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The nominees for Pupil of the Week are:

- Y1W Poppy-Anne
- Y1F Laura
- Y2W Georgie
- Y2F Antoni
- Y3W Jackson
- Y3F Tomasz
- Y4W Abel
- Y4F Larissa
- Y5W Jacob
- Y5F Malek
- Y6W Whole class
- Y6F Laura



Attendance Matters



RF & 5F will be wearing their own clothes as reward for highest attendance!

and our winners this week are:



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



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Laura 1F

For her fabulous effort this week. She has been focused and determined and produced lovely pieces of work

Poppy-Anne 1W

For being kind, helpful and for always working hard. Poppy is a delight to have in class. She is the perfect year 1 role model!

Antoni 2F

For settling in seamlessly to Year 2! You've made a great start and we've loved having you in class!

Georgie 2W

For being the perfect Year 2 role model, you always listen and follow instructions. You are a pleasure to teach

Tomasz 3F

For creating some fabulous pieces of writing and for always having his hand up in class. He comes to school ready to learn and always gives 100%

Jackson 3W

For his commitment to producing work of the very best quality



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Larissa 4F

For an amazing week in the classroom! She has been super helpful in the afternoons, working with other children and showing them what and how they need to do. We couldn't have done it without our extra teacher

Abel 4W

For being an amazing role model in the class, answering lots of questions, in all subjects, and impressing Mrs Cooke and Mrs Mannion. Abel has had an amazing week and is already showing how hard he can work. Keep it up Abel you are amazing!

Malek 5F

For always having a book in his hand. Any opportunity to read, he willingly takes it. Malek talks about what he has read with great enthusiasm, inspiring other children to read

Jacob 5W

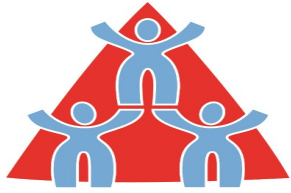
For a hardworking, sensible and mature two weeks. A fantastic start to year 5

Laura 6F

For her consistent mature and well-mannered demeanour

All of 6W

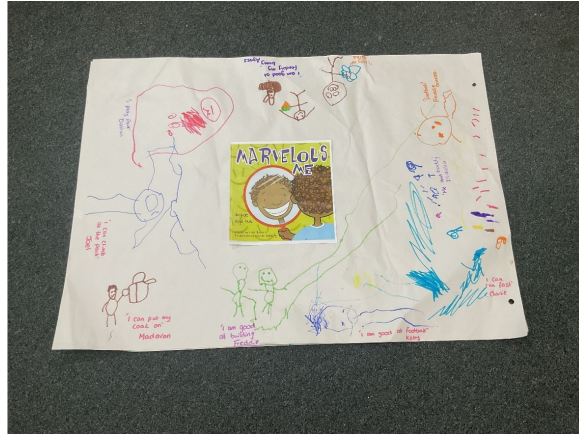
For a fantastic residential trip to Winmarleigh Hall! You all had a great attitude when trying new activities for the first time, conquered fears and had lots of fun!



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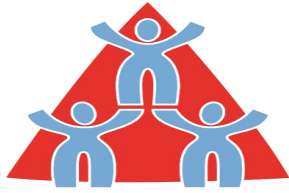
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In **Reception W** PE session this week we took scarves into the hall and created shapes and patterns using all of our body. We also created story maps about the things we do that make us unique and marvellous! We have so many wonderful skills in Reception W and we cannot wait to see them grow and develop during our time together



