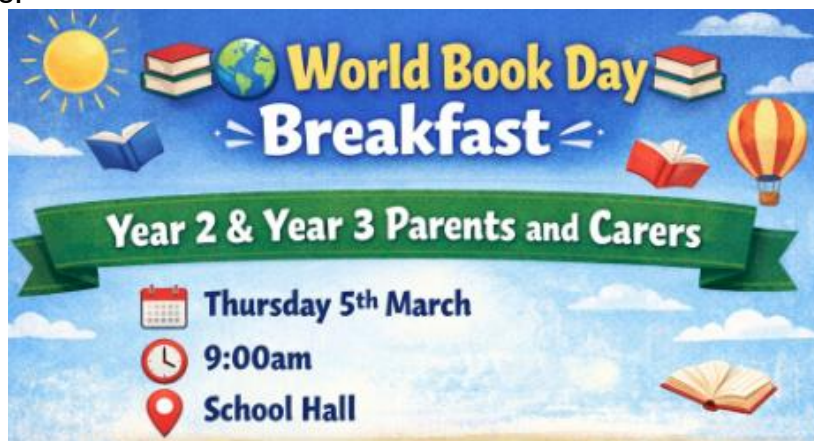
📅 Thursday 5th March

🕒 9:00am

📍 School Hall

Come along to enjoy breakfast with your child, share a love of books, and celebrate World Book Day together 📖💙

We look forward to welcoming you for a lovely morning of reading and refreshments!



Upcoming Parenting Courses

Early help have asked us to share two parenting programmes; parents or professionals can email Earlyhelpdevelopmentteam@wigan.gov.uk for more information or to book a place:

- Nurture Programme – running March 2026, venue TBA (likely Mornington/Clifton)

Togetherness Programme – 24th February, 12:30pm to 2:30pm at Scotsman Flash Activity Centre, Wigan.

The Togetherness Approach, Teenager



- Understand your child's behaviour and how they communicate.
- Recognise how your child is feeling and their emotions
- Reduce the difficulties you face in everyday life.
- Improve how you communicate with your teenager
- Understand the importance of spending quality time together
- Develop good routines and boundaries in collaboration with your child



We're rebranding and refreshing our offer for our rapidly changing world. Our new name is TOGETHERNESS

Togetherness builds on more than 25 years of impact. Now is the time to amplify that impact, expanding our reach, deepening our engagement, changing more lives and cementing the long-term impact of our work. A free 10-week course that is universally available to parents/carers

Email - Earlyhelpdevelopmentteam@wigan.gov.uk



The Nurturing Programme



What is the Nurturing Programme?

This is a free 10-week course that is available universally to parents and carers. It is aimed for families with younger children as there is a central focus on empathy, empowerment, why children behave the way they do, how to work co-operatively with children and recognise parents' feelings and emotions alongside their child's.

The Nurture Programme is based on **Four Constructs**

- Self-Awareness
- Empathy
- Appropriate expectations
- Positive Discipline

The programme will allow parents and carers to explore different approaches to discipline, given strategies and tools to implement changes for a calmer and happier home environment. Parents will understand the importance of nurturing themselves and their children.

Email to refer Earlyhelpdevelopmentteam@wigan.gov.uk



Stars of the Week

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House Points

House Points Overall:





House Points

Owls 513	Eagles 821	Kingfishers 585
Robins 563		

Points this week:

Owls	Eagles	Kingfishers	Robins
112	111	60	99

Next week at a glance

Week beginning	Before school	During the school day	Music tuition	After school
23rd Feb				
Monday Children due to start back at 8:50am	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship Year 1 outdoor PE Year 4 outdoor PE Year 3 indoor PE iRock band practise 	Guitar	ABC childcare
Tuesday	Breakfast club	Whole school singing worship Y3 indoor PE	Drums Violin	ABC childcare
Wednesday	Breakfast club	Whole school Collective Worship Rec indoor PE Year 5 indoor PE		ABC childcare
Thursday	Breakfast club	Class Worship Rec outdoor PE Y5 outdoor PE Y6 indoor PE Year 2 indoor PE		ABC childcare
Friday	Breakfast club	Whole school Celebration Worship Year 2 outdoor PE Year 6 outdoor PE Year 1 indoor PE Year 4 indoor PE Parent Workshop on Autism Emotional Regulation led by TESS team 9:15-11.15am	Keyboard	ABC childcare PTA Disco

Future dates for your diary

(Please note, these will be added to frequently)

5 th March	World Book Day PJs, Favourite book & £1 donation Year 2 and Year 3 parent breakfast
23 rd March – 25 th March	Year 4 Robinwood residential
16 th March	IRock Concert 2:45pm (Parents of band members only)
17 th March	Year 3 to Sea Life & Lego Discovery

24 th March	Year 1 Blackpool Zoo Trip
27 th March	PTA Easter Bingo
31 st March	Parents Evening
1 st April	Easter Service in Church (pupils only)
	Parents Evening
Thursday 2 nd April	Finish for Easter Break at 3:30pm
20 th April	Children return to school at 8:50am
4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
25 th – 29 th May	Half Term
29 th June – 3 rd July	Year 6 Residential trip
6 th July	Year 1 Bring Yer Wellies trip
8 th July	Year 2 to Kenyon Hall Farm
9 th July	
13 th July	Y6 Leavers Service in Church 2:45pm (Parents Welcome)
16 th July	Finish for Summer Break at 3:30pm
17 th July	Inset day – Staff only
1 st September	Inset day – Staff only
2 nd September	Children return to school at 8:50am
9 th September	Rock Kidz 🙌🎸
1 st December	KS1 Panto
7 th December	KS2 Panto

Useful Links

School Instagram Account <https://www.instagram.com/st.michaelsceprimaryschool/>

School Facebook Account <https://www.facebook.com/HoweBridgeStMichaelsPrimary>

School Lunches to be ordered on <https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk>

Apply for Free School Meals <https://forms.wigan.gov.uk/xfp/form/750>

Mental Health and wellbeing details – www.actionforhappiness.org

Samaritans 116 123 (freephone 24 hours a day)

Mind - www.mind.org.uk

Online resources

For parents:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

For children:

<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>