



Westhead Lathom St James'

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Number 15

15th December
2023

Dear Families

Thank you to everyone that came along to support our Nativity last Sunday in church. I have to say I didn't get much sleep the night before knowing the whole area was without power. Thankfully, prayers were answered and the show was able to go ahead and what a show it was. The Ladybirds, Butterflies and Busy Bees children all did an absolutely superb job of their performance. Their signing was fabulous and our amazing narrators read beautifully. Well done everyone. Thanks to all the teachers, helpers and volunteers that also have worked hard on this behind the scenes.

Our Wise Owls class started the week working on their latest Design and Technology project. This half term the children have been researching and planning for Feast for a Celebration. The children have looked at existing products, researched recipes then planned their own celebratory feast. On Monday, the children worked hard throughout the day to bring their recipes to life. They then all sat down to enjoy the feast once all the hard work was done. Well done Wise Owls– amazing work!

On Wednesday, we had our Christmas Dinner and jumper day. The children really enjoyed their dinner and all looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers.

On Thursday afternoon, our Eager Beavers went out to visit Bretherton Court, sheltered accommodation in Burscough. The pupils performed brilliantly and we are very proud of them. It was great practising some of our Big Sing songs too before the concert next week.

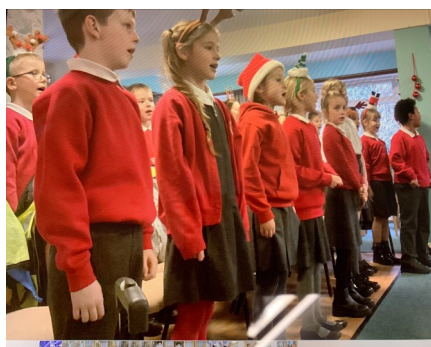
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Clark

Church singing and Bretherton Court



Wise Owls went to Aughton Christ Church on public transport to sing in an Advent service.



Christmas lunch with school friends...




Cooking up a Christmas feast!

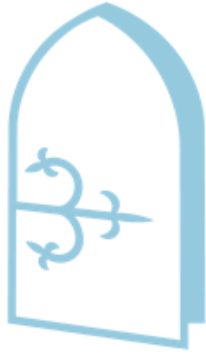


Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear awards!



	Ladybirds & Butterflies	Busy Bees	Eager Beavers	Wise Owls
	Nancy B	Alice D	Teddy J-J	Arwen G

Reception	Busy Bees		Eager Beavers		Wise Owls	
Owen P 	Hudson T	Charlie W	Lucy S	Maisie C	Orrin A	Cleo H
						



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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**

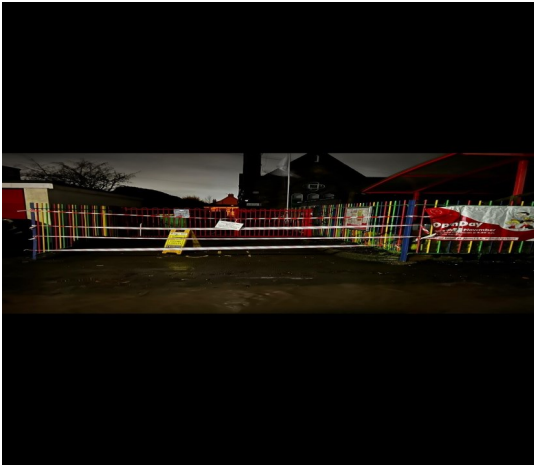
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News

St James' Church, Westhead
Sunday Service 10.30am
New website
<https://stjamesweshead.org.uk>
Rev John Sephton on
minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk



Important information



As you will have seen the hole at the front of school remains an issue. We are trying to get this situation rectified as soon as possible so that the pedestrian entrance can be used once more. We are currently being supported by the landowners, Liverpool Diocese to establish a way forward in order for works to begin. Thank you for your patience as we navigate through

**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 91.2%

Busy Bees 88.52%

Eager Beavers 92.17%

Wise Owls 89.57%

This week's best attenders are

Eager Beavers!

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

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