



# Westhead Lathom St James'

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Dear Families,

Well our first full week back in school has been incredibly busy. We have had our Sports' Partnership coaches in teaching Dance and Yoga in PE sessions; our clubs are all up and running and the children are all working hard.

Thank you once again for bearing with us whilst we got School Gateway up and running. I think we are now sorted and have everyone in school able to access the app. I have had lots of positive feedback from parents about the app which is great to hear. In the payments section this week some trips have been uploaded for the whole school as well as individual classes.

Our extra-curricular clubs are already proving popular across school. On Tuesday lunchtime, our EYFS and KS1 pupils enjoyed taking part in Lego club where there were some fabulous creations. On Wednesday, Miss Tither was thrilled to have a packed Young Voices Choir session. The children have started to learn the songs for the concert and it sounds like it will be another fabulous event. Our after school football and dance clubs were also well attended and the sun even came out for football!

Our Forest School sessions for Year 3, 5 and 6 started this week and the children had a great time playing in the mud kitchen; making natural dyes for printing and of course using the mud slide! Our EYFS pupils will start their sessions in a couple of week's time. The other year groups will get their sessions next half term and after February half term.

On the back page of this newsletter are some dates for your diary but I would particularly like to draw your attention to the date for Harvest Festival which will be held on Sunday 13th October at 10.30am at St James Church. Additionally, our first Open Session of the year which will be held on Thursday 17th October at 2.45pm in school. For those new to school, Open Session is a lovely time during which each child can invite an adult in from home to see what they have been doing in school. These sessions are always very well attended and a really special time for adults to spend time in school sharing their children's experiences.

Staffing News: We are very sad to announce that Miss Suzanne Jones will be leaving at the end of next week. Suzanne has worked at WLSJ for a number of years supporting in our Breakfast Club, After School Club, at lunchtimes and as a Teaching Assistant in classrooms. Suzanne has run extra-curricular clubs for our pupils and always contributed to the wider life of school. It has long been her dream to train to be a teacher and I am pleased to say she is starting on her journey toward this and starting a course at Edge Hill this month. We wish her all the very best in this exciting new venture. This is not a complete goodbye as Miss Jones will be back to help out as a volunteer at events and on trips

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



	<b>Ladybirds &amp; Butterflies</b>	<b>Busy Bees</b>	<b>Eager Beavers</b>	<b>Wise Owls</b>
	Ruby H	Amber K	Ethan N	Caitlin W

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Busy Bees</b>		<b>Eager Beavers</b>		<b>Wise Owls</b>	
Arlo R 	Serena L 	Alfie H 	Lucie W 	Lucy S 	Teddy J-J 	Isaac K 

# School Gateway and Lunchtime information...

Thank you to all that are using the app! It seems to be working well!

The system will allow lunch bookings until 9.30am on the day.

Lunch options are to be selected and booked on the app by parents/carers.

Rec-Yr2 ( Key Stage 1 ) are free for all children

Yr3-Yr6 (Key Stage 2 ) are £2.50 per day. Payable on the app.

There is currently a charge showing on Key Stage 1 meals... Ignore this, I will void this at a later date.

No charge will be taken from any accounts

Schoolgateway



After School Club is bookable until 3.30pm on the day if the places are available. If the app wont let you book a place, it means the session is full.

## Panto information... Oh yes it is!!

Any child in Rec-Yr2 or those eligible for Free school meals who would like a sandwich bag for the Panto, please leave a comment on the payment section and state Cheese or Ham. I

f you have already paid and it wont let you go back and comment, please just send a message via gateway to me and I will add on to the comments manually!



## 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 93.7%

Busy Bees 94%

Eager Beavers 92.9%

Wise Owls 96.9%

### This week's best attenders... Wise Owls!



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!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 16th September	Year 3 Forest School
Monday 16th September	Butterflies Parents' Phonics Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 18th September	Year 5 and 6 Forest School
Monday 23rd September	Year 3 Forest School
Tuesday 24th September	Ladybirds and Butterflies Forest School
Wednesday 25th September	Year 5 and 6 Forest School
Monday 30th September	Year 3 Forest School
Tuesday 1st October	Ladybirds and Butterflies Forest School
Tuesday 1st October	KS1 Football Tournament 4-6pm
Wednesday 2nd October	Year 5 and 6 Forest School
Thursday 3rd October	Open Morning 9.30am for Prospective Parents
Friday 4th October	Non-uniform day Donations for Bingo Prizes
w/c 7th October	Year 2 Right Start Pedestrian Training