Reception F 'Observational painting' to develop visual motor integration skills

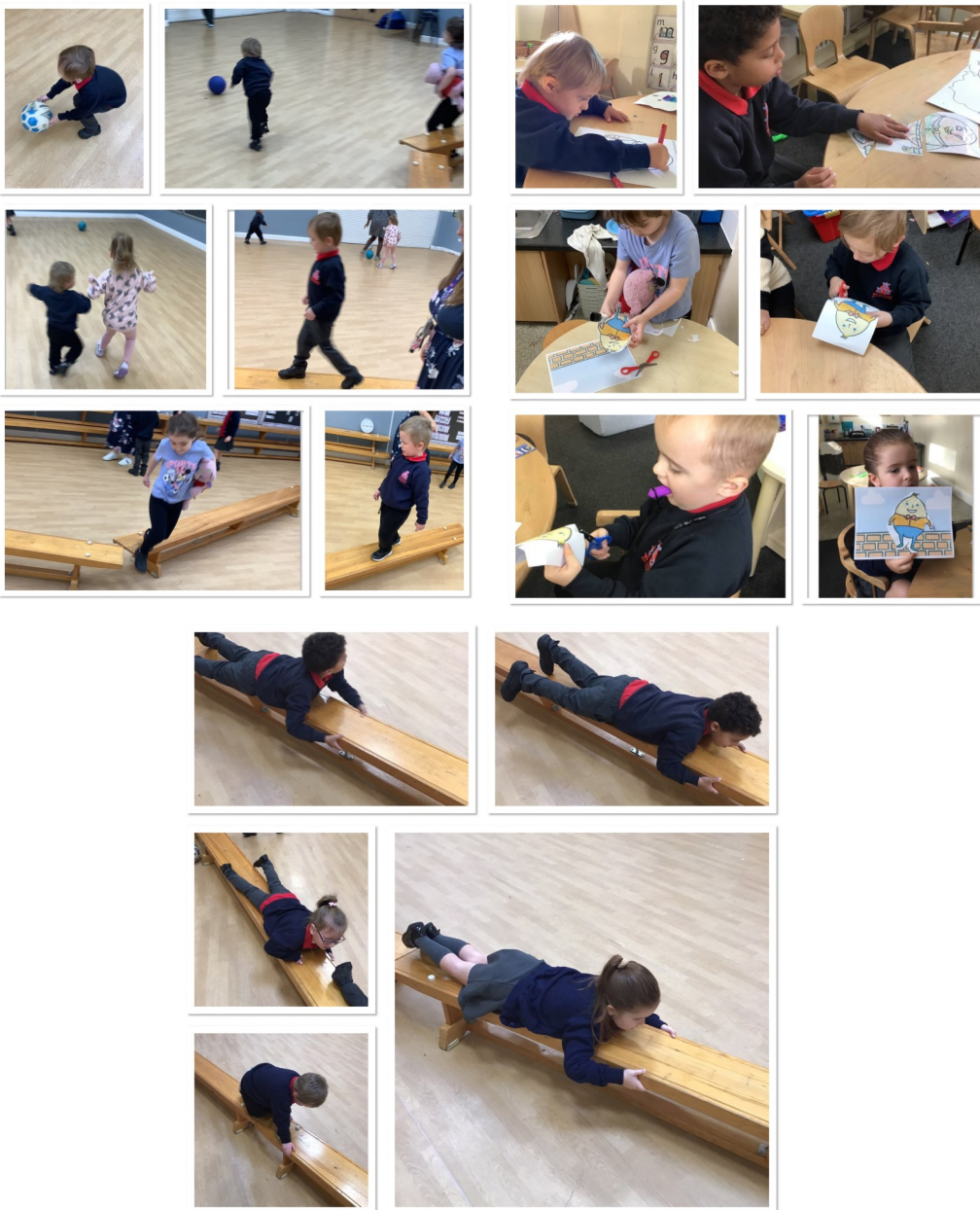




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We've been developing our gross and fine motor skills this week in **POD 1**. In the hall we've been balancing on the benches and pulling ourselves along with our arms as well as practising our ball skills. Our nursery rhyme is Humpty Dumpty, we cut out pictures of him and created pictures of him sitting on or falling off the wall! Then we coloured in pictures of him to make jigsaws, and to see if we could put him together again.





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Important Dates



- **Whole school individual photographs - Friday 26th September - *further details to follow***
- **Parents Day - Monday 6th October 3.30 – 6pm - *further details to follow***
- **Parents Day - Wednesday 8th October 3.30 - 6pm - *further details to follow***
- **Reception Class Group photograph - Friday 10th October - *further details to follow***

Polite Notice — Parking

Can we please remind you that it is illegal to park on the pavement or grassed areas or to block either the entrance or exit to the school as per the attached photos. Doing this is putting our parents and children's lives at danger. If this continues we shall unfortunately have no option but to report vehicles to the appropriate authorities.





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AUTUMN TERM 2025 WIGAN BOROUGH LIBRARIES NEWS 

Welcome to the **Autumn Term 2025** edition of the **Wigan Borough libraries school's newsletter**.

Featured in this edition are:
YR library card scheme
Wigan Athletic partnership
October half term fun
Christmas Book Fair

DID YOU KNOW?
 You can join our libraries **for FREE!**

Giving you access to all 15 libraries in the Wigan borough, including book loans, use of public computers, public Wi-fi access, use of the Borrowbox app and so much more!!

