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The nominees for Pupil of the Week are:

1W	Olivia
1F	Seth
2W	Kaison
2F	Kayson
3W	Annelisa
3F	Jessica
4W	Rosie
4F	Tomasz
5W	Lucie
5F	Macie
6W	Lilly
6F	Jack
POD 1	Declan
POD 3	Willow



Attendance Matters



6W will be wearing their own clothes as reward for highest attendance on **Friday 25th Sept**

and here are our winners



RW	97%
RF	86%
1W	96%
1F	96%
2W	94%
2F	94%
3W	91%
3F	98%
4W	94%
4F	93%
5W	95%
5F	94%
6W	99%
6F	93%





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Seth 1F

For showing everyone such enthusiasm during our first music lesson. Seth enjoyed himself so much and even said thank you because he enjoyed it so much!

Olivia 1W

For always doing the right thing and always using her listening ears

Kayson 2F

For impressing me everyday with his mature and sensible attitude. You are always noticed for the right thing and I am proud to have you in my class

Kaison 2W

For his contribution to our Poetry sessions. He tries so hard to learn the poem from the videos and speaks clearly when reciting it. Well done Kaison, keep it up!

Jessica 3F

For being an absolute superstar, showing kindness to everyone and for always coming to school with a fantastic attitude, ready to learn

Anelissa 3W

For being a silent superstar who always gives her all

Declan POD 1

For a great week in rwi, you've tried really hard and can remember the first 5 sounds (m a s d t)



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Tomasz 4F

For making a fantastic start to Year 4 and demonstrating consistent enthusiasm in all lessons. Your positive attitude, eagerness to learn, and commitment to doing your best have been noticed and appreciated, Keep up the excellent effort!

Rosie 4W

For fantastic effort in maths this week. Rosie has worked with quiet determination to tackle the 3, 6 and 9 times tables

Macie 5F

For completely turning her week around, showing maturity, hard work, and determination. She has wowed the teachers with her excellent reading and comprehension skills. She has shown perseverance in Maths, putting a smile not only on her face but on mine too

Lucie 5W

For always being a role model to others both inside and outside of the classroom. She consistently shows kindness, respect, a positive attitude and a willingness to help others: setting a fantastic example in 5W

Jack 6F

For being an excellent role model to others in Year 6. Jack always follows instructions and gets on with a task independently. Keep it up Jack!

Lilly 6W

For expressing her love for the learning happening in Year 6 -lovely to know

Willow POD 3

For being a Y6 POD role model. Her behaviour and attitude to learning are exemplary



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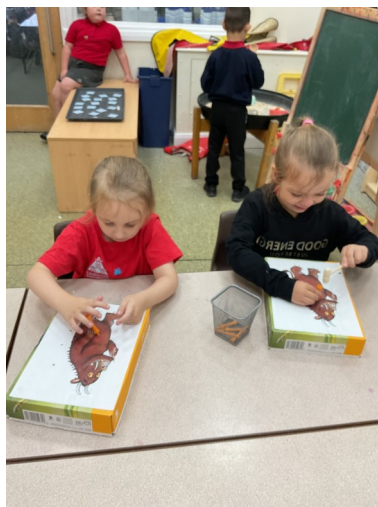
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Year 1

In our RE lesson **1W** listened to the Christian story of 'The Prodigal Son' and then retold the story using stick puppets. We also talked about all the different feelings the father had throughout the story.



Year 1 have been enjoying listening to the story The Gruffalo. We have been learning about nouns and adjectives to describe him. We have even been lucky enough to read the new story 'Gruffalo's Granny'.





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POD 1 started with some extra tasty snacks, our home made Elmer elephant biscuits and beans on toast! We continued our Elmer theme making patterned elephants and we are in the middle of making Elmer milk bottle elephants.... watch this space for the finished product.



We are loving our PE lessons in **Reception W**. This week we took our coloured scarves into the hall and practiced writing in the air some of the letters we have learnt in class. We created lots of different movements and actions and wrote the letters really big to help develop our co-ordination and gross motor skills



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Calling all young artists aged 5-11! 🧠💡

The **Wigan Borough Icons Competition** is back for 2026!

Children are invited to create a full-length drawing of a local hero they think deserves to be celebrated. It could be a sports person, musician, scientist, historical figure, community champion, or someone making a difference today.

