



Westhead Lathom St James'

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Dear Families,

Well what a lovely week it has been in school. All of our classes have moved up to their new year groups each morning and it is clear to see that the children are more than ready for this now. As I have popped into each class, they have all looked settled and happy plus busy getting down to work. I've seen lots of excited faces throughout the week and heard about lots of lovely things that they have all been doing in class or are looking forward to next year.

Thanks to all of the Year 4, Year 2 and Reception parents that have attended "Meet the Teacher" sessions over the past two weeks. This transition week and parents' meetings are a fantastic way to ensure that all the children transition smoothly into the next year group. It also means that come September we can all hit the ground running.

We are already in the process of booking trips, visitors and experiences for next year. This year the £9000 raised back in November at the comedy bingo night has subsidised EVERY trip since November, paid for minibuses to sporting events, paid for new book stock in school, paid for our visiting storyteller and Godly Play bus. Thank you to you all for supporting us as normal school budgets unfortunately do not stretch far enough to be able to subsidise such experiences. Money raised by the PTA this year through Bake Off, Summer Fayre, Competitions and Discos will be used to help subsidise some of the trips planned for next year.

As we move into the new school year the office will be going cashless and paperless. All families are asked to download the "School Gateway" app. This app will be used for booking all clubs, ordering dinners, paying for excursions and signing consent forms, signing consent for sporting events and booking/paying for breakfast and after school club. The system will go live over the summer holidays once all year groups have rolled up on the internal admin system. You will all receive a PIN to be able to set up an account linked to your child/children. We are hoping that once up and running this new system will make it a lot easier for parents to book and pay for activities/sessions. Obviously, with any new system we expect teething problems so please so bear with us as we get the system up and running any issues ironed out. Thank you.

On Thursday evening, our Year 6 pupils that have been working on their Junior Rotary Award throughout the year, attended the Civic Hall for a presentation evening. The children that completed the award have all worked incredibly hard throughout the year completing community service, physical recreation, learning new skills and experiencing a range of cultural events. They have also each pulled together a portfolio showcasing all of their work for the award. Well done to all of the children that achieved this amazing award.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Clark

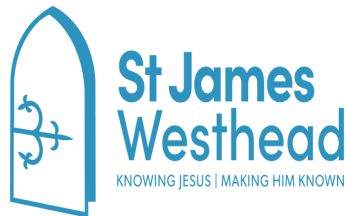
Schoolgateway



CHURCH DATES AND EVENTS


This weeks Sunday service is at 10.30am

admin@stjameswesthead.org.uk



Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear



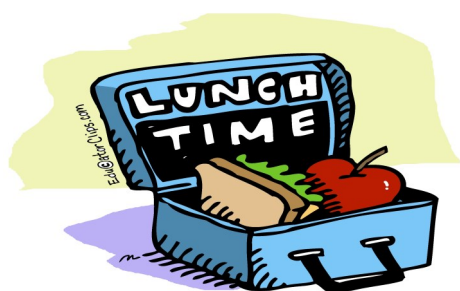
	Ladybirds & Butterflies	Busy Bees	Eager Beavers	Wise Owls
	Dougie B	Isla B	James A	Year 6 Award

Reception	Busy Bees		Eager Beavers		Wise Owls	
Elliot B 	Amber K 	Norah B 	Ethan N 	Maisie C 	Year 6 Award 	Year 6 Award 

A few photos...



Lunchtime information...



Please note on the 19th 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

Invoice will be sent home on

Monday



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 97.3%

Busy Bees 95.4%

Eager Beavers 98.7%

Wise Owls 90.9%

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



Midstream Coffee Morning!

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!

Monday 15th July Summer Disco 6-7pm and 7-8pm

Friday 19th July Leavers Lunch

Friday 19th July 2pm close for summer break

Monday 2nd September Inset Day

Tuesday 3rd September EYFS Home Visits

Wednesday 4th September EYFS Home Visits

Monday 9TH September Year 4 Forest School—6 Weeks

Wednesday 11th September Year5/6 Forest School –6 Weeks

Monday 16th September EYFS Phonics Parent Evening

Tuesday 24th September EYFS Forest School 11 Weeks