



Westhead Lathom St James'

Newsletter

Number 10

22/11/24

Dear families,

Well what a lovely frosty week we've had. It seems autumn is behind us already and we're already in the midst of winter. The children have enjoyed playing in the snow. Our Ladybirds and Butterflies loved their snow filled forest school session too! Although many of the children now think Christmas is imminent!

On Tuesday, our wonderful Eager Beavers headed off to Ashley Hall to learn about the Great Plague. The children loved the trip and told me lots of interesting anecdotes on their return. They also completed some fabulous written work in class on Wednesday all about the trip.

On Tuesday, our two pupil parliamentarians, Arwen and James, attended the latest West Lancs Pupil Parliament meeting. During the afternoon children from across the borough shared their thoughts on the proposals to close Nye Bevan and Park Pool. They have collated their views and these will be sent off to our local MP Ashley Dalton.

Finally, this week our Ladybirds and Butterflies enjoyed their attendance reward with a visit to Midstream. They all enjoyed a treat of a cake which went down very well.

On Sunday it's the Ormskirk Lights Switch on and some of our pupils who attend the West Lancs Choir will be performing on stage from 11.30 if you would like to go support them!

Have a lovely weekend all.

Miss Clark

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

CHURCH DATES AND EVENTS

This week... Sunday service is at 10.30am

Community Praise.

The First Sunday before Advent 'Christ the King'

admin@stjameswesthead.org.uk




**St James
Westhead**
KNOWING JESUS | MAKING HIM KNOWN



**St James
Westhead**
KNOWING JESUS | MAKING HIM KNOWN

Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear



	Ladybirds & Butterflies	Busy Bees	Eager Beavers	Wise Owls
	Nancy B	Arlo S	Harriet H	James R

Reception	Busy Bees		Eager Beavers		Wise Owls	
Isaac G 	Nancy D 	Jimmy K 	Blake T 	Saryah B 	Harley W 	Arwen G 

Save the Date!!

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

The Village Hall

Monday 9th December!

Pay on the door!



Schoolgateway



School Gateway updates...

Please book dinners on the app!

There are still a few 'no bookings' for children who have hot dinners.

when this is seen it is assumed a child has brought a packed lunch. Please ensure you book meals a week or two in advance. The cut off is 3.30pm the day before.

I have raised an issue with County regarding National Savings payments not being allocated to school yet. Thank you for your patience.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 28th November	Wise Owls out
Friday 29th November	Catch up 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 93.1%

Busy Bees 90%

Eager Beavers 93.8% **Winners!**

Wise Owls 92.5%



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.