In previous years, winning designs have celebrated icons including Ella Toone, Crusty the Pie, Andy Farrell, Keely Hodgkinson, and Richard Ashcroft so for 2026, we're looking for brand-new Wigan Borough icons

 Three winning designs will be transformed into giant illuminated artworks and displayed at **Light Night Wigan 2026**.

We're also excited to announce that **Richard Ashcroft** will be joining this year's judging panel alongside a team of lighting and creative experts.

Entry deadline: 29 September 2026

To enter, send a photo of your child's drawing along with their name, age, postcode and contact details to: ✉ wiganboroughicons@gmail.com

Or, entries can also be posted to:
Wigan Borough Icons
Turnpike Gallery
Leigh
WN7 1EB

For full details and competition information, visit: 🌐 www.lightnightwigan.co.uk

Good luck! ✨🧠💡



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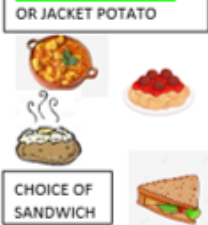
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If possible could you please **pre-order** your child's lunch in advance via the **Arbor Parent App**. Please select the Packed Lunch from home option if that is their preferred choice.

It is possible to pre-order for the coming week or more.

Thank you

Our current school lunch menu is displayed below. This is also available on the school website or alternatively, you can collect a copy from the school office.

WESTFIELD LUNCH MENU SEPTEMBER 2026					
WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	BBQ CHICKEN CALZONE PIZZA / CHEESE AND TOMATO CALZONE PIZZA  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	MINCED BEEF PIE / TOMATO AND HERB PASTA BAKE OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	CHICKEN WITH VEGETABLES / QUORN WITH VEGETABLES OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	MEATBALLS IN TOMATO SALUCE / SWEET POTATO AND CHICKPEA CURRY OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	BATTERED FISH / CHEESE PANINI OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH
2	MEAT FEAST PIZZA / MARGHERITA PIZZA OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	CHICKEN GOUJONS / CHEESE WHIRL OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	BAKED SAUSAGES / QUORN SAUSAGE OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	CHICKEN CURRY / MAC AND CHEESE OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH	FISH FINGERS / QUORN MC SAUSAGE BURGER OR JACKET POTATO  CHOICE OF SANDWICH



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Online Safety Newsletter

Sept 2026

Childline under 12s site

Childline have a separate area on their website for under 12s. The pages are written for primary school children. The area includes a section full of games and a Buddy Zone with tips, such as how to speak to a trusted adult and information on where to get extra support from.

You can access this area here:
<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/u12-landing/>

How to manage parental controls for different ages?

Internet Matters asked online experts, Karl Hopwood and Richard Waite to share their advice on how to manage parental controls for different ages. Find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/managing-parental-controls-for-different-ages/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translation tool on our web version:
<https://www.knowsleycitycs.org.uk/september-2026-primary/>

New guidance issued due to concern of AI-manipulated images

Photos of children that seem completely innocent can be manipulated using artificial intelligence (AI) to create sexualised or abusive images. There is a growing threat that children's images shared online are being manipulated by criminals into AI generated sexual abuse material. As concerns grow, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) have issued new guidance to help you understand the risks around AI image manipulation and advice on how to speak to your child about AI and image consent.



The IWF states that child sexual abuse images or videos created or altered using AI may include:

- Everyday images of a child or young person that are manipulated into child sexual abuse imagery, including images taken from social media, websites or messaging apps, that are manipulated into sexualised or abusive imagery. These are sometimes known as 'deepfakes'.
- Images or videos that look like a real child but are completely artificial.
- AI technology that digitally removes clothing from existing images to create nude or semi-nude images, sometimes known as 'nudifying'.

(source: IWF <https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/> accessed 25.08.26)

What can I do?

The guidance provides practical advice about sharing photographs of your child online. Some useful things to consider are:

- Think before you share photographs online. The IWF suggest creating a 'close friends' group to share images.
- Check and adjust your privacy settings on all social media accounts.
- Understand the steps to take if you or your child has any concerns and the organisations you can contact.

Where can I find the new guidance?

The full guidance can be accessed at the link below. It also includes a video highlighting how everyday photos can be misused using AI tools.

