



Westhead Lathom St James'

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Dear Families,

On Friday, last week we had our PTA Movie Night. The children loved the evening and enjoyed their hot dogs and popcorn too. Thanks to all who supported this event. Thanks also to the PTA for planning and coordinating this event plus for cleaning up the masses of popcorn at the end of the night! The evening raised a fabulous £419!



On Monday and Tuesday this week our Butterfly children have enjoyed some Forest School sessions. This has been as part of Mrs Parkinson's training and assessment as a Forest School Leader. The sessions were a huge success and the children showed off their creativity and curiosity as they explored the forest. We look forward to extending these sessions to more classes later in the year.

On Wednesday afternoon, the whole school went across to the village hall to perform for the CAMEO group. We really enjoyed performing for the local community at this event ahead of our Nativity Service this Sunday. A reminder that children need to be at church for 10.15am and the service starts at 10.30am. We look forward to welcoming to all.

Our History Detectives have been learning about the Roman army and their means of defence. In our club the children made shields to test out the tortoise shell formation. We tested these out in an assembly this week when the other children pelted us with foam balls. Our shields worked as a brilliant defence and we had great fun too!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Clark

Performing for CAMEO Group...



13th December...

Christmas Dinner Christmas Dinner will be the only option this day. Please see my email regarding this. £2.50 per lunch unless your child is Reception, year 1, year 2 or you are entitled to free school meals. If you have paid and you didn't need to, I have sent money home with your child.

Christmas Jumper day!

This is entirely optional!





History Detectives...

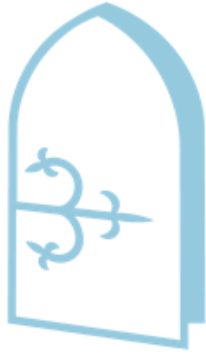


Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear awards!



	Ladybirds & Butterflies	Busy Bees	Eager Beavers	Wise Owls
	Jude J-J	Caleb L	Caitlin W	Oscar D-S

Reception	Busy Bees		Eager Beavers		Wise Owls	
Nancy D	Arlo S	Blake T	Papis S	Harry H	Maddison D	Sophie W
						



St James Westhead

KNOWING JESUS | MAKING HIM KNOWN

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
New website
<https://stjamesweshead.org.uk>
Rev John Sephton on
minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk





**FATHER CHRISTMAS IS
COMING
TO WESTHEAD VILLAGE
HALL!**



**Saturday 16th December
2-4pm**



Come and meet Father Christmas
Refreshments Available
Raffle, Tombola
and other Stalls



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 95.5%

Busy Bees 98.7%

Eager Beavers 93.8%

Wise Owls 91.3%

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 . YR 3/4/5/6

Dates for Your Diary

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