Borrow Box.

OUR FIFTEEN LIBRARIES
FIND OUT MORE AT
WWW.WIGAN.GOV.UK/RESIDENT/LIBRARIES

Wigan Library	wigan.library@wigan.gov.uk	01942 827621
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The Grange Library	thegrange.library@wigan.gov.uk	01942 831303
Tyldesley Library	tyldesley.library@wigan.gov.uk	01942 488497

FREE Class Visits

Arranging to bring your class to the library is very easy - simply ring/email the library you would like to visit and they will book you in for a **FREE** library induction visit. You can find the library locations and contact details at <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Libraries/Find-a-library.aspx>

DID YOU KNOW?
 You can set up a class membership card on which every child can take out a book for 3 months - these can be kept in school and returned on your next visit - this gives every child the experience of choosing a book.

Please encourage people in your school community to follow us on social media to find out about the activities and opportunities within our libraries.

 Wigan Libraries  wigan_libraries
 @WiganLibraries  eventbrite Wigan Libraries

YR library card scheme
FREE

An opportunity for **EVERY YR child** to become a **LIBRARY MEMBER!**

Wigan borough libraries YR card scheme is back! Schools will receive communications in September outlining how every YR child can become a member, giving them and their families access to the opportunities within all 15 library sites; "the heartbeat of our local communities".
 (David Molyneux, Leader of Wigan Council).

Wigan Athletic partnership

LATICS CLUB

Wigan Athletic FC would like school staff views to help inform their Primary Schools Engagement and Experience Programme. Contact Jonathan Meehan to find out more j.meehan@wiganathletic.com
 Look out for Wigan Athletic Heritage sessions coming soon to our libraries!

October half term fun!

Let's Pretend Room On The Broom Special
 25th October
 11.30am-12.30pm
 Leigh library

Join Emma from Let's Pretend for a Room On The Broom Halloween Special - tickets £6 per child bookable at www.letspretendemma.com

Creepy Tales with Dan Worsley
 29th October
 10.30am-12.00pm
 Standish library

FREE Children's author, Dan Worsley, will share stories from his **BRAND NEW** book of short stories - suitable for scary story fans aged 8+
 Book via our Eventbrite page



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October half term fun!

FREE

The Big Monster Bake with Fiona Barker

Halloween Storytime Event

Join author Fiona Barker for an interactive Halloween story-time, featuring spooky monster colouring and book signings!

Thursday 30th October
Wigan Library
11-12pm

Signed copies available

Seeing The Invisible with Daresbury laboratory

FREE

30th October
2.00-3.00pm
Leigh library

Join Wendy from Daresbury Laboratory for a family friendly look at how the James Webb Telescope helps us to see the universe in new ways.
[Book via our Eventbrite page](#)

October half term fun!

give it a grow WIGAN
campaign for the bees



Give It A Grow Wigan will run these fun family friendly sessions -
2 day Clay Making and Painting,
Gratitude Trees workshop,
Spooky Wands and Hats Making.
Details and tickets available via our [Eventbrite page](#).

Christmas Book Fair

Wigan library Saturday 22nd November 10am-1pm

Meet more than 40 local authors, both children's and adults, with the chance to buy signed copies as special gifts for loved ones (or yourself!)



PLUS meet Father Christmas, enjoy Science fun with Daresbury Lab, digital fun with Computer Xplorers and FREE face painting /crafts/refreshments!

Saturday family fun!

FREE

Chess Club



Lego Club



Crafts



And More!!

Lots of FREE family fun across our libraries **EVERY Saturday!**
find out more by visiting www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Libraries

Please help to keep our site clean and tidy and use the bins provided for litter.

Thank you

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As part of the Family Hub offer, the Mental Health Support Team in Schools are offering a series of parent/carer workshops to provide psychoeducation and support around anxiety and low mood during the October half term across each of our Family Hubs. Please share across your teams and promote to all families you are working with. Please see below Eventbrite links to book, **booking is essential.**

The workshops will outline what anxiety or low mood is, the symptoms, and how this impacts children and young people. We will provide support strategies to help manage the physical and emotional feelings of anxiety and low mood.