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/>

You can find the full press release/announcement here:

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/new-guidance-for-parents-and-carers-as-ai-manipulated-images-of-children-become-a-growing-concern>



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YouTube

YouTube is one of the most popular platforms, available across many different devices - phones, tablets and Smart TVs etc. **YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13**, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/guardian. There are different options available to access YouTube, depending on your child's age:



1. YouTube Kids – a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

2. Supervised accounts – a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+.
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything except for videos marked as 18+.

Find out more: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

What do I need to be aware of?

Whilst YouTube can be educational and fun, it is important to be aware of the potential risks, such as:

- **Inappropriate content**
- **Excessive Screen time** – particularly due to the autoplay feature.
- **Unwanted contact / cyberbullying** – particularly via comments if your child is sharing videos.
- **Algorithms** – algorithms influence what we see to keep us engaged. This can lead to a user being exposed to large amounts of content about one topic/theme, which may not be helpful if it is negative.
- **Adverts** that may not be aimed at or suitable for your child's age.

What can I do?

- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Show your child the reporting and blocking tools available.
- Watch YouTube together or supervise use.

Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/>

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A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives

The Children's Commissioner has published this guide to help you support your child and make starting conversations about their online world easier. It's a useful read:

<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2025/12/cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf>

Nex Playground

Nex Playground is a new video game console, which features games to get kids active. The games have no ads, no violence and no chat features, however it does rely on purchasing either a yearly or quarterly game subscription. You can find out more here:

<https://www.nexplayground.com/en-gb>

Online Safety Quiz

The NSPCC have created this quiz to test your child's knowledge on how to stay safe online. It's a great way to start a conversation with your child about their online life. You can access the quiz here:

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

WhatsApp Usernames

WhatsApp is introducing the use of usernames, so people no longer have to share their phone number. Wayne Denner provides an overview of the new features, what you need to consider and steps you can take here:

<https://www.waynedenner.com/whatsapp-usernames-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Please find a link below to our updated Parent Online Safety booklet, which includes an overview of key parental controls. This is updated annually.

[Parental Controls Booklet 2026](#)



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Wigan Family Hubs Parenting Offer

Supporting Families to Thrive ❤️

Wigan offer a range of evidence-based parenting programmes designed to support parents, carers and from pregnancy through to adolescence.

Our programmes are delivered across the borough through our Family Hubs, with both daytime and evening sessions available to make them as accessible as possible. Whether families are looking to strengthen relationships, build confidence, manage challenging behaviour, or navigate changes, there is a programme to meet their needs.



OUR PARENTING PROGRAMMES



The Nurturing Programme

Supports parents to develop positive relationships with their children by exploring behaviour, communication, emotional wellbeing and understanding children's needs.



Togetherness Teen

Designed for parents and carers of teenagers, helping families strengthen relationships, improve communication, and confidently navigate the challenges of adolescence.



Riding the Rapids

A series of age-specific programmes supporting parents of neuro-diverse children through key developmental stages:

- Preschool
- Primary
- Secondary

These programmes aim to help parents to understand and manage challenging behaviour shown by their child.



Youth Connect 5

Supports parents and to improve communication, emotional wellbeing, build stronger connections and promote positive family relationships.



Family Transitions

Helping separated parents adjust to significant changes such as separation, blended families, bereavement, or other transitions, while understanding the impact of parental conflict on children and supporting children's emotional wellbeing throughout these changes.



Who Can Access the Offer?

Our parenting programmes are available for parents, carers and families living in Wigan Borough. Professionals are encouraged to discuss the programmes with families and support referrals where appropriate.



Why Attend?

Families who attend our programmes often report:

- Improved parent-child relationships
- Greater confidence in parenting
- Better communication within the family
- Increased understanding of children's emotional needs
- Practical strategies to manage behaviour and conflict
- Stronger family resilience



REDUCING PARENTAL CONFLICT - ONLINE PROGRAMMES

Our flexible online courses help parents strengthen their relationship and reduce the impact of conflict on children.



Say It Better

Develops positive communication skills, helping parents manage disagreements more constructively.



Growing Together

Supports expectant parents to understand how conflict affects children and provides practical strategies to improve relationships and create a positive home environment.



Find Out
More →

To find out more about upcoming programmes, session times or to make a referral, please contact
earlyhelpdevelopmentteam@wigan.gov.uk

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