



# THE STANDARD

6th March 2026

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WORLD BOOK  
DAY 2026

ANNIE  
PRODUCTION

GOODBYE MRS  
CHARNOCK

# Message from Mrs Barker, Headteacher



**W**elcome to the fourth edition of The Standish Standard this calendar year!

We're excited to welcome our new Year 6 students who will be joining us in September (page 3). It's the start of an exciting journey for them – and we can't wait to get going! Information will be shared in due course so please look out for updates on our usual social media platforms. I'd also like to announce that we have additional Year 7 places for September 2026 – so please do get in touch if you were considering Standish for your child.

I also had the pleasure this week of watching this year's amazing school production of Annie at Wigan and Leigh College's professional theatre space. It was quite an emotional event to see the level of talent, enthusiasm and enjoyment on stage. It may have been an hour and a half of songs and laughter, but what we didn't see on the stage are the countless hours of hard work, rehearsals and effort from the students, the staff and the support that their families and carers have given too. You can see some of the wonderful pictures on page 7.

And today, we're hosting our annual careers fair – a major event in the school calendar! There'll be lots more information and photos to enjoy next time so watch this space!

In the world of reading, we have celebrated World Book Day (page 15) but also say farewell to our school librarian, Mrs Charnock (page 4). The library will not be the same without you Mrs Charnock so thank you for everything you've done!

Finally, congratulations to all the students in Miss Tina's Dance School (page 17), our latest batch of Sparx maths winners (page 16), our amazing Panathlon winners (page 18) and, last but by no means least, our talented Year 8 student, Fearne, who is the PULSE Lyrical champion (page 19). Even compared to our usual standards, what an amazing bunch of achievements!

I wish you all a safe and restful weekend!

Mrs Barker,  
Headteacher

# Welcome to our Class of 2031!



Congratulations to all Year 6 students from our local primary schools and community who have secured a place with us at Standish Community High School for September 2026!

We are absolutely thrilled to welcome our newest students 'the Class of 2031!' and their families to our wonderful school community. Your exciting journey with us is just beginning and we can't wait to be part of every step: new friendships, new experiences and endless opportunities!

We're looking forward to meeting you all soon and helping you settle into life at Standish Community High School. Further information will be shared with families in due course – so please keep an eye out for updates.

Here's to an amazing adventure ahead!

Please do get in touch by emailing [data@standishchs.org.uk](mailto:data@standishchs.org.uk).

# Goodbye Mrs Charnock!

*Freya, Head Prefect and one of Mrs Charnock's longest serving student librarians, caught up with Mrs Charnock as she prepares to embark on a new career challenge...*

**Freya: What were your first impressions of Standish?**

Mrs Charnock: An amazing place! Straight away I could tell it was a great place with great pupils and staff members too. I saw it as an amazing opportunity.

**Freya: How many years have you been at Standish? And what have you enjoyed the most?**

Mrs Charnock: I have been here for nearly ten years now – how time flies! I have always enjoyed being with students though – that's always been the highlight of every day. When students find a great book and are eager to come back and tell me about it, that's such a lovely feeling!

**Freya: Can you share an interesting fact about yourself? Anything about you people would be surprised to know?**

Mrs Charnock: I'm not sure if people would be surprised to know or not but I have a pet tortoise called Trevor!

**Freya: Could you tell us about your career and how you ended up at Standish?**

Mrs Charnock: I have worked for public libraries for a very long time - since 2004 in one way or another. I used to work for the prison service in their library system. I really enjoyed that before I decided to join Standish High – and, as I say, I've been here since!

**Freya: What are you going to do next?**

Mrs Charnock: I am going to a different school in Salford to be a librarian there. Hopefully, I'll be able to raise the profile of their school library too.

**Freya: If you could describe yourself in one word, what would it be?**

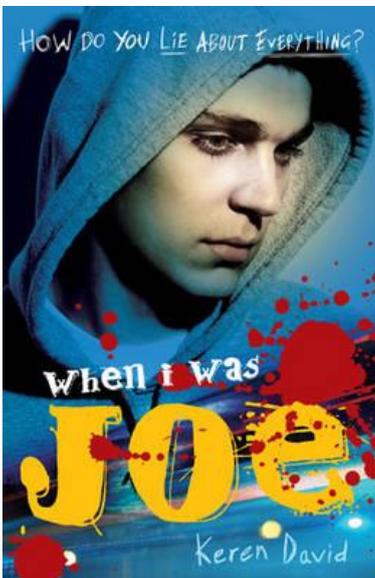
Mrs Charnock: Ooh that's a hard one! I think I'd say dedicated - because I want to share my passion for reading with all the students here at Standish. I hope that's what I've done.

**Freya: If there was one thing you could say to everyone at Standish, what would it be?**

Mrs Charnock: Just thank you! Thank you for all the wonderful memories and experiences. They will always stay with me.



