



# Westhead Lathom St James'

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Dear Families,

On Friday last week our Ladybirds and Butterflies enjoyed a visit to the Midstream Café at the Village Hall. This was a reward for having the best whole class attendance last half term. The children really enjoyed their visit to the café where they each were treated to a cake and a drink.

Thank you to all of those families that are committed to excellent attendance and punctuality at school. We have seen a marked difference since the start of the year and are very pleased to see an improvement in attendance figures. We have noticed over the past few weeks there has been some slippage in terms of lateness on a morning. Please can I remind you that if the gate is closed when you arrive that you must sign your child/children in at the office for safeguarding reasons.

A huge thanks to all of you who have supported our latest PTA events by purchasing baubles or movie night tickets. If you haven't yet bought a bauble but would like one there are some left. Baubles can be returned to school on 1st December ready to decorate the tree.

On Tuesday this week some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils represented school at an inter-school dodgeball competition. There were 17 schools that took part in the event which was really fun (and extremely loud). The evening was filled with fast paced games and the children were exhausted by the end. Well done to the team who represented school so well.

On Thursday this week we opened our doors for the morning to prospective parents. It was lovely to invite people in for a tour and well done to our superb Year 6 tour guides.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Clark

## Midstream café visit




## Dodgeball Team...



# Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear awards!



	Ladybirds & Butterflies	Busy Bees	Eager Beavers	Wise Owls
	Isaac Nolan	Hudson Tyrer	Harley Wooldridge & Ethan Nolan	Ethan Hardiman

Reception	Busy Bees		Eager Beavers		Wise Owls	
Benjamin Abbott  	Alfie Hickson  	Joseph Darley  	Saryah Babiker  	Esme Ashcroft  	Isaac Kane  	George Freeman- Lewis  

## Church News

St James' Church, Westhead

Sunday Service 10.30am

For pastoral support and zoom log-ins please contact—

Rev John Sephton on john-sephton1@yahoo.com or 07929512847



## Attendance Matters

What your child's  
attendance figures  
mean...

<b>100% attendance</b>	Zero days missed	<b>Excellent!</b>
<b>99% attendance</b>	Two days of absence across the year	<b>Excellent!</b>
<b>97% attendance</b>	Five days of absence across the year	<b>Good</b>
<b>95% attendance</b>	Nine days of absence across the year: one week and four days of learning missed.	<b>Satisfactory</b>
<b>90% attendance</b>	Nineteen days of absence across the year; three weeks and four days of learning missed	<b>Poor</b>
<b>85% attendance</b>	Twenty-eight days of absence across the year: five weeks and three days of learning missed.	<b>Very Poor</b>
<b>80% attendance</b>	Thirty-eight days of absence across the year: seven weeks and 3 days of learning missed.	<b>Unacceptable</b>
<b>75% attendance</b>	<b>Educational Neglect</b> Forty-six days of absence across the year: nine weeks and one day of learning missed.	<b>Unacceptable</b>

### **Attendance in school this week IS ONLY**

Ladybirds/Butterflies 89%

Busy Bees 91.6 %

Eager Beavers 92.3%

90.1%

Wise Owls 94%

**This week's best attenders are The Wise Owls .**

### **Note-**

**Absence should be reported to the office on  
01695 574078 OR [bursar@wlsj.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@wlsj.lancs.sch.uk)**

**Please do not report absence to class teachers, seesaw or school spider. Thanks**

## Dates for Your Diary

Friday 17h November	Spotty clothes/non uniform day Children in need
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