



Westhead Lathom St James'

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Dear Families,

What a week we have had!

On Monday the Fire Brigade visited school to speak with Year 2 and Year 6. The children enjoyed the visit and learnt all about fire safety including at home.



I am very sorry that we had to take the decision to close school due to the bad weather on Tuesday. Despite best efforts our teachers were unable to travel into school due to many road closures. I have joked with them all that they need to move to Westhead! I am sure you appreciate that closing school is never something that we want to do and that this was really unavoidable on Tuesday. It was lovely however to see all the

photographs that you sent in on Seesaw of the children making the most of the snow. We do not get snow very often (thankfully) so it really is magical to see the children experiencing this.

On Monday and Tuesday, Mrs Showering and I were on our Paediatric First Aid Training. After battling through the snow on Tuesday and a later start we were met by a familiar face... Harriet in Eager Beavers had gone to work with her dad with school being closed. This was a lovely surprise and Harriet was a very good sport letting us use her as a

pretend casualty so that we could practise our practical skills on her.

Last Friday, we welcomed our Yoga Teacher Ellie back into school. Years 1 to 6 all really enjoyed the sessions and had a relaxing afternoon.

Next Thursday our Eager Beavers have their Stone Age day with Tim Daiton. Reminder the children will need to come dressed to spend the day outdoors. We recommend they come layered up and have waterproofs and wellies plus a change of clothes with them.

Also a reminder that we still have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Applications close on **Friday 26th January**.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Clark

Winter Walks...



Information...

News

St James' Church, Westhead

Sunday Service 10.30am

New website


<https://www.stjamesweshead.org.uk>

Rev John Sephton on

minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk

Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear awards!



	Ladybirds & Butterflies	Busy Bees	Eager Beavers	Wise Owls
	Arlo R	Norah B	Lucy S	Max M

Reception	Busy Bees		Eager Beavers		Wise Owls	
Serena L 	Amber K 	Leo B 	Lily M 	Harley W 	Zoe DC 	Amy O 

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 76.5%

Busy Bees 71%

Eager Beavers 77.4%

Wise Owls 71.7%

This week's best attenders 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

Monday 15th January	Year 2 and 6 Fire Talks
Thursday 25th January	Eager Beavers' Stone Age Day (non-uniform warm clothes and wellies please)
Monday 29th January	Open Session 2.45pm
Monday 29th January	Mental Health Yogi Day
Tuesday 30th Jan-Friday 2nd Feb	SCITT Teaching Students in leading Healthy Eating workshops
Wednesday 31st January	West Lancashire Pupil Parliament
Wednesday 31st January	Ladybirds and Butterflies Trip to Imagine That
Tuesday 6th February	St Michael's School Visiting for Collective Worship
Wednesday 7th February	Young Voices Choir concert in Manchester
Thursday 8th February	Ethos Group Visiting Christ Church
Friday 9th February	INSET Day
Saturday 10th February	PTA Photoshoots– Book your slot online https://book.usesession.com/s/mKvpB_zfA
12th-16th February	Half Term Holiday
19th February	Year 1 Right Start Pedestrian Training
Tuesday 20th February	Borwick Hall Parents' Meeting 3.45pm (Y3/4)
Monday 4th March	Richard O'Neill, Storyteller visiting school
Tuesday 5th March	Pupil Parliament visit to the Mayor's Chambers
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day—dress as your favourite character or come in your favourite PJs
Friday 8th March	Non-Uniform Day– bring a prize for the Easter Raffle