



# Bickershaw Church of England Primary School

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## January Newsletter 2026

### Mobile Telephone Numbers

Can you please let the school office know if your mobile number has changed. It is vital we have up-to-date contact details in case we need to contact you for any reason.

### Procedure for collecting children from school forms

If there are any changes to the information you provided before Christmas please inform the school office as children will only be able to go home with the authorised adults you have listed.

### Coats

Can we please ask that all children coming to school bring a coat with them every day. Children will not be allowed outside at playtime without a coat.

### Money Raised this half term

Christingle	£260.66
Wigan & Leigh Hospice	£109.90
Children in Need	£120.00



### Summer swimmers are made in winter.

Get the kids ready for the summer holidays with Be Well's Learn to Swim programme! Keep them active, happy, and healthy over the winter months as they build confidence, learn valuable life-skills and make friends. Use the following link [BeWell Wigan Offer](#) now to secure 50% off for your child's first 2 months membership.

### NSPCC Number Day 2026

On **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026** we will be joining thousands of schools for a mega maths-inspired fundraising day to raise money for the NSPCC.

Children can come in number themed clothes and bring a £1 donation.

### Children's Mental Health Week 2026

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on **9-15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. The theme this year is 'This is My Place', and the aim is to support the systems around children and young people to help them feel they belong.

### Our Christian Values

Our Christian value for Spring Term 1 is **Agape**.

### Safer Internet Day 2026

We will be celebrating Safer Internet Day on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. The theme this year is: 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

### PGL Interim Payment

The next PGL interim payment of £60 is due by **13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

### Education Penalty Notices

With effect from the 19 August 2024, the law changed and penalty notices for unauthorised absences have increased. Penalty charges are £160 if paid within 28 days reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days per parent/carer per child.

Please see the attached letter from Wigan Council regarding the changes.

### Attendance

Congratulations to **Y4/5** on their attendance in December! Their attendance was the best in school with 95.8%. Below is a list of each classes' attendance for the month.

Year	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3/4	Y4/5	Y6	Total
%	91.7	90.4	93.0	92.8	95.8	90.4	<b>94.0</b>

School's target for attendance is 96%

### Citizenships Awards

Well done to the pupils who received the Citizenship Award in December! Citizenship Awards are given for displaying Christian/British values in and around school.

Child	Class
Darryl	Y5/6
Daniel	Y4/5
Charlie	Y1

### School Closed over half term

School will be closed from the usual time on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** for half term and will reopen on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**.



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## Diary Dates

School Church Service – in Church Led by Y1	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Y3/Y6 last swimming session	Wednesday 04 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
School Church Service – in Church Led by YR	Friday 06 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Whole School Number Day for NSPCC. Children dress in number theme – donate a £1	Friday 06 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Celebration Assembly – Infant	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Celebration Assembly – Junior	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
School Closes for Half Term	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
School Open for Spring Term 2	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026 – 8:50am
School Church Service – In Church Led by Y5/6	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Parents' Evening Whole School	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March & Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026 3.30pm-7.00pm
School Church Service – In Church Led by Y4/5	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
School Church Service – In Church Led by Y3/4	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Red Nose Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
School Church Service – In Church Led by Y2	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
School Church Service – In Church Led by Y1	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
School Easter Service – in Church	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026 – 2pm
Celebration Assembly – Infant	Wednesday 01 <sup>st</sup> April 2026
Easter Bunny Express	Wednesday 01 <sup>st</sup> April 2026
Celebration Assembly – Junior	Thursday 02 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026
School Closes For Easter	Thursday 02 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026