## Mrs Charnock's favourite books!

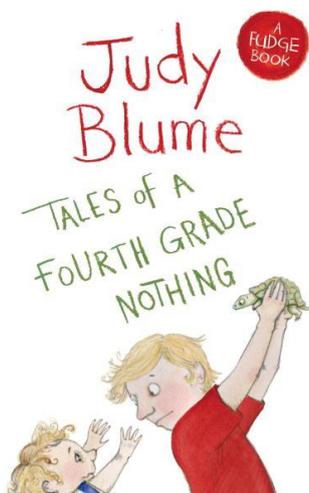


A 14-year-old boy and his mum go into witness protection after he gives evidence about a fatal stabbing

When Ty witnesses a stabbing, his own life is in danger from the criminals he's named, and he and his mum have to go into police protection.

Ty has a new name, a new look and a cool new image - life as Joe is good, especially when he gets talent spotted as a potential athletics star, special training from an attractive local celebrity and a lot of female attention.

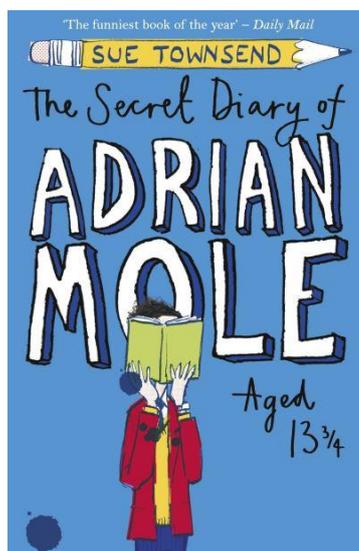
But his mum can't cope with her new life, and the gangsters will stop at nothing to flush them from hiding. Joe's cracking under extreme pressure, and then he meets a girl with dark secrets of her own.



The story of a nine-year-old boy and his naughty younger brother.

Peter thinks he has the world's biggest problem - his little brother, Fudge. Fudge causes trouble wherever he goes and it's usually up to Peter to sort out the mess.

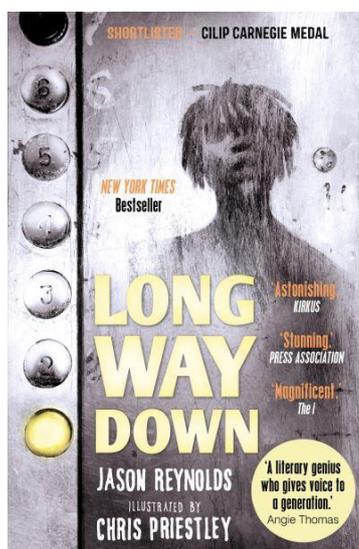
When Peter wins a tiny green turtle called Dribble, he's determined to keep it away from his brother. But when Fudge does get his hands on Dribble - disaster strikes!



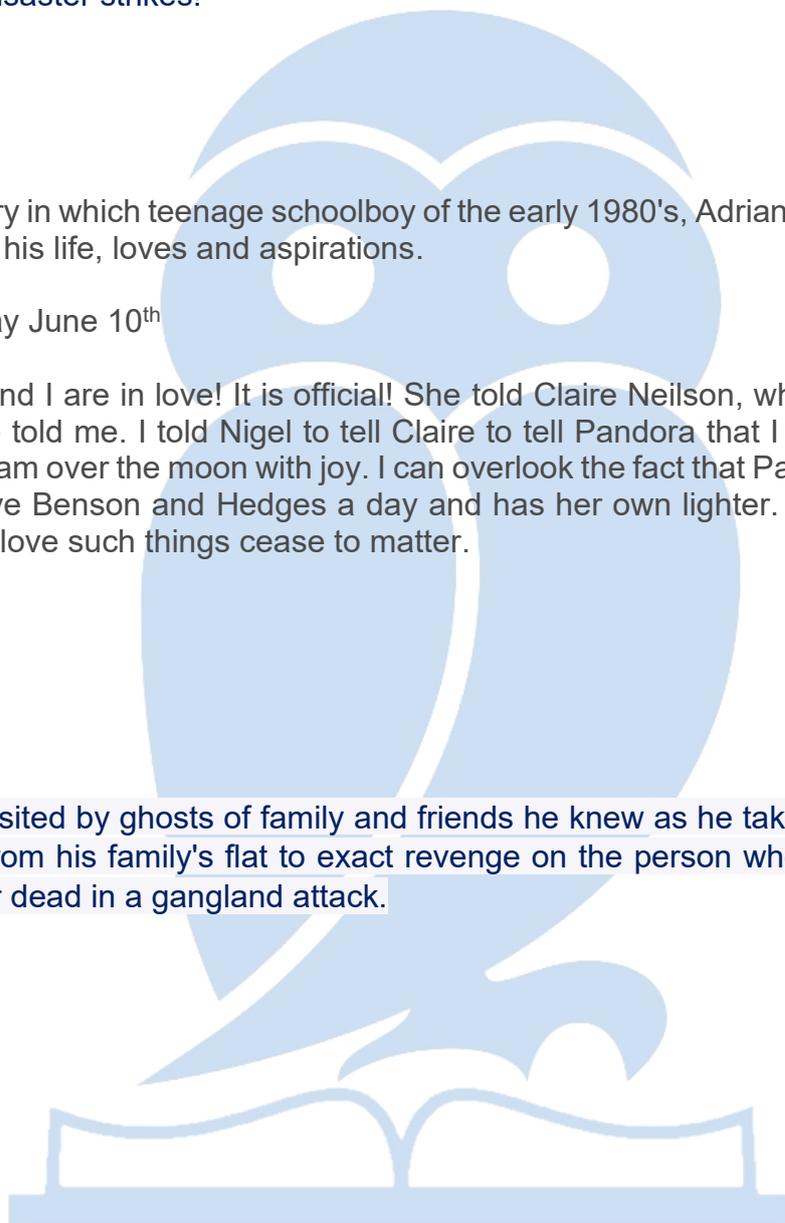
Secret diary in which teenage schoolboy of the early 1980's, Adrian Mole, chronicles his life, loves and aspirations.

Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>

Pandora and I are in love! It is official! She told Claire Neilson, who told Nigel, who told me. I told Nigel to tell Claire to tell Pandora that I return her love. I am over the moon with joy. I can overlook the fact that Pandora smokes five Benson and Hedges a day and has her own lighter. When you are in love such things cease to matter.



A boy is visited by ghosts of family and friends he knew as he takes the lift down from his family's flat to exact revenge on the person who shot his brother dead in a gangland attack.



**Happy reading!**

# Fabulous Annie Performance!

Congratulations to the cast of Annie for their amazing performances at Wigan & Leigh College over three evenings this week. We were bowled over by the amount of talent, dedication and enthusiasm displayed and we are so proud of every student. Enjoy your wrap party – very well deserved!

















*A special thanks to Mrs Appleton for her photographs!*

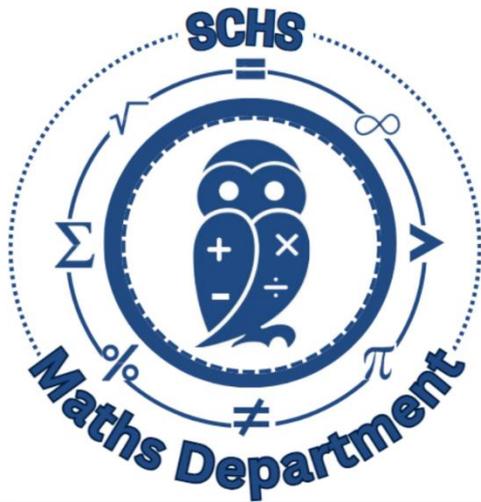
## Premier League Booky Footy Quiz 2026

On Thursday, World Book Day, we had nearly fifty Year 7 students in the LRC - proudly donning their favourite football kits - to take part in the National Literacy Trust's Booky, Footy Quiz. The students answered two rounds of questions - all read out by authors, Premier League stars and stars of the Women's Super League. Mrs Charnock, our school librarian, said, "It's wonderful to see how excited and enthusiastic the students are - it's not often we get football chants in the library!"

The event was part of a range of activities the school has organised to celebrate World Book Day - watch this space for news next time of all the events and fun!



# News from Maths



A massive congratulations to all our students for their hard work in maths last half term. Many individuals have worked really hard with their Sparx homework and have been congratulated and rewarded.

Well done everyone!



### YEAR 7

HIGHEST XP FOR THE TERM

Amar M	Thiya G
Leo N	Eliza G
Kareem I	Hannah F
Alexander C	Temitayo O
Paxton L	Dominik M

OVERALL WINNING CLASS

7TS

CONGRATULATIONS  
MATHS DEPARTMENT

### YEAR 8

HIGHEST XP FOR THE TERM

Noah B	Violet B	Imani D
Megan L	Zoe L	Anton B
Scarlett J	Olivia D	Rose O

OVERALL WINNING CLASS

8L2

CONGRATULATIONS  
MATHS DEPARTMENT

### YEAR 9

HIGHEST XP FOR THE TERM

Aria A	Myles L
Jacob S	Scarlett OM
Oliver M	Megan K
Lottie F	Evie C
Maddison H	Riyaz K

OVERALL WINNING CLASS

9T1

CONGRATULATIONS  
MATHS DEPARTMENT

### YEAR 10

HIGHEST XP FOR THE TERM

Joseph B	Max T	Martha T
Evie T	Jacob K	Bobby H
Ellie D	Evie B	Lucy P
Maja B	Eva H	Ben W

OVERALL WINNING CLASS

10L1

CONGRATULATIONS  
MATHS DEPARTMENT

## Dance Show Success

The talented dancers of Miss Tina's Dance School performed at Bolton's Albert Halls, lighting up the stage with their spectacular show, *Dance the Night Away*, performed across six fantastic shows. Each show was a celebration of movement, music and creativity, showcasing an impressive variety of genres including ballet, pointe, tap, modern, national and jazz.

