St Anne's CE Lydgate

Weekly Newsletter : 27.11.2026





Message from Mr Learmont

Happy Friday to you all!

As you can see from our calendar, December activities are in abundance. We noticed a clash between the Dance Competition and the Rocksteady music performance and so we have had to rearrange things slightly. We are very fortunate that Rocksteady can accommodate the performances on 16th December, meaning many of those involved in both, can now participate. Apologies if this has inconvenienced parents in any way...

Sick Absence - we are really struggling at the moment with children missing school due to illness. Lots of it going around! Please do know that we can administer or allow the administration of Calpol if this helps you at home..? Well done to those continuing to 'brave it'! We will do our best to look after you!

Thank you to parents who were able to come into school on Thursday to look at your child's books. We hope this was useful to you to see how they are progressing.

Our Festive Singing Group have their first performance of the season this Sunday. They will be performing at the Civic Hall in Uppermill, to open up for Saddleworth Round Table's Christmas Fair from 11:15am! If you can come along to support them that would be great! Please see the flyer included here for their performance with Saddleworth Male Voice Choir too! Woo-hoo! We look forward to seeing you all later at our PTA Christmas Disco starting at 6.30pm. :)



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER



30 Year 2 The Snowman

DECEMBER



1 Love Lydgate Light Switch-on 6pm
PTA Meeting White Hart - 7.30pm

8 RE Day: Christmas Around the World

9 Bishop Mark - Child Bishops
Saddleworth Male Voice Choir & St Anne's Singing Group - Concert

11 Forward As One Christmas Worship
Christingle Service at Church 2.00pm

14 Year 1 Experience Christmas

15 Nativity Performance 9.30am
Nativity Performance 2.15pm

16 Christmas dinner and jumper day
Elfridges
Rocksteady Music Performance 9.45am



17 Panto - A Christmas Carol

18 Break up today
9.30 Christmas Service at Church

JANUARY

4 Return to school

5 PTA Meeting 7.30pm White Hart

18 Year 4 Experience Communion & Confirmation

Please also refer to our website calendar for all future events

Reminders



If your child has packed lunches, but would like a Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 16th December**, please kindly order their meal via School Grid ASAP, to allow our kitchen staff to plan numbers etc. There is also a vegetarian option available.

Thank you in advance.



Attendance: 94%

Reception: 90%
Year 1: 98%
Year 2: 96%
Year 3: 95%
Year 4: 93%
Year 5: 95%
Year 6: 94%

Lates: 7

This half term's worship focus is:
Faith



British Value:
Tolerance



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'All things are possible with God' Mark 10:27

Saddleworth Male Voice Choir

presents a Christmas Concert

supporting

Oldham Foodbank
Together with Trussell

St. Anne's C.E Lydgate Primary School

featuring our special guests, the Choir of St. Anne's CofE Lydgate Primary School

on Wednesday 9th December, 7.00pm

at St. Mary's Church, Greenfield

Tickets £5.00 (under 16's free)
... and please bring an item of non-perishable food to donate to the Oldham Foodbank

Tickets are available from Ken Barker (Ticket Secretary) Tel: 07353 785409
or online via TicketSource - scan the QR code
or call 0333 666 3366 ... Or pay on the door!

Attendance

At Forward As One it is our ambition to have every child in school every day and therefore a robust and effective attendance strategy is implemented in every school.

Attendance is everybody's responsibility and Forward As One's school senior leaderships teams strive to build a culture where all staff are clear on their roles and responsibilities and therefore can be held to account. To enable all staff to fulfil their role, clear systems and procedures are implemented and are understood by all and applied consistently.

Forward As One's approach focuses on preventative measures and swift intervention. This allows leaders to plan for contextual challenges, alongside educating parents on the impact of absence from school both academically and socially.

The key principle underpinning the approach of early intervention is to develop partnerships with parents to understand the barriers and work with families to remove them.



Maximise your potential – attend school everyday

Pupils' achievement in line with attendance percentages / Pupils across FA1 at this level of attendance have historically achieved	Significantly above national average progress
	Above national average progress
	National average progress
	Below national average progress
	Significantly below national average progress
	Very significantly below national average progress

Parent drop-in - Book Look!





Date: Saturday 12th December • 4pm - 7pm

Location: Lydgate Parish Hall, Lydgate

8 exciting interactive races to help save Christmas (and get a prize).

Food & Drink: Wine, Beer, Soft drinks, Sweets, Food, and of course, Mince Pies!

Tickets: £5 Adults, £3 Children. (Available at the door)

ALL PROFITS DONATED TO THE OLDHAM MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM!

IT'S FOR ALL AGES

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Primary School Applications 2027-28

Closing Date: 15th January 2027 at 5.00pm

Please follow the link below to apply via Oldham Council:
https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201167/ apply_ for_ a_ primary_ school_ place

If you, or anyone you know, would like to book a place on one of our Open Days in November, please follow the link below:
https://www.stannescelydgate.oldham.sch.uk/Reception-2027-28-School-Tour-Dates/

FREE SCHOOL MEAL CHECKER

Could your child be entitled to free school meals and/or pupil premium?

Please do not presume they are not!

From the start of the 2026-27 academic year, Free School Meal eligibility is expanding. There will now be two categories of benefits-based FSM:

Targeted FSM - for households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less. This is unchanged from the existing threshold and continues to attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding.

Expanded FSM - a new category for households receiving Universal Credit with earnings above £7,400. These pupils receive free meals but do not attract pupil premium or other disadvantage funding.

Please kindly follow or copy the link below to check and/or update your child's entitlement:

https://fsm.lgfl.net/app

Parent FAQs: https://fsm.lgfl.net/info-parent.html

PLEASE NOTE: You may lose your FSM entitlement if you do not re-verify either with the LA or via a school portal. (You can even do both for added security). School can check on your behalf if we have your National Insurance Number and Date of Birth.
Please feel free to email the office.