



Westhead Lathom St James'

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Dear Families,

On Monday, the Wise Owls enjoyed their most recent art day where they learnt about Surrealism. The children learnt all about Surrealism as an art movement, which evolved because of the concurrent developments in the world. They looked at work from artists: Rene Magritte, Meret, Oppenheim, and Leonara Carrington. The children then considered the impact Surrealism has had on today, looking particularly at advertising. Finally, they manipulated images digitally to create their own Surrealist inspired artworks.

On Wednesday, we were very pleased to welcome Michael Churm, Paralympic Sprinter into school for our sponsored circuits event. The children really enjoyed the sessions throughout the afternoon and meeting Michael. Please can all sponsor forms and monies be returned no later than **Wednesday 6th December**. Thanks.

A huge thanks to everyone that took part in our Decorate a Bauble competition. We were astounded by the creativity shown and the high standard of all the entries. It was very difficult for the judge to pick a winner from each class. Congratulations to our winners are: Jack, Alfie, Caitlin and Max, who will all receive a children's Christmas Hamper. We managed to raise £103 for PTA funds. Baubles will all be returned to the children at the end of term for them to keep.

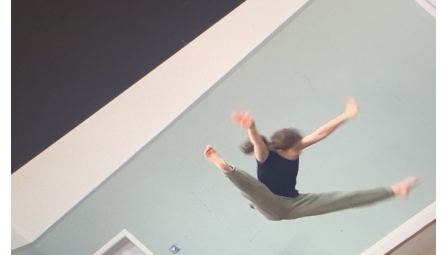
Finally, a polite reminder about parking outside of school. We know how difficult it is when dropping off and collecting from school when everyone is arriving at the same time. Please do not park across dropped kerbs, which blocks neighbours driveways, and please do not double park. We encourage as many of you as possible to make use of the Prince Albert car park and crossing patrol. Many thanks for your understanding and support with this issue.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Clark

Dance Practice...

Dance rehearsals over the last few weeks are showing some wonderful skills and confidence.



Sport and physical education ...

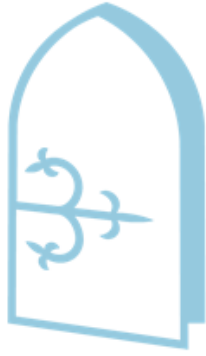
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Design and Technology...

This week in Design and Technology the children have been designing, making and evaluating their sandwiches, as part of our work on 'Healthy Humans'.





St James Westhead

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NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER SERVICES

- 12th November: 10.30am Remembrance Service**
- 3rd December: 10.30am Advent Sunday:
Launch of Reverse Advent Calendar
Memory Tree Baubles
2.30pm-4.00pm Afternoon Tea - £5.00 each tickets
required.**
- 10th December 10.30am Tree Service:
Childrens presents must be new
And Unwrapped
Gifts will be given to:
The Liberty Centre
Ormskirk Foodbank**
- 17th December 4.00pm Carol Service with Haydock Brass Band**
- 24th December 2.30pm Christingle & Crib Service**
- 24th December 9.00pm Holy Communion**
- 25th December 9.30am Holy Communion**
- 31st December 10.30am Holy Communion**

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



Bauble entries...

So many beautiful entries have been brought in. So much time and effort has gone into these, it was a very difficult job to choose. Mr Walmsley one of our school governors came in today to judge.



Bauble winners...

Well done to the winners, Max, Jack, Caitlin and Alfie.



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...

Ladybirds/Butterflies 91.6%

Busy Bees 97.08%

Eager Beavers 93.18%

Wise Owls 87%

This week's best attenders are Busy Bees!

Note-

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

Please do not 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 .

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 1st December	PTA Christmas Movie Night
Wednesday 6th December	Classes to visit CAMEO to perform Christmas songs at village hall
Thursday 7th December	Wise Owls' Carol Concert at Christ Church, Aughton 11am
Sunday 10th December	10.30am Nativity at St James' Church, Westhead
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper day
Thursday 14th December	Eager Beavers singing at Bretherton Court, Burscough
Monday 18th December	Eager Beavers and Wise Owls' Christmas Parties
Tuesday 19th December	Ladybirds, Butterflies and Busy Bees' Christmas Parties
Wednesday 20th December	Eager Beavers The Big Sing at Ormskirk High School
Thursday 21st December	2.30pm Helpers' Thank You
Friday 22nd December	Break for Christmas at 2pm
Monday 8th January	School opens for the new term
Wednesday 10th January	Wise Owls' Trip to Jodrell Bank
Monday 15th January	Year 2 and 6 Fire Talks
Wednesday 24th January	Mental Health Yogi Day (non-uniform)
Thursday 25th January	Eager Beavers' Stone Age Day (non-uniform warm clothes and wellies please)
Monday 29th January	Open Session 2.45pm
W/C 5th February	Year 1 Right Start Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 7th February	Young Voices Choir concert in Manchester
Friday 9th February	INSET Day
Saturday 10th February	PTA Photoshoots– Book your slot online
12th-16th February	Half Term Holiday