



# Westhead Lathom St James'

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Dear Families,

We hope you all had a lovely and restful half term.

It's hard to believe we've only been back one week because so much has been crammed in already !

Visitors this week have included our school nurses who administered the flu nasal vaccination and also our photographers who took individual children's photos. We have now returned to the normal cycle of school photos with the class ones scheduled for the summer term.

Our Open Day was scheduled for Thursday but was postponed and a new date will be announced soon. This will be posted on the banner on the school railings and on our website. However, I stood outside at 9.30 a.m. and was able to chat to a few families and provide them with a prospectus and nursery leaflet so hopefully we will see them again soon.

We have celebrated Diwali today with a Celebration Assembly, class lessons and some traditional cooking from our Early Years.









Our programme of Pupil Progress phone calls commenced yesterday, if you've not already booked a slot please try to as there are not many left. If you are experiencing any problems with the website please give me a call and I will help you with the booking.

Our children have participated in two sports events this week at Ormskirk School and Burscough Sports Centre, and as always, have been a credit to our school.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Clark back to school again next Wednesday after her period in isolation and hope she continues to get better.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Tither

	<b>Ladybirds</b>		<b>Busy Bees</b>		<b>Eager Beavers</b>		<b>Wise Owls</b>	
	Charlie Williams		Annie Skelton		Rosie McManus		Tyler Davies	
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Busy Bees</b>		<b>Eager Beavers</b>			<b>Wise Owls</b>		
Oliver Forster 	Papis Smith 	Rishik Methuku 	Harry Cordingley 	George Lewis-Freeman 	Esther Keegan 	Aaron Lyon 		

## OUR BUSY SCHOOL WEEK

Today, Ethos club presented an assembly to the whole school to celebrate Diwali. They learned why and how they celebrate the festival of light.



Our Ladybirds and Butterflies have been working so hard experimenting with their cooking skills to celebrate Diwali. The smells around school have been mouth watering of onion bhajis and pakoras.



### **BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

We are experiencing a high number of bookings and requests for places on a Wednesday and Thursday for after school club, or for a place from 4.30 p.m. following one of the sports clubs.

Due to the staffing ratios of 1:8 once we have reached the maximum number of 16 children we unfortunately have had to decline some requests. Please can you ensure that if a regular place is required that a booking form is completed every half term. Unless in the case of illness, if the club is not notified of a cancellation 24 hours before then a charge will be made.

Unfortunately, we also cannot take verbal bookings from children passing on messages from parents first thing in the morning. If you require a space for your child then please contact Miss Jones or Mrs Walmsley in the club or give the office a call and we will try our very best to sort your request out.

Many thanks.

## CHURCH NEWS

St James' Church, Westhead

Community Praise Sunday 7th November 10.30 a.m.

For pastoral support please contact :

johnsephton1@yahoo.com



### BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Church are hoping to start up a baby and toddler group.



They are looking for volunteers to help run it, if anyone is interested or knows of anyone who may be, then please contact Rev John as detailed above. Thank you.

### MUSIC GROUP

Do you enjoy singing ?

Do you enjoy playing an instrument ?

Would you like to participate or help run a new, fun social group that church are looking to establish ?

If so, please contact Rev John as detailed above. Thank you.



### THANK YOU

The family of the late Rita McWilliam, one of our Governing Body, have asked that we pass on their extreme gratitude to everyone who bought cakes on the last day before we broke up for half term.

Our school raised £100.50 which was included with monies raised at the village hall coffee morning and a cake sale at Edge Hill, where Rita was a librarian, totalling £1370.20.

All funds raised have been donated to Macmillan cancer support.