



Westhead Lathom St James'

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Dear Families,

A huge welcome back to everyone and also to all of our new families. It was so lovely on Tuesday to see all of our returning pupils excited to see friends and catch up as they came through the gate and to see lots of excited new faces yesterday! I have heard lots of lovely news about the holidays and I cannot quite believe how much some of the children have shot up over summer!

Thank you to you all for being patient and bearing with us this week as we get School Gateway up and running. As expected, there have been teething problems but we now have around 90% of you up and running and hope to have everyone on by the end of next week. Early feedback from those of you on the system has been overwhelmingly positive. We are very much hoping that this system will make ordering dinners, booking club places, paying for trips, booking nursery sessions etc a much smoother process.

All of the classes across school have come back and settled very well. It has been a pleasure to pop in and see how hard everyone has been working. The better weather has also allowed us to get to the field each lunch time too. A reminder that everyone needs their wellies in school every day for going across to the field when wet. Thank you

Our clubs will get up and running next week. Lunchtime clubs this half term include:

Library Café for all year groups, Chess club for Juniors, Lego/Games for EYFS and Year 1/2, Art Club Year 5/6, Ethos Club for all year groups and School Council for all year groups.

After School Clubs include: Sports' Partnership Dance and Fitness class on a Tuesday from 3.30-4.30 for Reception to Year 4 (small charge of £3 per session) and Football on a Thursday for Years 1 to 6. Both these clubs need to be booked via the Gateway app and have a limited number of places.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Miss Clark

CHURCH DATES AND EVENTS

This weeks Sunday service is at 10.30am

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Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear



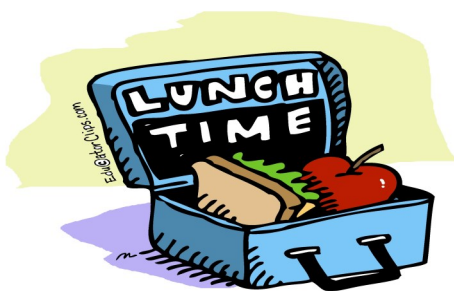
	Ladybirds & Butterflies	Busy Bees	Eager Beavers	Wise Owls
	Logan M	Alice D	Class Award	Sammy M

Reception	Busy Bees		Eager Beavers		Wise Owls	
Owen H 	Oliver H 	Grace R 	Harriet H 	Thomas D 	Annie S 	James R-W

A few photos...



Lunchtime information...



Please note

Lunch bookings are to be made via the school Gateway app.



Huge Thank you to Superior Eco for working through the night to update the whole school lighting system to the mandatory LED switch over. The lighting fixtures, workmanship and professionalism of the team has really impressed us!

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 100%

Busy Bees 98%

Eager Beavers 92.9%

Wise Owls 90.6%

This week's best attenders... Ladybirds and Butterflies!



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 9th Sept	Forest School YEAR 3
Wednesday 11th Sept	Forest School YEAR 5/6
Monday 16th Sept	Forest School YEAR 3
Monday 16th Sept	6PM EYFS Phonics Parent's Evening
Wednesday 18th Sept	Forest School YEAR 5/6
Friday 20TH Sept	Key Stage 1 Swimming