Our students from Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 demonstrated not only their skills but also their passion for the arts, keeping the audiences captivated and highlighting their incredible versatility. Behind the scenes, the girls work incredibly hard, attending dance classes up to five days a week and balancing rehearsals with their school commitments. In addition to entertaining audiences, Miss Tina's Dance School continues its wonderful tradition of supporting a chosen charity each year, this year supporting Wigan & Leigh Hospice. Thanks to the generosity of supporters and the success of the performances, an impressive £1,560 was raised.

The show was not only a triumph of talent and teamwork, but also a powerful reminder of how the arts can bring people together and make a meaningful difference in the community.



## Fabulous Panathlon Performance

In February, our Year 7 and 8 students represented Standish Community High School at a fantastic Panathlon event, accompanied by Mrs Walker and Mrs Barlow. Competing against schools from across Wigan, the team took part in a range of sporting activities including football, basketball and ball-handling challenges.

We are delighted to announce that, after a wonderful day, they finished in first place and have now qualified for the finals next month in Manchester against many schools in the Northwest.

Well done to everyone involved on this outstanding achievement!



## Fearne's Fantastic Performance



We are incredibly proud to announce that one of our talented Year 8 students, Fearne, has achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place in the PULSE Lyrical Competition at Accrington Town Hall.

Competing against an impressive 75 competitors, Fearne demonstrated exceptional talent, dedication, and passion to secure the top spot. This remarkable achievement is a true testament to Fearne's hard work, resilience, and commitment to excellence.

Fearne's success perfectly reflects our school ethos — striving to be the very best, showing determination in the face of challenge and always giving 100%. We are so proud of the perseverance and positive attitude that led to this well-deserved victory.

Congratulations, Fearne! You are an inspiration to us all, and we cannot wait to see what you achieve next.

## News from PE

*Ellie and William are back with their sports round-up of the week.*

## Football news



Year 9 football B team had a narrow defeat to Hawkley Hall, losing 1-0 after dominating the game. The game saw a few debuts for new players, and all performed well. The player of the match was Ellery R.

The Under 13s girls squad travel to Altrincham next week for the quarter final of the Greater Manchester Cup competition. We wish them good luck in what is going to be a very high-level competition.



## Sports Leadership Academy news

Our Football Sport Leaders will be supporting this year's International Women's Day football event at Laithwaite Park. The fourteen leaders have completed their GO Lead, Go Coach and GO referee courses in preparation for the festival. Good luck all!

**MADE FOR  
THIS GAME DAY**  
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

LUNCHTIME CLUB

FOOTBALL TAKEOVER

GIRLS FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

AFTER SCHOOL FOOTIE

On Friday 6th March we would like to show that every girl is  
**MADE FOR THIS GAME!**

Join the movement, get your school involved!

Let your Girls Football Strategic Lead know what you are  
planning and be in with a chance to win the Special Recognition  
Award for your Borough!

ENGLAND FOOTBALL

GREATER MANCHESTER FOOTBALL

**MADE FOR  
This Game**

BARCLAYS  
GIRLS' FOOTBALL  
SCHOOL  
PARTNERSHIPS  
BY ENGLAND FOOTBALL

## International Women's Day

Support Wigan Athletics' Ladies and our former student Holly Mason at a special event day at Edge Hall Road, to celebrate International Women's Day. Our very own Sports reporter Ellie has been asked to referee the half time exhibition match at the stadium. We are looking forward to reading Ellie's report of her experience.

International Women's Day

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY  
AT EDGE HALL ROAD

WIGAN ATHLETIC 1932

WHITEHAVEN AMATEUR F.C.

