



Westhead Lathom St James'

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Dear Families,

This week in school we have been celebrating UK Parliament week. This coincides with the State Opening of Parliament. The children have had assemblies related to this topic, completed work in PSHE or in some cases have been out to events arranged to link with this week.

Our two Year 6 Pupil Parliamentarians, Megan H and Max DC, attended their first meeting of the year this week at the Capitol Cinema in Skelmersdale. Schools from Ormskirk and Skelmersdale all elect representatives to make up this inter-school

parliament. During the meeting the children were able to put themselves forward to be voted into the positions of Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister or Secretary. The

children that wanted to put themselves forward prepared speeches and delivered these in front of all of the school participating. There was then an official ballot held. I am pleased to announce that following this process Megan has been elected as the Deputy Primary Minister for the Pupil Parliament. Well done Megan.

On Tuesday this week, three of our Year 5 pupils attended the Great Debate finals at County Hall in Preston. This was a superb day during which schools that had made it to the final presented their debates in front of a packed audience of schools, judges,

members of the county council and the public gallery. We are very proud of the children that took part in this event as it is no mean feat standing up and presenting in front of so many people and in such a formal setting. Following the debates the children were also asked questions linked to their presentation. The children all received a trophy for

reaching the finals and a goody bag too. Well done to Arwen, Phoebe and Zoe for representing our school so well.

This week your child will have come home with a sponsor form for our upcoming athlete visit on 29th November. On 29th November Michael Churm will be visiting school to meet all of the children and lead them in a sponsored circuits event. Michael is a

Paralympic Champion who has achieved medals in the Paralympic games in Sydney, World Championships, World Cup and National Championships. Money raised from this event is split between Sports for Schools who have organised this event and our school. Money raised can then be used to invest in new sports equipment.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.


Miss Clark

Parliament week...



Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear awards!



	Ladybirds & Butterflies	Busy Bees	Eager Beavers	Wise Owls
	Arlo Ryan	Arlo Stephens	Sammy Mitchell	Sophie Wearing

Reception	Busy Bees		Eager Beavers		Wise Owls	
Oliver Halsall	Isla Berry	Charlotte Newton	Harriet Davidson	Annie Skelton	Arwen Gregory	Max McGrath
						

Church News

St James' Church, Westhead

Sunday Service 10.30am

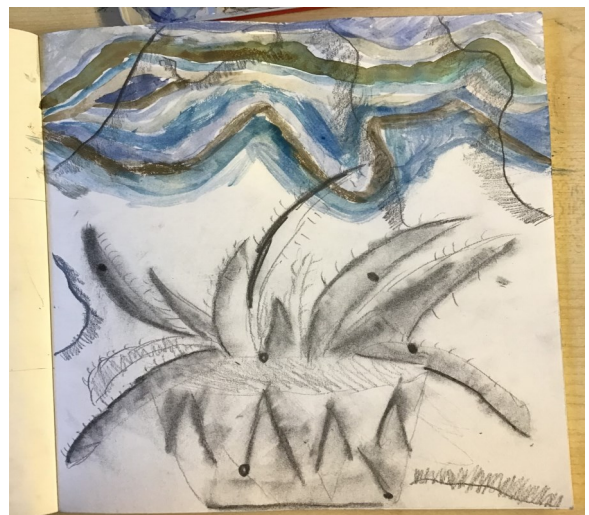
Children's Prayers have been forwarded to Rev John to read out in service this week

For pastoral support and zoom log-ins please contact—

Rev John Sephton on john-sephton1@yahoo.com or 07929512847



Eager Beavers working their creative skills in Art this week...



Special Thank You!

Dear Families, thank you for your generous gifts of books for our 170th Anniversary. We were thrilled to receive so many beautiful books to add to our libraries. All of the books have now been labelled with the name of the gift giver and placed in class libraries for the children to enjoy. I have received lots of positive comments from families about this initiative and a large number of parents have asked that this list remain open and be added to so that they can purchase more books in the future. As such, we will keep the Amazon list live so that people can continue to access it if they want to make a purchase. Thank you once again for your continued support. Miss Clark



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 days of learning missed.	Satisfactory
90% attendance	Nineteen days of absence across the year; three weeks and four days of learning missed	Poor
85% attendance	Twenty-eight days of absence across the year: five weeks and three days of learning missed.	Very Poor
80% attendance	Thirty-eight days of absence across the year: seven weeks and 3 days of learning missed.	Unacceptable
75% attendance	Educational Neglect Forty-six days of absence across the year: nine weeks and one day of learning missed.	Unacceptable

Attendance in school this week IS ONLY

Ladybirds/Butterflies 89.4%

Busy Bees

88.9%

Eager Beavers

90.1%

Wise Owls 95%

This week's best attenders are The Wise Owls .

Note-

It is really important that your children are brought to school on time. Arrival to school and settled in class for 9am.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 7th November	Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 13th November	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14th November	Bags 2 School Collection
Thursday 16th November	Open Morning for prospective parents
Friday 17th November	Spotty clothes 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

This event has been organised by the PTA. Shoots can be booked online and funds raised will support the PTA.

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FAMILY

P H O T O S E S S I O N

OUTDOOR MINI SESSION

£40

15 minute mini session ideal for children or families, 5 high resolution digital images included.

