



Westhead Lathom St James'

Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been another busy week in school.

On Monday, we started the week with Remembrance Day celebrations. A huge thanks to Richard who came in for the day and volunteered his time to speak with all classes about Remembrance. We started the day with a wonderful Collective Worship session led by Richard. Following this, our Wise Owls class enjoyed an interactive session looking at artefacts and asking questions. Then our Eager Beavers spent the afternoon at church acting as History Detectives, finding clues to the past. A fabulous start to the week.

On Tuesday afternoon, our Eager Beavers had a great afternoon carrying on their art work on Deborah Roberts and trying their hand at mono printing. The children really enjoyed this session and impressed Mrs Wood with their skills.

On Wednesday evening, we hosted a cluster meeting for local Year 1 and 2 teachers to come along and share practice in writing. This was a fabulous professional development session and it was great to see pupils' work from across the cluster and share development ideas and priorities.

Some staffing news... Mrs Walmsley will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a full-time position at her other place of employment. She has worked at WLSJ for 14 years and has been a key member of staff throughout as well as regularly volunteering in classes across school. Additionally, she has seen her own four children progress through the school. We will be very sorry to see Mrs Walmsley leave as she has contributed so much to school life over the past 14 years but we know she will stay in touch. We wish her all the very best with her new role!

Today we have celebrated Children in Need. It was great to see everyone in their own clothes and all of the Pudsey Bear items too! Thank you to everyone who made donations on School Gateway. We raised £83 which will be sent off to the charity.

Each half term the class with the best attendance gets to visit the Midstream Coffee morning in the village hall and enjoy some cake as a celebration. Last half term the best attenders were Ladybirds and Butterflies which means that they will visit Midstream next Friday for their reward. Well done Ladybirds and Butterflies, keep it up!
Have a lovely weekend everyone.

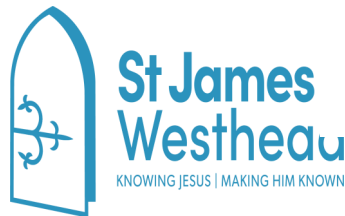
Miss Clark

CHURCH DATES AND EVENTS

This week... Sunday service is at 10.30am


The Second Sunday before Advent

admin@stjameswesthead.org.uk



Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear



	Ladybirds & Butterflies	Busy Bees	Eager Beavers	Wise Owls
	Penelope H	Grace R	Lucy S	Harry H

Reception	Busy Bees		Eager Beavers		Wise Owls	
Anna H 	Olivia H 	Alice D 	Oliver F 	Ethan N 	Esme A 	Maddie D 

Save the Date!!

The PTA are delighted to announce a Westhead
Lathom St James' PTA Bingo Night at

The Village Hall

Monday 9th December!

More details to follow



Schoolgateway



School Gateway updates...

Please ensure that club bookings are made in advance. All sessions until Dec are now live.

You can cancel on the app 24 hrs before if you no longer need the space. Our sessions are filling up and some sessions are now full.

Many have already paid, but some balances are still outstanding. All Trip deposits should now be paid. Please check your payment sections to see what you owe.

Please book dinners!

Balances on gateway will be amended once remittance has been sent from county. They run a month behind real time, Thanks

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 15th November	Children In Need Non Uniform £1
Tuesday 19th November	Eager Beaver's School Trip
Thursday 28th November	Wise Owls out
Friday 29th November	Provisional Catch up and Class Photos
Saturday 30th November	4-6pm Family Fun Village Hall
Thursday 5th December	Panto
Sunday 8th December	Nativity at St James Church
Monday 16th December	PM Key stage 2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17th December	AM EYFS AND Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
Friday 20th December	Break up at 2pm for Christmas Holidays

Attendance Matters

What your child's attendance figures mean...

All messages about illness/ absence and medical appointments or early collection, should be communicated to the office. This should be done via the gateway message. Emails and phone calls/ answer messages are fine also.

Please do not send messages about absence to seesaw/class teacher. Thanks, Tracy

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 92.2%

Busy Bees 97.7% **Winners!**

Eager Beavers 95.9%

Wise Owls 96.2%



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.



CHURCH in the HALL

Monday 18 NOVEMBER 3.30-4.20pm

Welcoming all mums, dads, grandparents, carers and of course, children, to the Village Hall

Come straight from school and relax together, enjoying snacks, drinks, singing, fun, a Bible story and a craft activity

Further information: minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk

Look Forward to Seeing you ALL .


Calling all ASDA shoppers!!

Do you shop at ASDA? Do you have an ASDA rewards card? Do you want to raise funds for our school just by doing your shopping? Well here's how....

Download the ASDA rewards app and opt into the 'Cash pot for Schools' campaign. Select Westhead Lathom St James from the list of registered schools and every time you shop at ASDA, you will earn money for our school.

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Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.
- 2**
Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com
Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.
- 3**
Asda does the rest
The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.