

# Westhead Lathom St James'

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"Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit" James 5:18

Dear Families,

Welcome back to you all for our summer term! Although Monday morning certainly did not feel like the start of summer with the gales, rain and hailstones. Luckily, by the end of the day the sun was starting to make an appearance and give us a bit of hope for the coming weeks.

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and the children are keen for a busy summer in school. We have lots of exciting things planned including trips out, visitors into school, sports' day (here's hoping it happens this year!) and a few lovely PTA events too!

I want to start this newsletter with some baby news! Mrs Lyon welcomed baby Mia into the world last week. Both mum and baby are doing very well and a few of us were lucky to have a quick cuddle with Mia on Monday when Mrs Lyon popped in after school. I am sure you will all join me in sending congratulations to Mrs Lyon and family.

I have had a thoroughly enjoyable first week teaching Ladybirds and Butterflies. They have amazed me not only with their fabulous behaviour but also with everything they can remember from last term.

This week our Forest School sessions got off to a great start with EYFS, Year 1 and Years 3 and 4 enjoying sessions over in the forest. A huge thanks to Mrs Parkinson for her planning and delivery of these sessions and to all the staff and volunteers who have helped out too.

Butterflies have enjoyed taking part in their Right Start Training this week. They have been out and about down School Lane, learning all about safe crossing of the road. We were very impressed with the children's attitudes and everything they remembered. Well done Butterflies.

Finally, our best class for attendance last half term was the Busy Bees! Well done to Busy Bees who will get to visit the Midstream Café on Friday 26th April during their break as their reward.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Clark





# Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear 🔶





	Ladybirds & Butterflies	Busy Bees	Eager Beavers	Wise Owls
	Arlo R	Harriet H	Noemi L	Cleo H

Reception	Busy	/ Bees	Eager I	Beavers	Wise	Owls
Owen	Arlo	Charlie	Papis	Maisie	James	Alice
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## Forrest School with Mrs Parkinson...





#### Help needed!

Do any parents or friends have the time and skills to help create a new mud kitchen for our forest school area? We have pallets you could use!





Can all children have wellies in school!

## Road Safety in Early Years...





#### **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...

Ladybirds/Butterflies 100%	Excellent!
Busy Bees 97.2%	Good
Eager Beavers 98.9%	Good
Wise Owls 97.7%	Good

#### This week's best attenders are Ladybirds/

Butterflies- Well Done!

#### 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

Please see email re Easter Lunch

All dinner monies need to be paid by the end of term. £2.50 per

# **Dates for the Diary!**

Monday 15th April	School reopens
w/c/ 15th April	Reception Right Start Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 24th April	Great Big Dance Off Competition
Thursday 25th April	Busy Bees' Trip to Catalyst Science Centre
Wednesday 8th May	Ladybirds and Butterflies trip to Ormskirk Li- brary and Cafe
w/c 13th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 17th May	Sports' Day
Friday 17th May	PTA Family BBQ 5pm on the School Field
Thursday 23rd May	2.45pm Open Session
Monday 27th May–Friday 31st May	HALF TERM
Monday 3rd June	INSET Day