

Westhead Lathom St James'

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Dear Families,

Last week, our Wise Owls ended their fabulous trip in London with a visit to the Harry Potter experience. This was the perfect end to a perfect trip! There was so much to see and do at the studios and lots of photo opportunities too! We are incredibly proud of how the class represented school whilst on this trip and cannot thank them enough for making it a pleasure to take them away. A huge thanks also to staff and Mr Walmsley, our Vice Chair of Governors who gave their time voluntarily. Without, these volunteers trips like this would just not be possible. We are already planning our residential and day trips for next year so watch this space!

This week we have welcomed some of our new starters into school and have been blown away with how fabulous they all are. It's hard to believe that some of them have not even turned three yet! The children have come in and got straight down to playing in our classroom and outdoor area and making new friends. We are excited for them all starting in September.

On Thursday, we had a visit from Anna from Ormskirk Library. Anna came to talk to the whole school about this year's summer reading challenge which has now started. If you are a member of the library you can sign up for free. Over the summer, the library are running free craft sessions every Thursday morning at 10am so why not check them out? Everyone that completes the reading challenge receives a certificate and the chance to win some Lego.

Next week, is our transition week in school. On Monday, the children will go to their usual class then after collective worship will go the their new classes. From Tuesday, the children will drop off their coats and bags then go straight to their new classes. We have run a transition week the past few years and find that it is very beneficial in terms of getting the children settled with routines, rules and expectations in their new classes and helps everyone hit the ground running in September. On Wednesday, straight after school Mrs Smyth is hosting her meet the teacher session for current Year 2 parents. On Thursday, straight after school Mrs Pose will run her meet the teacher session for current Butterfly parents.

Next Friday morning will be our Year 6 Leavers Service. All children need to be dropped at church for 9am. The service will start at 9.15am and all are welcome to attend. Staff will then walk the children back to school after the event.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Clark



Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear 🛛 🖈





Ladybirds & Butterflies	Busy Bees	Eager Beavers	Wise Owls
Hendrik	Macey	Papis	Class
S	B	S	Award

Reception	Busy	/ Bees	Eager I	Beavers	Wise	Owls
Seren	Vincent	Leo	Harriet	Esme	Class	Class
G	J	В	D	А	Award	Award
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A few photos...



Parent Governor

Please contact school if you are interested in joining the school governors panel.

Clothes box

If you have any old clothes please bring them into school as we have a charity box in the foyer.

Lunchtime information...



Please note on the **11th July** this lunch option is the only option. If your child doesn't like this then please send a packed lunch.

If your child doesn't normally have school dinners and wants to have this, please let me know in the office and send email to bur-

sar@wlsj.lancs.sch.uk

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



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	four Satisfactory	
	days of learning missed.		
90% attendance	Nineteen days of absence across the year; three weeks	Poor	
	and four days of learning missed		
85% attendance	Twenty-eight days of absence across the year: five weeks	Very Poor	
	and three days of learning missed.		
80% attendance	Thirty-eight days of absence across the year: seven	Unacceptable	
	weeks and 3 days of learning missed.		
75% attendance	Educational Neglect	Unacceptable	
	Forty-six days of absence across the year: nine weeks and one day of learning missed.		

Attendance in school this week...

Ladybirds/Butterflies 90.1%

Busy Bees 93.6%

Eager Beavers 97.4%

Wise Owls 92.7%

This week's best attenders... Eager Beavers!



Every term there is an opportunity for the class with the best attendance to win a special award.



A walk over to the village hall and attend the Mid stream coffee morning. Each child is able to have a cupcake and drink and engage in a morning social with the local community.



Dates for the Diary!

Wed 10th July	EB meet teacher 3.30
Thurs 11th July	6PM Rotary Award Civic Hall
Thurs 11th July	Euros Lunch
Thurs 11th July	Busy Bee's Meet the teacher 3.30pm
8th–12th July	Transition Week
Friday 12th July	Y6 Leavers Service, church Drop off for 9am start
Monday 15th July	Summer Disco 6-7pm and 7-8pm
Friday 19th July	2pm close for summer break