WIGAN ATHLETIC WOMEN V WHITEHAVEN AFC

**SUNDAY 8 MARCH**  
**2.00PM**

CALISEN Smarter energy for all

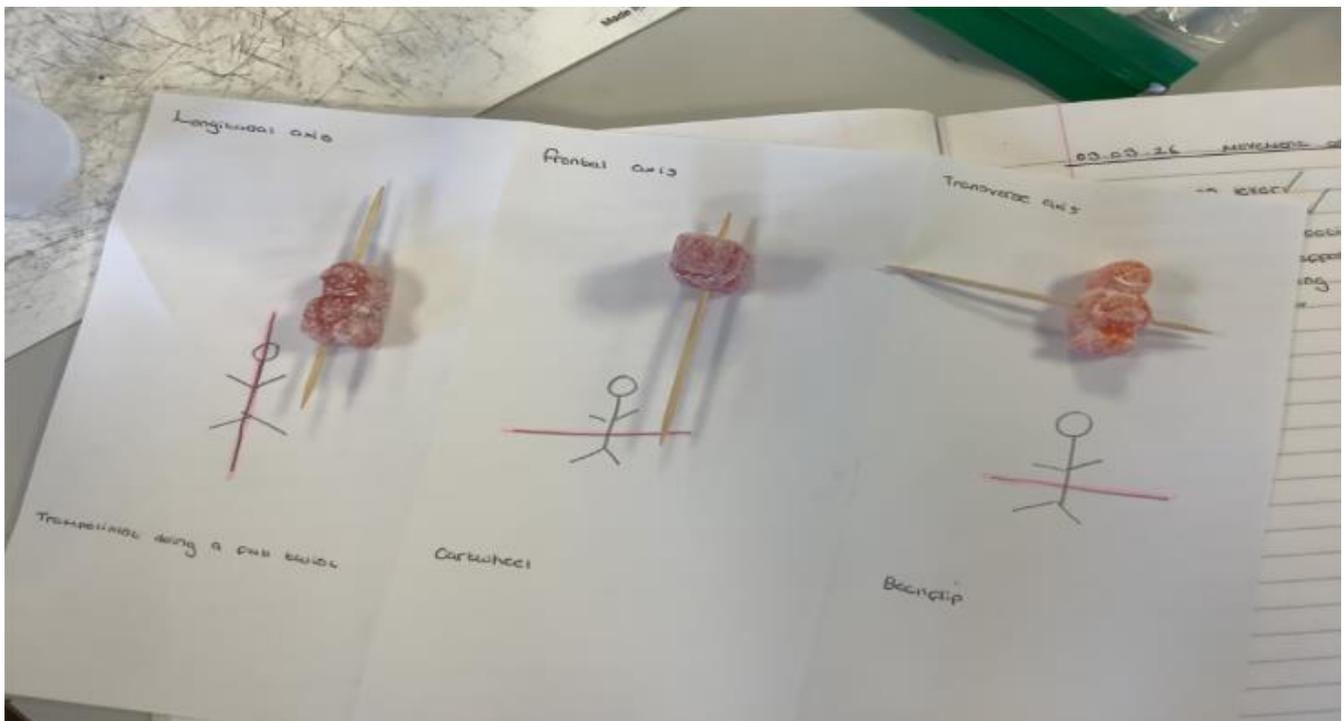
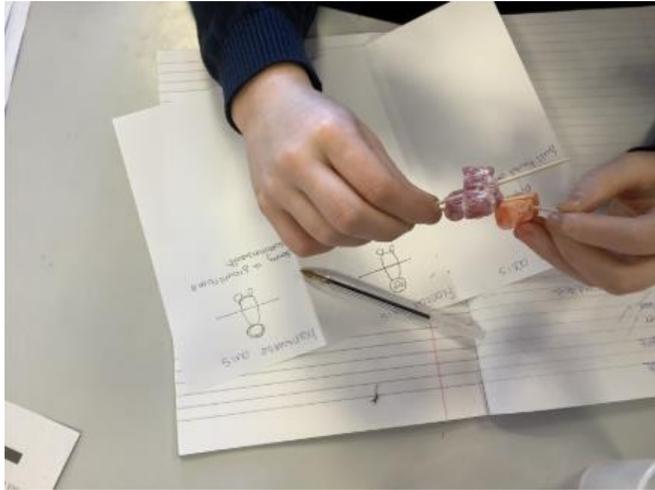
#HER GAME TOO

**Use this link to secure your tickets**

<https://www.eticketing.co.uk/wiganathletic/Events?preFilter=14&preFilterName=Women%27s%20Team%20Home%2025%2F26>

# GCSE PE NEWS

In recent PE theory lessons, our Year 10 students have been learning about movement analysis in sport. They had lots of fun using Jelly Babies to explore the different axes of rotation in sporting movement.



# News from ADT



## ADT Workshop

Wednesday 11th March 2026  
Felt Easter Decoration  
3:05-4:05 - T2 with Mrs Curwen

Y7 and Y8

See Mrs Curwen in T2 to sign up  
Limited places!



Art, Design & Technology

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# Open Event

Wednesday **4 March** 4pm - 8pm



[runshaw.ac.uk/openevent](https://runshaw.ac.uk/openevent)



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ST JOHN RIGBY COLLEGE

## PATHWAYS OPEN EVENT

Explore your future and discover how our wide range of courses can lead to your dream career.



**SAT 28TH MAR**  
9:30AM - 1:15PM



**GATHURST RD**  
**ORRELL**





# OPEN EVENT

## ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING APPRENTICESHIPS

12TH MARCH | 5PM - 7PM

POCKET NOOK STREET, TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS, ST HELENS, WA9 1TW



# FOOTBALL & EDUCATION OPEN EVENINGS

Wigan Athletic Community Trust Offices, Robin Park First Floor Offices, Loire Drive, Wigan, WN5 0UL



Monday 13 October 2025 | 6-7pm

Monday 1 December 2025 | 6-7pm

Monday 9 February 2026 | 6-7pm

Monday 23 March 2026 | 6-7pm

Join us for our Education Open Evening to discover all you need to know about opportunities to study with Wigan Athletic Community Trust.