Workshops are 60 minutes long and will be delivered by the Mental Health Support Team in Schools as part of the Wigan Borough Family Hub offer. If your child is struggling with anxiety or low mood or preparing for transition, this will be a useful, informative workshop for you! We look forward to meeting you. Dates of each session and Family Hub are detailed below, all sessions must be booked via this link -

[Wigan Mental Health Support Team in Schools Events - 1 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

Westleigh Start Well Family Centre	
Tuesday 28 th October	
Time	Workshop
10:00-11:00	Anxiety
13:00-14:00	Low Mood
15:30-16:30	Anxiety

Family Hub at the Meadows	
Tuesday 28 th October 2025	
Time	Workshop
10:00-11:00	Anxiety
13:00-14:00	Low Mood
15:30-16:30	Anxiety
Wednesday 29 th October 2025	
Time	Workshop
10:00-11:00	Anxiety
Family Hub at Formby Avenue	
Wednesday 29 th October 2025	
Time	Workshop
10:00-11:00	Anxiety
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Family Hub Clifton Street Wigan	
Wednesday 29 th October 2025	
Time	Workshop
13:00-14:00	Low Mood
15:00-16:00	Anxiety
Family Hub at Mornington Road	
Thursday 30 th October 2025	
Time	Workshop
10:00-11:00	Anxiety
13:00-14:00	Low Mood
15:30-16:30	Anxiety

WORKSHOP FOR LOW MOOD

delivered by the Mental Health Support Team

WHAT IS LOW MOOD? WHAT CAN HELP? WHY ME?

Looking at low mood signs, symptoms and statistics

How low mood is maintained

The Vicious Cycle

- feel low**
Feel low, down and sad
Feel tired and exhausted
Feel bad or guilty
Feel unmotivated
Feel hopeless or like nothing will get better
- do less**
Slow down physically and mentally
Do less things that you'd normally do
Avoid seeing/interacting with friends/family
Find it difficult to find motivation to do things

get less out of life
Stop getting enjoyment from life, and losing all sense of achievement and feel isolated from others.

Managing low mood: Tools and techniques

When to go if you need support

PSYCHOEDUCATION FOR ANXIETY

delivered by the Mental Health Support Team

WHY DO WE WORRY?

WHAT IS ANXIETY

WHY ME?

Remember! These feelings are normal and are caused by our body's natural reactions!

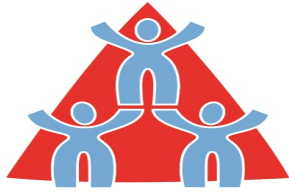
FIGHT FREEZE FLIGHT

What do you find particularly useful during the workshop?

ID	Name	Response
1	emma	see
2	emma	helpful
3	emma	helpful for explaining why things happen
4	emma	helpful and easy to understand

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Wigan Council

**MAKE EVERY JOURNEY SAFE:
Children in vehicles**

Your child's safety starts with the right fit. **Not every child seat fits every car – or every child.** It's essential to choose a seat that's right for your vehicle and suitable for your child's height and/or weight and age. Always check both before you buy or install.

Always make sure their car seat is properly secured in your vehicle—and that your child is correctly strapped in. Every car and car seat is different, so always follow the manufacturer's instructions for both. This leaflet is here to give you clear, practical tips to help keep your little one safe on every trip.



DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Nearly **2 out of 3 child car seats** are fitted incorrectly.*
- ✓ Over **4,250 babies and children** are killed or injured in vehicles every year.**
- ✓ At just **5mph**, an unrestrained child can suffer **fatal injuries**.
- ✓ **Rear-facing seats** can make children **up to 95% safer** in a crash.***
- ✓ **Not every car seat fits every car**—or every seat position.
- ✓ Some **legal car seats haven't been crash tested** to the highest safety standards.

* Based on Good Egg Safety CIC Community Checks. ** Based on DfT Stats 19 year average up to 2022. *** Nordic Traffic Medicine Association.

www.goodeggscarsafety.com

After a Crash, Always Replace – If you're involved in a collision, it's strongly recommended to **replace all child car seats**—even if they weren't in use at the time. The impact can cause hidden damage that affects their safety. Always check with the seat's manufacturer for their specific guidance.

This is also why you should **never buy a second-hand car seat**—you can't be sure of its history or seat integrity.

Don't leave loose items in the car—during a collision, they become dangerous missiles. Even a small object like a mobile phone can strike with the force of a brick, causing serious injury.

