



# Westhead Lathom St James'

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Dear Families,

It seems like a long time since our last newsletter so there are lots of updates!

On Monday 5th February, our new School Adviser, Mrs Hesketh, came to spend a morning in school. She had a tour of the classrooms, met pupils and staff and even sat in on some pupil interviews with one of our teachers. We had some lovely feedback after the visit about the pupils' behaviour, what a warm and welcoming school we are and also about the work pupils were producing in their lessons. Well done everyone for showing off what a wonderful place WLSJ is!

On Tuesday 6th February, we welcomed some friends from St Michael's School in Aughton. The children that came led our morning Collective Worship which they had planned themselves. It was a really interesting session all about Lent. On Thursday of the same week we paid a return visit to St Michael's with some of our Ethos Group who led Collective Worship for their school. This was a fabulous experience and the children really enjoyed taking part.

On Wednesday 7th February, our fabulous Young Voices Choir joined up with around 9000 pupils from across the North West to perform in concert at the AO Arena in Manchester. We had a brilliant time at the concert. The children represented school beautifully and the atmosphere was electric! I have just about recovered from the noise of the cheers and whoops in the arena. Well done Young Voices!

This week, Year 6 have had a busy start to the half term with some small group revision sessions. We have been very impressed with their attitudes and focus during these sessions and they have wowed us with their knowledge. Well done Year 6!

This week we have been showing prospective candidates around school for the teacher vacancy in Busy Bees. Interviews will be held this half term and the successful candidate will start from September 2024.

On Wednesday morning, this week, we welcomed in Mr Brown from the Sports' Partnership for our first Rugby session of the term. The children really enjoyed the session despite being confined to the Studio due to torrential rain. Of course the sun came out for the end of the day but unfortunately not the morning. Here's hoping next week is a bit sunnier!

During the afternoons this week, our Year 1 pupils have been taking part in their Stage 2 Right Start Pedestrian Training. The children were brilliant during these sessions. They remembered all of what they had learnt last year as well as what they had covered in class in their theory sessions. The children were very well behaved when carrying out the practical aspects of the sessions. On Wednesday afternoon, Ian Thomas from Lancashire County Council Schools' Crossing Patrols, came to carry out the final practical task with the pupils. The children learnt how to use the Crossing Patrol to cross the main road safely. Ian was very impressed with all of the children in terms of what they knew, their answers to his questions and with their conduct during the sessions. A big thanks to Ian for supporting these sessions and also to Mrs R Lyon and Mrs L Duran-Smith for volunteering to help with these sessions.

Finally, a reminder that we have our World Book Day celebrations coming up in a couple of weeks. We are still looking to recruit a couple more Masked Readers. If you are interested in being a Masked Reader then please let me know and we can arrange the timetable for the week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Clark

St James Church..

For further enquiries please contact:


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Romans 8:25 - But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

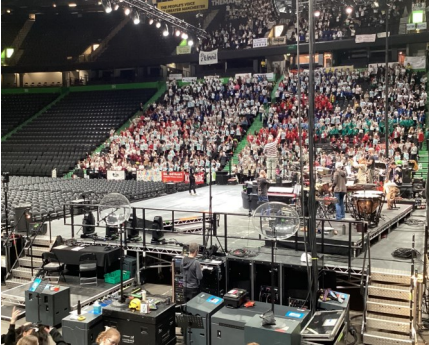
# Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear awards!



	<b>Ladybirds &amp; Butterflies</b>	<b>Busy Bees</b>	<b>Eager Beavers</b>	<b>Wise Owls</b>
	Nancy D	Alice D	Papis S	Alice W

Reception	Busy Bees		Eager Beavers		Wise Owls	
Seren G 	Alfie H 	Ivy S 	Pia P 	Teddy J-J 	Isaac K 	Rosie M 

## Young Voices...



## Right Start...



# Dodgeball...



## 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...**

Ladybirds/Butterflies 94.6%

Busy Bees 94.2%

Eager Beavers 100%

Wise Owls 93.6%

**This week's best attenders—Eager Beavers**

**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**

All dinner monies need to be paid  
by the end of term. £2.50 per  
lunch is the cost . YR 3/4/5/6

Thursday 29th February	7pm PTA Meeting at School
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
Wednesday 13th March	Busy Bees' Trip to Judges Lodgings, Lancaster
Thursday 14th March- Friday 5th March	Eager Beavers' Borwick Hall Trip
Monday 18th March	Parents' Evening from 1.30pm onwards
Thursday 21st March	Parent's Evening from 3.45pm onwards
Thursday 28th March	Easter Service 9.30am and PTA Easter Bake off!
Thursday 28th March	Close for Easter holidays at 2pm
Monday 15th April	School reopens
w/c/ 15th April	Reception Right Start Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 24th April	Great Big Dance Off Competition
Thursday 25th April	Busy Bees' Trip to Catalyst Science Centre
w/c 13th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 17th May	Sports' Day
Friday 17th May	PTA Family BBQ
Thursday 23rd May	2.45pm Open Session
Monday 27th May–Friday 31st May	HALF TERM
Monday 3rd June	INSET Day