



Westhead Lathom St James'

Newsletter

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Dear Families,

A slightly different newsletter for this week. As we lead up to Christmas in school I thought it would be useful for you to have all Christmas plans outlined in one place.

Monday 2nd- Friday 6th December Food Bank collection in school

Monday 2nd December- Posada begins.

Tuesday 3rd December- Eager Beavers performing at the Ormskirk Big Sing. Details sent separately on Seesaw and Gateway. Please consent on Gateway in the payment section, please note there is no charge this is just for consent.

Wednesday 4th December- Busy Bees singing at CAMEO in the Village Hall

Thursday 5th December- whole school trip to St Helen's Panto. Consent required and all information on School Gateway. Reminder all children need a packed lunch unless already ordered on gateway.

Friday 6th December- Ladybirds, Butterflies and Busy Bees dress rehearsal in church. Please drop children off at **St James' Church, Westhead at 8.45am**. We will walk all children back to school in time for lunch. If you are able to help set up the stage on this morning then please let us know. We really could do with some helpers. Thank you.

Sunday 8th December 10.30am Nativity performance in St James' Church, Westhead. Please can all pupils arrive no later than **10.15am** dressed ready in their costumes. Costumes will be sent home on the Friday before. Ladybirds, Butterflies and Busy Bees will be performing the Nativity and Eager Beavers and Wise Owls supporting the singing.

Monday 9th December from **7.45pm** PTA Bingo in the Village Hall

Wednesday 11th December- Christmas Dinner day. To order please use Gateway. The menu for this date cannot be overridden on the system so to order Turkey select option 1 and Quorn option 2. Children can come to school in their Christmas Jumpers on this day. Donations will be collected on Gateway for Save the Children.

Friday 13th December- Ladybirds and Butterflies Craft Morning. One adult per child.

Monday 16th December- Eager Beavers and Wise Owls Christmas party. Children can come to school in party clothes on this day.

Tuesday 17th December- Ladybirds, Butterflies and Busy Bees Christmas Party. Children can come to school in party clothes on this day.

Wednesday 18th December 1.30pm- Eager Beavers performing at Pardoe Court, Burscough. Details sent separately through Seesaw and Gateway. Please consent on Gateway in the payment section, please note there is no charge this is just for consent.

Friday 20th December- break for holidays at **2pm**

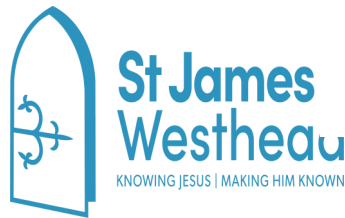
CHURCH DATES AND EVENTS

This week... Sunday service is at 10.30am

Community Praise.


The First Sunday before Advent 'Christ the King'

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Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear



	Ladybirds & Butterflies	Busy Bees	Eager Beavers	Wise Owls
	Jacob C	Alfie H	James A	Maddie D

Reception	Busy Bees		Eager Beavers		Wise Owls	
Isaac N 	Emma H 	Caleb L 	Ivy S 	Lily M 	Teddy J-J 	Isaac K 

Save the Date!!

The PTA are delighted to announce a Westhead
Lathom St James' PTA Bingo Night at

The Village Hall

Monday 9th December!

Pay on the door!



Schoolgateway



School Gateway updates...

Please book dinners on the app!

There are still a few 'no bookings' for children who have hot dinners.

when this is seen it is assumed a child has brought a packed lunch. Please ensure you book meals a week or two in advance. The cut off is 3.30pm the day before.

There is now a late booking at a cost of £3.00 that will be applied for any no booking. This will mean that the only option for lunch will be what the cook sends as spare.

Christmas Dinner is 11th December There is only a Traditional Christmas dinner being served this day. Vegetarian option is available. Toad in the hole (**Option 1**) Or Oriental noodles (**Option 2**) for Vegetarian option on the app please.

I have raised an issue with County regarding National Savings payments not being allocated to school yet. Thank you for your patience.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 29th November	Catch up Photos
Saturday 30th November	4-6pm Family Fun Village Hall
Tuesday 3rd December	Year 3/4 Big Sing
Thursday 5th December	Panto
Friday 6th December	No Swimming
Sunday 8th December	Nativity at St James' Church
Monday 9th December	Year 4 Forest School
Tuesday 10th December	EYFS Forest School
Monday 11th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 16th December	PM Key stage 2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17th December	AM EYFS AND Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
Friday 20th December	Break up at 2pm for Christmas Holidays

Attendance Matters

What your child's attendance figures mean...

All messages about illness/ absence and medical appointments or early collection, should be communicated to the office. This should be done via the gateway message. Emails and phone calls/ answer messages are fine also.

Please do not send messages about absence to seesaw/class teacher. Thanks, Tracy

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...

Ladybirds/Butterflies 100%

Winners!!

Busy Bees 93.8%

Eager Beavers 93.8%

Wise Owls 95%



Midstream Coffee Morning!

Every term there is an opportunity for the class with the best attendance to win a special award.

A walk over to the village hall and attend the Mid stream coffee morning. Each child is able to have a cupcake and drink and engage in a morning social with the local community.



Gallery...



Astley Hall...

