

## Westhead Lathom St James'

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#### Dear Families,

What a week we have had!

On Monday the Fire Brigade visited school to speak with Year 2 and Year 6. The children enjoyed the visit and learnt all about fire safety including at home.



I am very sorry that we had to take the decision to close school due to the bad weather on Tuesday. Despite best efforts our teachers were unable to travel into school due to many road closures. I have joked with them all that they need to move to Westhead! I am sure you appreciate that closing school is never something that we want to do and that this was really unavoidable on Tuesday. It was lovely however to see all the

photographs that you sent in on Seesaw of the children making the most of the snow. We do not get snow very often (thankfully) so it really is magical to see the children experiencing this.

On Monday and Tuesday, Mrs Showering and I were on our Paediatric First Aid Training. After battling through the snow on Tuesday and a later start we were met by a familiar face... Harriet in Eager Beavers had gone to work with her dad with school being closed. This was a lovely surprise and Harriet was a very good sport letting us use her as a

pretend casualty so that we could practise our practical skills on her.

Last Friday, we welcomed our Yoga Teacher Ellie back into school. Years 1 to 6 all really enjoyed the sessions and had a relaxing afternoon.

Next Thursday our Eager Beavers have their Stone Age day with Tim Daiton. Reminder the children will need to come dressed to spend the day outdoors. We recommend they come layered up and have waterproofs and wellies plus a change of clothes with them.

Also a reminder that we still have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Applications close on Friday 26th January.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Clark

## Winter Walks...

























# Information...

#### News

St James' Church, Westhead

Sunday Service 10.30am

New website

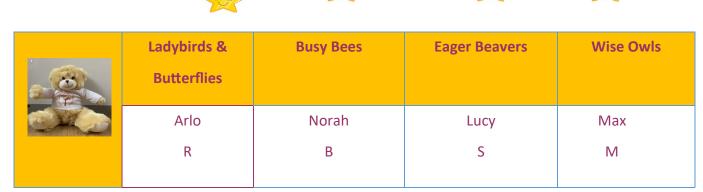
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https://www.stjamesweshead.org.uk

Rev John Sephton on

minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk

# Stars of the week and Christian 🔻 Values Bear awards: 🛛 🖈



Reception	Busy Bees		Eager Beavers		Wise Owls	
Serena	Amber	Leo	Lily	Harley	Zoe	Amy
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### **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 76.5%

Busy Bees 71%

Eager Beavers 77.4%

Wise Owls 71.7%

This week's best attenders Eager Beavers

#### Note-

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

Please do <u>NOT</u> report absence to class

teachers, seesaw or school spider. Thanks

All dinner monies need to be paid by the end of term. £2.50 per lunch is the cost . YR 3/4/5/6

Monday 15th January	Year 2 and 6 Fire Talks		
Thursday 25th January	Eager Beavers' Stone Age Day (non-uniform warm clothes and wellies please)		
Monday 29th January	Open Session 2.45pm		
Monday 29th January	Mental Health Yogi Day		
Tuesday 30th Jan-Friday	SCITT Teaching Students in leading Healthy Eating		
2nd Feb	workshops		
Wednesday 31st January	West Lancashire Pupil Parliament		
Wednesday 31st January	Ladybirds and Butterflies Trip to Imagine That		
Tuesday 6th February	St Michael's School Visiting for Collective Worship		
Wednesday 7th February	Young Voices Choir concert in Manchester		
Thursday 8th February	Ethos Group Visiting Christ Church		
Friday 9th February	INSET Day		
Saturday 10th February	PTA Photoshoots– Book your slot online		
	https://book.usesession.com/s/mKvpB_zfA		
12th-16th February	Half Term Holiday		
19th February	Year 1 Right Start Pedestrian Training		
Tuesday 20th February	Borwick Hall Parents' Meeting 3.45pm (Y3/4)		
Monday 4th March	Richard O'Neill, Storyteller visiting school		
Tuesday 5th March	Pupil Parliament visit to the Mayor's Chambers		
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day—dress as your favourite character or come in your favourite PJs		
Friday 8th March	Non-Uniform Day– bring a prize for the Easter Raffle		