



St Jude's Information Booklet 2025/26



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About St Jude's

"I always feel included in her learning, it's a lovely school"
- Parent

"There is a strong sense of belonging at St Jude's."

- Ofsted, 2023

"As a parent of children who have attended St Jude's, I feel their time at St Jude's gave them a great foundation of skills and knowledge that set them up for high school and beyond. They always look back at their time here fondly."

- Parent of former pupils

"I am proud to be the Headteacher of this wonderful school where we always put our children first and they are at the heart of everything we do."

-Headteacher

"I enjoy coming to school. I like to see my friends and I enjoy my lessons, particularly maths. I go to multisport club after school, which is fun."

- Pupil

"St Jude's is a place of happiness, inspiration and opportunity for all our children."

- Governor

"Great school. I am always surprised how well my son reads for his age."

- Y2 Parent

"St Jude's has such a lovely feel, and I visit a lot of schools! I always feel welcome."

- Visitor

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Reception class

In Reception Class we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. The Early Years Foundation Stage Framework is based upon four themes:

- A Unique Child – developing resilient, capable, confident and self assured individuals
- Positive Relationships – supporting the children in becoming strong and independent self assured individuals
- Enabling Environments – where opportunities respond to individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents/carers
- Learning and Development – acknowledging that children learn in different ways and at different rates

Much more information on the EYFS framework and how it is delivered at St Jude's is included on our Reception Class page on our [school website](#).

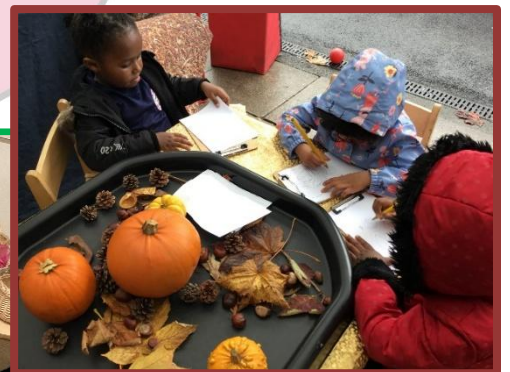
Phonics and reading

Systematic synthetic daily phonics is taught following the Read Write Inc Programme throughout Early Years and Key Stage 1. Pupils are grouped according to ability across the year groups. Progress is tracked throughout the year by the early reading and phonics lead and groupings are adjusted accordingly. Pupils in Year 1 have a National Phonics Screening Test in June.

When pupils complete the Read Write Inc phonics programme they begin 'No-nonsense spelling'. This programme is taught throughout Key Stage 2.

Reading

We use the Read Write Inc reading scheme throughout Early Years and Key Stage 1 where books are fully decodable and correlate with where the child is up to in the scheme. When ready, children are sent home two books which are matched to their reading level from Read, Write, Inc. and a book to read for pleasure with an adult, which will be from the school library.



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Our School Day

Times

Classroom doors open	8.45am
Gates Close/Registration	9.00am
Lunch	12.00pm – 1.00pm
End of School Day	3.15pm

The school gate will be opened from 8.40am and the classroom doors will be opened at 8.45am so children can settle into class.

Lunchtime

Under the government's Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) scheme, children are entitled to a free school meal from Reception class until the end of Year 2. If you do not wish for your child to have a school meal they may bring a packed lunch.

Local Kitchen are our school meal provider. The meals offered meet nutritional standards and are prepared from fresh daily. Meals are cooked on site and we offer a daily choice of two hot meal choices or a jacket potato with a choice of fillings or a sandwich lunch. A choice of deserts, including fresh fruit, are also available. Parents are asked to pre-order their child's meal selection using an ordering website.

If your child has any intolerances or allergies, please ensure you inform school and we will work alongside you to ensure your child's dietary needs are suitably met.

Enrichment and Extra-Curricular Clubs

At St Jude's we offer a wide range of enrichment and extra-curricular activities. In recent years, our Early Years children have had visits from Curious Critters, a Pirate (DanTastic Education) and have visited Smithills Farm.

Each term St Jude's offer a wide selection of extra-curricular clubs such as; multi-sports, choir, dance, Lego, rugby, reading and art.



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Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club	7.45am – 8.45am
After School Club	3.15pm – 5.15pm

St Jude's offers morning and/or after school wraparound care. Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.45am. Children are provided with a breakfast consisting of toast, cereal, fruit, milk and a drink. The cost is £4.50 per session.

Our After School Club runs from the end of the school day and children are provided with a snack and a drink. Our After School Club is open until 5.15pm. The cost is £7.00 per session.



School Uniform

Our school uniform proudly identifies St Jude's pupils. The school tartan and 'badged' components of the uniform are available from **Slaters** and **AC Sports**. To ensure cost is kept to a minimum, the majority of our uniform; polo shirts, trousers, skirts and shorts, can all be bought from supermarkets or children's clothing shops.

Prior to your child starting St Jude's you will be given information regarding our uniform standards and a comprehensive list of what uniform and PE kit will be needed.

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Applying for a Place at St.Jude's

Applying for a place in Reception

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, they will start Reception class at the start of the new school year in September 2026. Applications for a place in Reception Class in a Wigan Primary school are made through the Wigan Council online application service -

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Primary-schools.aspx>

Applications for a place in a 2026 Reception Class will close on 15th January 2026.

If you require any support in applying for a Reception place, we are happy to help you.

Mid-Year Transfers

Should you wish to apply for a school place at St Jude's then you must contact Wigan Council's School Admission Team online – unfortunately we are unable to deal with direct requests.

For further information and a link to the application form see the 'Moving Schools' page on the Wigan Council website; <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Moving-Schools.aspx>

If your child is currently attending another primary school you will be required to ask their current school to complete [part 1 of the Primary School Transfer Form](#). You must then complete the [In-year Transfer Form](#) online.

If you require any help with the transfer process we will help you in any way we possibly can.



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