Two Ways to Fit a Car Seat – There are two main ways to install a car seat: **using the vehicle's seatbelt** or **using ISOFIX anchor points**. Both methods are equally safe—if installed correctly.

However, **ISOFIX** often reduces the risk of incorrect fitting. Many ISOFIX seats come with **green indicators** to show when the seat is properly secured, giving added peace of mind.

INFANT CARRIER ADVICE

- ✓ **Check the Carry Handle Position** – On many infant carriers, the carry handle doubles as a **roll bar in a crash**, offering vital protection. **Always position it correctly**, as per your car seat manual, **before every journey**.
- ✓ **Limit Car Seat Time for Newborns** – Newborn babies shouldn't be in a car seat for more than **30 minutes at a time**. Staying in a seated position too long can **restrict their airway** and affect their breathing.
- ✓ **The Right Recline Matters** – Infant car seats are designed with a **slight incline** to help keep your baby's **airway open**. This angle prevents their **chin from falling onto their chest**, which can restrict breathing. Always follow the manufacturer's guidance to make sure the seat is **installed at the correct angle**.

LEGAL VS SAFE

Rear-Facing for Longer is Safer – While it's legal to turn your child forward-facing earlier, the safest choice is to keep them rear-facing until they're at least 4 years old.

That's because a child's neck and spine aren't fully developed until around age 4–6. In a crash, their body isn't strong enough to withstand the forward forces—putting them at risk of serious injury or even death.

Rear-facing seats provide crucial support and protection when it matters most.

If rear facing, the straps should come out of the back of the child seat level or slightly below the child's shoulders. If forward facing, the straps should be level or slightly above the child's shoulders.

Ensure no straps are twisted to evenly distribute the force across the body in a collision.

Straps should go across the pelvic bone when using a 5 point harness.

Harness straps should sit close to your child's neck—not slipping off the shoulders. You should only be able to fit **two fingers** snugly between the strap and your child's collar bone.

Don't put thick/padded clothing on your child when travelling. In the force of a collision, the fabric will compress, and your child can be ejected from the car seat.



Is Your Child Ready to Travel Without a Car Seat? By law, children must use a car seat until they're 135cm tall or 12 years old—whichever comes first. However, due to different torso heights, it's best to wait until your child also passes the **five-step safety check** shown in this diagram.


The seatbelt should pass over their shoulder/collar bone and not their neck.

The child can sit with their bottom at the back of the seat, with their knees bent over the edge of the seat and their feet flat on the floor.

The seatbelt should pass over their hip bones and not their stomach.

If the seatbelt sits across soft areas like the neck or stomach instead of strong bones like the collarbone and pelvis, it can cause serious internal injuries in a crash. Always check the belt fits low and snug over the hips.

High-back booster seats offer better protection than basic booster cushions. They support your child's head, neck, and sides—especially in dangerous yet common side-impact crashes. **Check your car's headrests.** They shouldn't push the child seat forward or block a safe, snug fit. **Never** remove the vehicle headrest.

Always refer to your **car and car seat manufacturers manuals** for the most accurate safety guidance tailored to your vehicle and seat. For more information visit: www.wigan.gov.uk/childcarsafety

Wigan Council www.goodeggscarsafety.com

Thanks go to: Good Egg Safety CIC (www.goodeggscarsafety.com), Riot Act (www.riotact.co.uk) Referenced: DfT Casualty Statistics, Nordic Traffic Medicine Association, RAC Foundation, dreamstime ID 120229547.



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Connect, play and learn

Activities and classes for families with babies and toddlers.

- Everyone is welcome
- Completely free
- No need to book
- Activities running all day

Fridays in term time only
09:30 – 14:30

Wigan Youth Zone
Parson's Walk, Wigan WN1 1RU

Any questions please contact us:
email: hello@babyzone.org.uk
facebook: /babyzoneUK
instagram: @babyzoneUK

Working with local partnerships to support families in the Wigan and Leigh community.



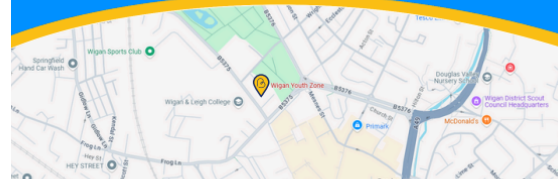
Join our WhatsApp community to:

- Stay up to date with what's on each week
- Get useful tips and resources for your family
- Hear the latest news from Babyzone Wigan



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