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The nominees for Pupil of the Week are:

1W	Edward
1F	Georgia
2W	Kevin
2F	Alayah
3W	Robyn
3F	Somia
4W	Tommy-Hugo
4F	Harrison
5W	Denley
5F	Lovett
6W	Lailah
6F	Rosey
POD 1	Reggie
POD 2	Zarron
POD 3	Grace



Attendance Matters



2W will be wearing their own clothes as reward for highest attendance on **Friday 2nd Oct**

and here are our winners



RW	90%
RF	89%
1W	91%
1F	97%
2W	100%
2F	96%
3W	99%
3F	96%
4W	98%
4F	96%
5W	95%
5F	96%
6W	93%
6F	90%

Diary Dates

PARENT'S EVENING

Monday October 5th
Wednesday October 7th

3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
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Further information to follow



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Georgia 1F

For being absolute ray of sunshine who skips into school every morning with a huge smile! She has impressed us so much this week in RWI reading green words. A wonderful way to start the mornings!

Edward 1W

For a super week making the right choices. You have made all of the grown ups smile this week

Alayah 2F

For independently ordering the human life cycle, participating well during our music lesson and for transitioning well into Year 2

Kevin 2W

For showing resilience when tackling a new concept in maths. You used the equipment effectively to flexibly partition a 2 digit number

Somia 3F

For working really hard this week and has impressed me with her rhythm skills in music. Somia was able to apply a range of rhythms using different instruments as part of our samba topic. Well done Somia!

Robyn 3W

For impressing her teachers with her mature attitude and focused approach in class this week

Reggie POD 1

For remembering to sign in every morning this week, without being reminded. Well done Reggie!

Zarron POD 2

For his work on emotions this week, he was using the mirror and feelings cards to show happiness, sadness, anger, scared and surprised!



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Harrison 4F

For showing brilliant determination and resilience this week. Even when the work felt difficult, you persevered, kept trying and gave your very best effort

Tommy-Hugo 4W

For a fantastic first week at Westfield. Tommy has settled in, made lots of new friends and shown himself to be a budding mathematician

Lovett 5F

For always trying her best in everything she does. Lovett has impressed her teachers with her contributions in French, speaking in front of the class. Keep this up Lovett

Denley 5W

For an excellent attitude towards his learning this week and always aiming to challenge himself further and be the best he can be. Keep up the hard work!

Rosey 6F

For having an excellent attitude in class this week. She has joined in with class discussions, read aloud to the class and thought carefully about the choice of her vocabulary in a piece of writing. Keep it up Rosey!

Lailah 6W

For consistently going the extra yard to do more and add more into everything she does

Grace POD 3

For an excellent week in POD 3. She listens carefully, follows instructions and always makes good choices. Well done Grace!



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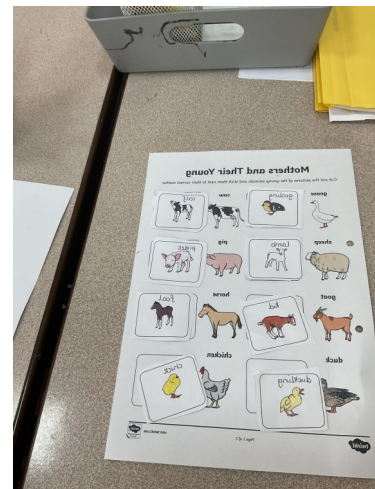
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Year 2

In **Year 2** this week we have enjoyed learning fundamental skills in PE such as throwing, catching and dodging. We practiced the skill of dodging this week game called 'Spider blast'. We needed to dodge and avoid getting tagged.



In maths we have enjoyed developing our sense of number by playing various games. We have loved playing this game with a partner. We roll the dice and then circle that number of dots with one colour and our partner uses a different colour. The person with the most groups win.
In science we have learned about matching animals and their young





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In our Maths work this week in **Rec W** we have been exploring the properties of shapes. We discovered that a shape can have other shapes within it!



Some of the boys, in **POD 1**, helped to make some bread dough and then we all had some to roll out an elephant trunk. The next day we had it for snack. We finished our milk bottle Elmer elephants this week!





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FREE PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

Join Wigan MHST for advice on how to support your young person with their wellbeing!

Workshops (booking required):

October 2026

- Understanding the young brain

February 2027

- Helping your child to believe in themselves

May/June 2027

- Big moves, big feelings

Online Webinars:

December 2026

- Stress and perfectionism

March/April 2027

- Anxiety

**WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE
AT FAMILY HUBS:**

- Leigh
- Clifton Street
- Atherton Formby Ave
- The Meadows
- Hindley Mornington Rd



**SCAN TO VIEW WORKSHOP
DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS AND
BOOK YOUR PLACE!**





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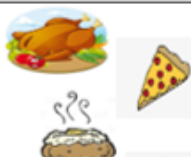
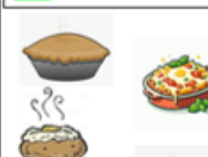
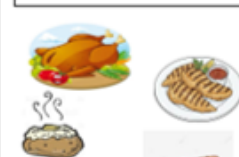
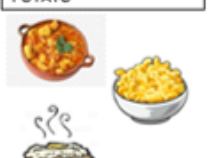
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If possible could you please **pre-order** your child's lunch in advance via the **Arbor Parent App**. Please select the Packed Lunch from home option if that is their preferred choice.

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.knowsleylcs.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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