



Westhead Lathom St James'

Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. The children have all come back and have been excitedly sharing their holiday news of family get togethers and visits from Santa. All of the staff have asked me to include a thank you to everyone for their lovely cards and gifts.

This week we have welcomed six new pupils into our Ladybirds class. They have made an absolutely fabulous start and we look forward to working with families over the years to come.

It has been great to see the children get straight back down to work and hear from all the staff how pleased they are with the children's work. Well done everyone!

On Tuesday, we welcomed our new Sports' Coach, Andy from Lancashire Cricket. Andy will be working with each class between now and Easter during their PE lessons. Multi-skills club will be on as planned from next week we are sorry for the confusion and late cancellation this week. If your child is attending this club then they can come to school on a Tuesday in PE kit. For PE lessons children really need to be in their winter PE kits (jogging bottoms and hoodies) and would also benefit from having hats and gloves with them as most sessions will be held outside.

A reminder also that wellies should be in school so that children can wear these when on the playground and field. It has been very wet on the playground this week so wellies really are a must.

On Friday next week, our Ladybirds and Butterflies will attend the Midstream coffee morning in the village hall as they are once again our Attendance winners for Autumn 2. Well done guys! They've set the bar high for the other classes to beat with an overall attendance of 97% for the term! Superb!

Unfortunately, we had some very sad news last week when we found out that Mrs Pose's husband is very ill so she will not be returning to work for the foreseeable future. I have written to Busy Bee parents with more details. I am sure however you will all join me in sending love and prayers their way at this difficult time.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Clark

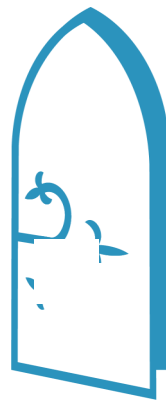
CHURCH DATES AND EVENTS

This week... Sunday service is at 10.30am

Sunday 26th January– SCHOOL TAKEOVER

On this Sunday our school will be leading the service planned by the children!


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Westhead**
KNOWING JESUS | MAKING HIM KNOWN

Stars of the week and Chris- tian Values Bear



|  | Ladybirds & Butterflies | Busy Bees | Eager Beavers | Wise Owls |
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| | Isaac G | Caleb L | Esme L | Caitlin W |

| Reception | Busy Bees | | Eager Beavers | | Wise Owls | |
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| Charlie W  | Olivia H  | Isla B  | Lucie W  | Thomas D  | Esme A  | James RW  |

School Gateway updates...

Schoolgateway



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 late booking. This will mean that the only option for lunch will be what the cook sends as spare.

Lunch options remain the same. Please can school dinners be booked on the app.

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 |
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| Thursday 16th January | Science Day |
| Friday 17th January | EYFS Attendance Award Visit to Midstream |
| Thursday 23rd January | Y5/6 Bench ball Competition (letters sent to selected team) |
| Friday 24th January | Y5/6 Sportshall Event (letters sent to selected team) |
| Sunday 26th January | 10.30am Community Praise at St James' Church— School are leading this service |
| Thursday 6th February | Y3/4 Football Competition (letters will be sent soon) |
| Friday 7th February | Y5/6 Maths Challenge Workshop |
| Monday 10th February | Wise Owls Art Day |
| Friday 14th February | INSET |
| Monday 17th—Friday 21st February | Half Term Break |

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

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| 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 88.1%

Busy Bees 99.1%

Eager Beavers 96.6%

Wise Owls 94.6



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...