Meet our team, find out more information about both our men's and women's programmes, as well as our Foundation degree in partnership with USW.

For more information call 01942 318090 or email [e.schickhoff@wiganathletic.com](mailto:e.schickhoff@wiganathletic.com) / [p.corrigan@wiganathletic.com](mailto:p.corrigan@wiganathletic.com)

[wiganathletic.com/community-trust](http://wiganathletic.com/community-trust)

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## Student Services Coffee Morning

Our staff from Student Services will be available on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March between 9.15 – 10.45am to discuss any additional support your child may need in school, share ideas and seek advice.

Please note, this date is a change from the one originally advertised. The coffee morning on 12<sup>th</sup> March will not take place. We look forward to seeing you instead on 19<sup>th</sup> March.



*Join the staff from Student Services for refreshments and an opportunity to talk about any additional support that your child might require in school.*

*Our Parent Meeting will take place on*

***Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026***

***at 9:15-10:45am***

*Please come and join us.*



*Parents are warmly welcomed to our Parent Meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to get together, share ideas and seek advice from the Student Services Team at Standish High School.*

Staff will send out the information of calendared events via text/social media

Please contact the Student Services Department if you want more information on 01257 422265



# SEND Travel Assistance Applications

Please see below the application deadlines for SEND Travel Assistance Applications 2026/2027.

- The closing date for applications for travel assistance for children moving from Early Year (nursery) to primary school is Monday 23rd March 2026.
- The closing date for applications for travel assistance for children moving from Year 6 to secondary school is Monday 23rd March 2026.
- The closing date for travel assistance for young people entering post-16 or continuing into post-19 education is Monday 27th April 2026.

Any applications that are submitted after these dates will not be guaranteed to have a travel assistance offer in place for the start on the academic year 2026/27. Please note that these deadlines are for SEND Travel Assistance applications and not free school travel passes (bus pass).

Link to website: <https://apps.wigan.gov.uk/HomeToSchoolTransport>

Kind regards,

Lucy Alexander

Senior Transport Officer

Resident services - Wigan Council

Wigan Life Centre (South site) WN1 1NJ

Tel: 01942 404749

# If you're considering adoption, we'd love to hear from you.

We welcome enquiries from a range of backgrounds.

Single, married, LGBTQ+, renters, homeowners; enquire to adopt today!

Full training and long-term support will be provided.

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*The offer is for the Everton match on the 21<sup>st</sup> March and Brighton & Hove on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.*



# Kingsbridge

## Teacher Training & Professional Development



**Curious about a career in teaching?  
Want to find out more about how to apply for  
teacher training?**

**Find out how you can take your first step at  
one of our Get into Teaching events!**

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12<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
9:30am, 1:00pm or 3:30pm  
Units 11&12 South Preston Office  
Village, Cuerden Way, Bamber  
Bridge, PR5 6BL

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24<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
9:30am or 1:30pm  
St George's Primary School, St  
George's Road, Wallasey  
Merseyside, CH45 3NF

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21<sup>st</sup> April 2026  
9:30am, 1:30pm or 4:00pm  
Platt Bridge Community School,  
Rivington Avenue, Wigan, WN2 5NG



Call to find out more  
**01254 686178**



Contact to find out more  
**kingsbridge@atctrust.org.uk**



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**www.kingsbridgeatctrust.org.uk**

## Parent/carer Updates

Please can we ask that your child **does not** bring into school:

**Nuts of any type – Lupin – Kiwi – Shellfish**

This is due to a number of staff and students having very serious allergy issues. Also please do not allow your child to bring any nuts into school as a snack or part of a packed lunch. Thank you for your support with this.



