# NEWSLETTER SACRED HINDSFORD



## Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well.

Today is the last day of the half term, a very long half term - eight weeks. Despite the academic year being split into six half terms, we've actually completed over a fifth of the school year already. Don't be surprised if your child is 'shattered' this weekend and over the half term break. Don't forget the clocks go back this weekend too, so darker mornings and evenings are on their way.

Congratulations to the 85 children who received their 100% attendance certificate for this half term. If your child has been absent this half term but are in every day next half term, then they will receive their certificate. Don't forget, if you're in every day for the whole year, you win your own attendance 'teddy'.

100% attendance for the Term by class:

Reception - 48 %

Year 1 - 40 %

Year 2 - 59 %

Year 3 - 48 %

Year 4 - 57 %

Year 5 - 47 %

Year 6 - 43 %

Attendance Data for the Term by class:

Reception - 92.2 %

Year 1 - 94.7%

Year 2 - 96.5 %

Year 3 - 96.3 %

Year 4 - 95.8 %

Year 5 - 96.7 %

Year 6 - 95.3 %

Whole School - 95.6 %

Congratulations to Year 4 on being the half term winners.

We have also been monitoring punctuality, this half term we have 1345 minutes recorded as late for our pupils. This equates to 4.27 whole days of lost learning. Every late arrival can make it harder for children to settle into their learning and can disrupt the start of lessons. Please help us reduce this figure next half term. A huge thank you and well done to all the children who arrive on time and ready to learn each day!

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend and half term break

#### **Entrance to School**

A reminder that school operates a one way system into and out of school. This is for the safety of the children, parents and drivers. Entrance to school is down the pathway and not down the car park driveway. The car park is a working car park for staff and visitors.

When leaving, parents can choose to walk up the pathway or up the car park driveway - facing any on coming cars.

#### Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend last night's Parents' Evening session. If you missed your session or were unable to make the meetings last night, staff will contact you when we return after the half term break.

Our next session is the Pupil-Parent Conference session on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. This date has already been uploaded to the Events tab on the school website.

#### **ATSA Events**

Well done to all of the children who have represented school in a range of events this half term. If your child brings home an ATSA slip, please sign and return by the date stated. If your child is unable to attend, then please also return the form stating that your child is unable to attend. This ensures we can offer the opportunity to another child. This is imperative as it means we are able to still compete against the strict guidelines of ATSA events. Where schools withdraw from an event, especially at late notice, those schools are then 'banned' from taking part in that event next year. Last minute illnesses are unavoidable, but where children have no intent on participating and parents don't inform school, then this has a significant impact on others this year and next year.

### **Important Dates**

Parents/carers of Year 6 pupils please don't forget to apply for your child's high school place via the Wigan Council School portal -

High School Application - Link here - <u>Secondary schools</u> Please apply before the deadline date 31st October 2025

Reception Class place application - Link here - Primary school admissions

Please apply before deadline date – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Reception				
Golden Ticket	Athena	Following our school rules and showing respect during whole class activities.		
Golden Ticket	Diyaan	Wonderful name writing.		
Golden Ticket	Karter	Taking more of an active role in lessons.		
Reading Champion	Geesilu	Celebrating great home reading.		
Communication	Fraser	Fraser is an effective communicator and is always willing to share his thoughts, feelings and ideas.		

Year One		
Golden Ticket	Betsy	Confidently using part- whole models and the plus and equals symbol. Well done!
Golden Ticket	Emaleah	Great work in PE developing her throwing and catching skills.
Golden Ticket	Penny C	A fabulous picture and sentence using adjectives in Drawing Club this week.
Reading Champion	Kaeden	Celebrating great home reading.
Communication	Penny G	Penny can talk about her ideas confidently in phonics and Drawing Club and use mathematical language when answer questions.

Year Two				
Golden Ticket	Blaine	Listening carefully in History and working well with a partner to design an improved plan for London after learning what caused the fire to spread.		
Golden Ticket	Luca	Writing some wonderful sentences about owls and he is remembering to read his sentences back.		
Reading Champion	Piotr	Celebrating great home reading.		
Communication	Freddie	Working hard on pronouncing some of the sounds he finds tricky and making excellent progress!		

Year Three					
Golden Ticket	Albie	A confident approach to column subtraction with exchanges.			
Golden Ticket	Bridget	Using alliteration and senses to plan a poem.			
Golden Ticket	Olly	A concentrated effort to work with his peers in a mature manner.			
Reading Champion	Theodore	Celebrating great home reading.			
Communication	Arthur	Articulating himself well in Maths and answering in full sentences.			
Year Four	Year Four				
Golden Ticket	Harry	Planning and using synonyms of 'said' throughout his poem.			
Golden Ticket	Jane	Excellent effort when using the column method to add 4 digit numbers with 1 exchange.			
Golden Ticket	Suliman	Working hard to improve his handwriting, specifically capital letters.			
Reading Champion	Louisa	Celebrating great home reading.			
Communication	Andrea	Always speaking in full sentences and giving brilliant explanations.			
Year Five					
Golden Ticket	Bob	Excellent contributions to shared writing.			
Golden Ticket	Jennifer	Excellent contributions to shared writing.			
Golden Ticket	Kejden	Showing improvements when spelling independently.			
Reading Champion	Artur	Celebrating great home reading.			
Communication	Jacob	Communicating his learning about the Vikings with clarity, enthusiasm and well-placed humour.			
Year Six					
Golden Ticket	Ava	Always being ready, respectful and safe.			
Golden Ticket	Freddie	Creatively redesigning his product in art.			
Golden Ticket	Kieron	Participating positively in Maths lessons.			
		Celebrating great home reading.			
Reading Champion	Joshua	Celebrating great norme redaing.			