

### Westhead Lathom St James'

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Dear Families,

On Friday last week our Ladybirds and Butterflies enjoyed a visit to the Midstream Café at the Village Hall. This was a reward for having the best whole class attendance last half term. The children really enjoyed their visit to the café where they each were treated to a cake a and drink.

Thank you to all of those families that are committed to excellent attendance and punctuality at school. We have seen a marked difference since the start of the year and are very pleased to see an improvement in attendance figures. We have noticed over the past few weeks there has been some slippage in terms of lateness on a morning. Please can I remind you that if the gate is closed when you arrive that you must sign your child/children in at the office for safeguarding reasons.

A huge thanks to all of you who have supported our latest PTA events by purchasing baubles or movie night tickets. If you haven't yet bought a bauble but would like one there are some left. Baubles can be returned to school on 1st December ready to decorate the tree.

On Tuesday this week some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils represented school at an inter-school dodgeball competition. There were 17 schools that took part in the event which was really fun (and extremely loud). The evening was filled with fast paced games and the children were exhausted by the end. Well done to the team who represented school so well.

On Thursday this week we opened our doors for the morning to prospective parents. It was lovely to invite people in for a tour and well done to our superb Year 6 tour guides.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Clark

## Midstream café visit







## Dodgeball Team...





# Stars of the week and Christian **Values Bear awards!**



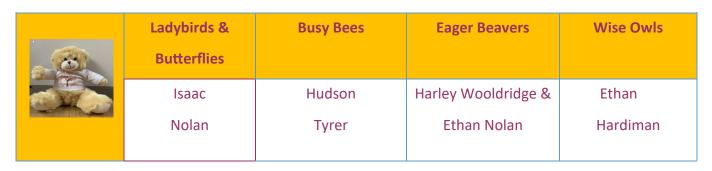












Reception	Busy Bees		Eager Beavers		Wise Owls	
Benjamin	Alfie Hickson	Joseph	Saryah	Esme	Isaac	George
Abbott	ПІСКЗОП	Darley	Babiker	Ashcroft	Kane	Freeman-
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# **Church News** Knowing Jesus Making Him known St James' Church, Westhead Sunday Service 10.30am For pastoral support and zoom log-ins please contact— Rev John Sephton on johnsephton1@yahoo.com or 07929512847

### **Attendance Matters**

What your child's attendance figures mean...

100% attendance	Zero days missed	Excellent!
99% attendance	Two days of absence across the year	Excellent!
97% attendance	Five days of absence across the year	Good
95% attendance	Nine days of absence across the year: one week and four	Satisfactory
	days of learning missed.	
90% attendance	Nineteen days of absence across the year; three weeks	Poor
	and four days of learning missed	
85% attendance	Twenty-eight days of absence across the year: five weeks	Very Poor
	and three days of learning missed.	
80% attendance	Thirty-eight days of absence across the year: seven	Unacceptable
	weeks and 3 days of learning missed.	
75% attendance	Educational Neglect	Unacceptable
	Forty-six days of absence across the year: nine weeks and one day of learning missed.	

#### Attendance in school this week IS ONLY

Ladybirds/Butterflies 89%

Busy Bees 91.6 %

Eager Beavers 92.3%

90.1%

Wise Owls 94%

This week's best attenders are The Wise Owls.

#### Note-

Absence should be reported to the office on 01695 574078 OR bursar@wlsj.lancs.sch.uk

Please do not report absence to class teachers, seesaw or school spider. Thanks

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Friday 17h November Spotty clothes/non uniform day Children in need

Monday 20th November Parents' Evening

Wednesday 29th November Visiting athlete leading a sponsored circuits

event

Friday 1st December PTA Christmas Movie Night

Thursday 7th December Wise Owls' Carol Concert at Christ Church,

Aughton 11am

Sunday 10th December 10.30am Nativity at St James' Church, Westhead

Monday 18th December Eager Beavers and Wise Owls' Christmas Parties

Tuesday 19th December Ladybirds, Butterflies and Busy Bees' Christmas

**Parties** 

Thursday 21st December 2.30pm Helpers' Thank You

Friday 22nd December Break for Christmas at 2pm