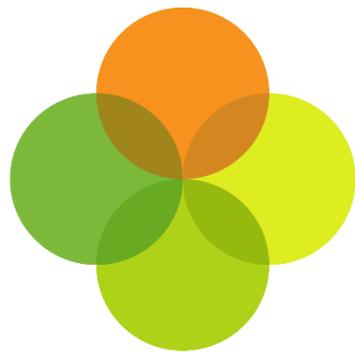
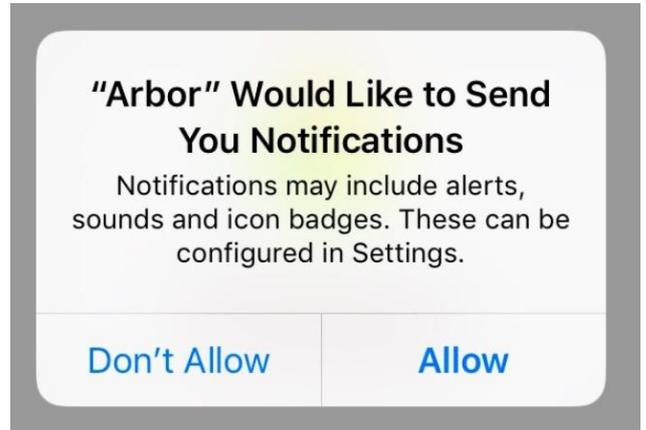
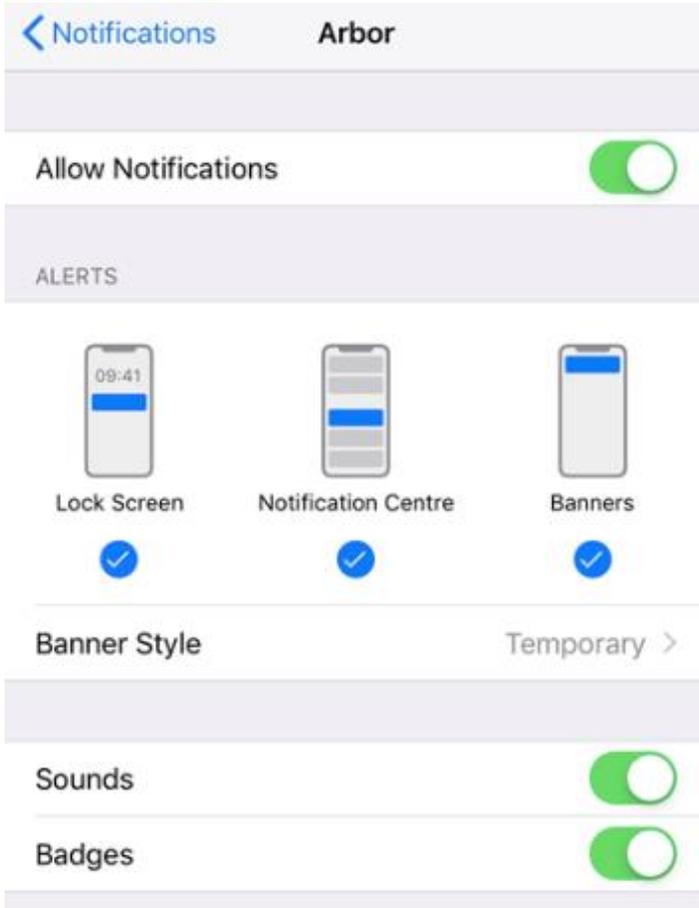
## Arbor Updates

Polite reminder to parent/carers to ensure that you enable Arbor notifications. If you have the application installed on your phone, all crucial school notices will appear directly through the Arbor app.

If you do stop receiving messages, you can complete the following steps to enable them again:

1. Close the Parent App (make sure that it's not running at the background - see [this video](#) on how to do this).
2. Go to your settings and switch OFF push notifications for the Parent App.
3. Restart your phone.
4. Go to the settings and switch ON push notification for the Parent App.
5. Restart your phone again.
6. You should then be able to receive push notifications again.

If after all the steps above have been completed and push notifications are still not appearing, uninstall the Parent App from the device and install it again. When installing the second time, make sure that you agree to receive push notifications from the app.



# Arbor



## Internet Matters Guidance for Parents/Carers

The internet matters website is a great resource for parents/carers who want step-by-step guidance about how to monitor their child's usage. It helps set up family sharing and set restrictions and downtime. For more details, see the website below. A handy guide has been sent to all parents/carers.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/apples-family-sharing/>

### **Please be respectful of our neighbours and community**

Unfortunately, we have had a number of concerns raised by our neighbours and members of our school community regarding the movement of cars close to the school site during school drop off and pick up. Can we please ask that you park respectfully when waiting for your child and you do not block pavements and driveways? Due to the congestion at certain times, please be mindful of your speed. We do not wish for any of our school community to be involved in a traffic accident. Many thanks for your support and consideration.



**If you want more regular updates about what's going on at Standish, why not follow our new Instagram account? Our handle is @standish\_\_chs and the link is: [https://www.instagram.com/standish\\_\\_chs/](https://www.instagram.com/standish__chs/) If you're more of a QR Code type of person, we've got one of those too!**



## Domestic Abuse Support for Children & Young People

One to One Support or Small Group Sessions Available in Schools

### What we offer

Our Domestic Abuse Support Worker provides a safe, confidential space for children and young people affected by domestic abuse to:

- Talk about their experiences and feelings
- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Develop coping strategies
- Learn about healthy relationships and safety
- Access to further help and support where needed

### How it works

- Support sessions take place in school, during the day
- Referrals can be made by school staff, safeguarding leads, or pastoral teams
- Parental consent is required
- The service works alongside existing school safeguarding procedures

### Who can be referred

- Has witnessed or experienced domestic abuse
- Is affected by conflict or controlling behaviour at home
- Need emotional support to understand and cope with what's happening
- Engaging in an unhealthy relationship

Together, we can help children feel safe, heard, and supported. Early support makes a lasting difference.

