



Westhead Lathom St James'

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to Autumn 2! We hope you all had a restful break and the children are ready for this long run up to Christmas. Would you believe it that our Christmas preparations are already underway in school?

A huge thanks to everyone who helped us end last half term on a real high at our 170th Anniversary celebrations. We were truly overwhelmed by the number of people who took the time to come along to the celebration and look at all of our displays. Those of you in attendance I'm sure will agree that the children put an awful lot of work into the event and should feel proud of their achievements. I received some lovely feedback on the day and after the event about not only the displays of work and photographs but also how confident and eloquent our pupils are and I could not agree more. Well done to all of the pupils in school for their fabulous displays and tours on the day. Special thanks also go out to Miss Tither for coordinating, Mrs Jones for her fabulous photo gallery in the hallway, Mrs Wood for the great art gallery and Mrs Smyth and the Eager Beavers for their outstanding museum.

We were also overwhelmed at the number of books turning up to school that people have gifted for our 170th Birthday. Thank you so much to everyone that has sent us a gift we really appreciate it. We are busy putting name plates in the front of the books then they will be finding their way to classrooms and lots of excited children. There are still some books on the Amazon list if anyone else wishes to purchase one. Thank you.

This first week back has been very busy indeed. Monday night was our PTA's Spooky

Disco night which was very well attended and £189 raised. I think everyone there

children (and adults) all enjoyed the evening. Of course DJ Danny's entertainment kept the parties going and there were some great moves being seen on the dance floor. Thank you to all who supported this event. Also thanks to the PTA and helpers for their

organisation, setting up, supervision during and clearing away after the event. These events rely on the goodwill of volunteers to be able to run. If you think you could help out with future events then please contact a member of the PTA or pop into school.

The PTA now have the Decorate a Bauble competition open for entry and there will be a Movie Night for children at the start of December. Additionally, a new event for this year are some mini family photo shoots. These shoots are £40 for a 15 minute session and you receive 5 high resolution images. Shoots will be held in February but might make a nice Christmas gift for someone. We are limiting this event to 16 slots in this first instance and if it proves successful then we will arrange further dates. Flyer with booking details being sent separately.

Our new clubs for the half term have kicked off and all been very well attended. History Detectives loved cracking the codes set for them and learning about mummification! Our Great Debate Team have been polishing their presentation ahead of the grand final next week and our Playground Leaders have planned a whole new exciting programme of lunchtime activities.

On Wednesday, Roxana Sardais from the EMA Team came into our collective worship to present our Lancashire Equality Mark Flag. This award is in recognition of our work on Equality and Diversity across school. Roxana told the children that she often uses

examples from our school when working in schools across Lancashire and we should be proud to be 'trailblazers'. There are only a few schools in Lancashire that have been awarded this prestigious award so we are very proud to have been recognised for our work in this area. Our Pupil Parliamentarians, Max and Megan then went out to fly the flag high!




The weekend ahead will see many bonfire and firework events. Enjoy any events that you attend and stay safe.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Clark

Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear awards!



	Ladybirds & Butterflies	Busy Bees	Eager Beavers	Wise Owls
	Nancy Devlin	Grace Rothwell	James Alty	George Freeman—Lewis

Reception	Busy Bees		Eager Beavers		Wise Owls	
Emma Hallsworth	Macey Birkett	Norah Brennan	Summer-Jayne Black	Maisie Chandley	Phoebe Chapman	Oscar Duran-Smith
						

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

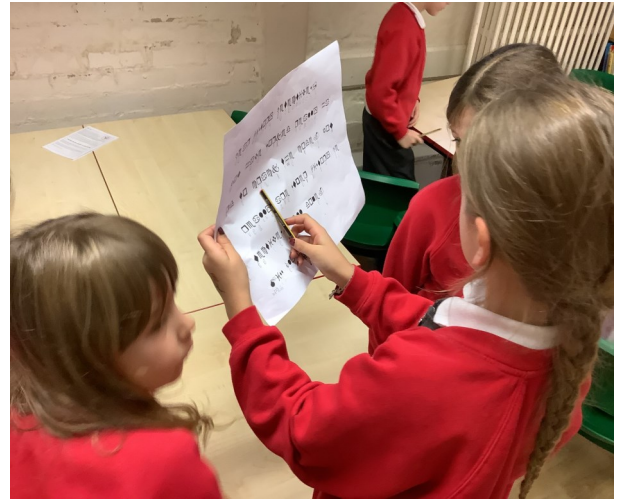
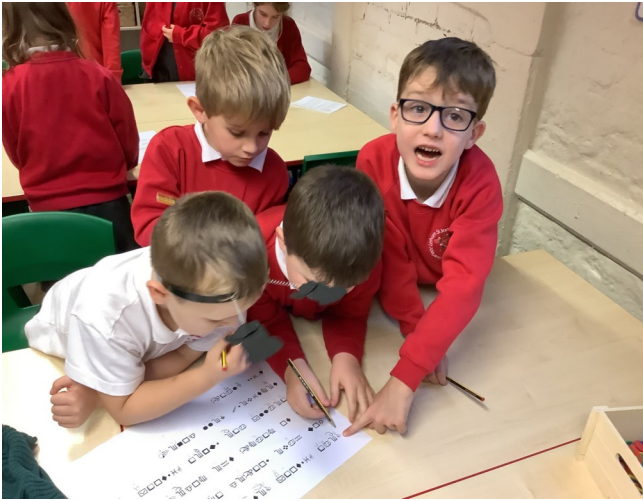


THANK YOU!

Special thank you to our nursery parent for volunteering a day of time and labour to clear the garden of moss. It looks wonderful!



History Detectives!



170TH Birthday Celebrations...



Craft Club



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
87.8%**

Ladybirds/Butterflies
88.75%

Busy Bees 87.4%

Eager Beavers 85%

Wise Owls 89.1%

**This week's best
attenders is WO class.**

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
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