[CYPsupport@diasdvc.org](mailto:CYPsupport@diasdvc.org) 01942 311365

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

### 1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

### 2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

### 3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

### 4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authority and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

### 5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

### 6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

### 7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

### 8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like PolyIno and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

### 9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

### 10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

## Meet Our Expert

Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.



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# MOSAIC LEARNING TRUST

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## WE ARE RECRUITING



Standish Community  
High School

### Cover Leader (Temporary until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026)

Standish Community High School is advertising for a permanent Cover Leader, to commence employment as soon as possible. This full time role will be based at Standish Community High School, however as we are part of the Mosaic Learning Trust, there may be occasions when you will be required to work at other schools within the Trust.

Further details regarding the post can be found on the [School Website](#)

We encourage applicants to apply through [TES](#). Applicants can also apply through [Teacher Vacancies](#) and [MyNewTerm](#) or by filling in the school's application form found on the [School Website](#). Completed application forms can be forwarded by email to: [recruitment@standishchs.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@standishchs.wigan.sch.uk)

Please note there is no fixed closing date for this vacancy. Applications will be reviewed as soon as they are received, and the advert may close once a suitable candidate is appointed.



# Standish Community High School

## Uniform Plea

Can you please donate any school uniform that your child has grown out of as we are particularly short of blue jumpers, white shirts, skirts and trousers. We need spare uniform to help our young people start the day well and to sort any issues quickly that occur during the day. We do not need any Year 11 jumpers at this moment in time. Please ask your child to bring any donated uniform to student reception. Items can also be left at our main reception.

Many thanks!



# Mindful March

Let's pause, breathe and notice, so we can respond more mindfully.

Mindful March 2026

SATURDAY

FRIDAY

THURSDAY

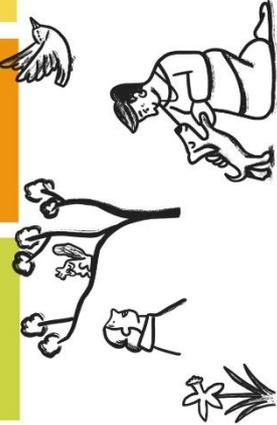
WEDNESDAY

TUESDAY

MONDAY

SUNDAY

7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day	6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down	5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them	4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words	3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive	2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world	1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness
14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do	13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today	12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying	11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee	10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face	9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others	8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food
21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else	20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today	19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today	18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels	17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant	16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity	15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly
28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible	27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are	26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today	25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted	24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do	23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them	22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult
31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life	30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling	29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice				





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ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

## Help and Support

### Crisis Mental Health Support: Wigan 0-25yrs

Our crisis lines are free phone numbers and are available in Wigan and are for patients and the public of all ages (children, young people and adults) to call when they are experiencing a mental health crisis or are worried about someone else who may be in crisis. We recognise that professionals including GPs, police, paramedics and others may have someone they're supporting in their professional capacity that may be in crisis and needs urgent mental health support.

For young people 18-25yrs please contact Mental Health Crisis line: 0800 051 3253 open 24/7 (all age after 5pm)

[Mental Health Urgent Response Team | Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS FT \(gmmh.nhs.uk\)](https://www.gmmh.nhs.uk)

For children and young people (up to the age of 18), please contact:

Wigan CAMHS Team on 01942 775400 open 9-5pm please call 0800 051 3253 after 5pm.

### Support for Children & Young People

#### Young Minds

Charity that offers information about mental health and emotional wellbeing. [YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk)

**ADHD Foundation – children support online** <https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/childrens/>

**Beat (national eating disorder charity)** [www.b-eat.co.uk](http://www.b-eat.co.uk) Contact: 0345 634 1414

#### Support for Parents / Carers

**Papyrus supporting your child with self-harm and suicidal thoughts**

[PAPYRUS Launch New Guide For Parents | Papyrus UK | Suicide Prevention Charity \(papyrus-uk.org\)](https://www.papyrus-uk.org)

**Young Minds** Call the Parents Helpline: 0808 802 5544 (Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4pm, free for mobiles and landlines) <https://youngminds.org.uk>**ADHD Foundation support for parents** - <https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/parents/>**Family Meditation training and workshops** – [www.talkfirst.org](http://www.talkfirst.org)



**kooth**

For ages: **10-18**

Kooth is an online **mental wellbeing** community for young people

Here are some of the features young people can access on Kooth:

- Magazine**  
The Kooth magazine shares personal experiences and tips from young people and our Kooth team
- Discussion Boards**  
Young people can start or join a conversation with our friendly Kooth community, with lots of topics to choose from
- Chat**  
Young people can chat with our helpful team about anything that's on their mind
- Daily Journal**  
Young people can view their daily journal to track feelings or emotions and reflect on how they're doing



Sign up for free at **Kooth.com**



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