WESTHEAD LATHOM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK ENDING

6th November 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a wonderful half-term break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school, and we are all ready for the exciting run-up to Christmas! We have lots of lovely things to look forward to over the coming weeks.

Christmas Nativity – Sunday 6th December
We are really looking forward to our Christmas Nativity on **Sunday 6th December at 10.30am**.
Our children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing the Nativity, while Years 3–6 will be joining in with the singing.
We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for what promises to be a very special occasion as we come together to celebrate the Christmas story.

Individual School Photographs
Our individual school photographs were taken on Monday. Your child should have brought home their photograph proofs in their school bag, along with details of how to place an order online. Please do check bags if you haven't spotted them yet!

A Lovely Morning at Church
A big thank you to everyone for dropping their children off at church yesterday. We really appreciate your support.
We had a thoroughly enjoyable and thoughtful morning exploring the prayer stations that our Ethos Groups had designed. The children had put a great deal of thought and care into creating the different stations, which gave everyone a wonderful opportunity to reflect, pray and spend some quiet time together.
We are very proud of our Ethos Groups for helping to make the morning so special.

Wise Owls – Lancashire Archives Visit

Today, Wise Owls enjoyed a fascinating visit from Lancashire Archives, linked to their current history topic on the Slave Trade.

The children explored the connections between the transatlantic slave trade and the cotton mills of Lancashire, developing their understanding of how our local history was connected to events across the world.

It was a valuable opportunity to bring their classroom learning to life and deepen their understanding of this important part of history.

Family, Fun and Food – Saturday 7th November

A reminder that Family, Fun and Food is taking place tomorrow!

Village Hall

Saturday 7th November

4.00pm – 6.00pm

Completely FREE!

Everyone is warmly invited to come along and enjoy some family fun, food and time together. It is a lovely opportunity for our school and village community to get together, so please do come along if you can!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a busy and enjoyable first week back, and we are looking forward to all the exciting things this half term has in store.

Wishing all our families a lovely, restful weekend!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Regular Dates/Events

Tuesday Mornings- Rocksteady Music Lessons for those signed up.

Wednesday- PE for Years 1 to 6.

Friday- 3pm Celebration Assembly, families welcome to come along.

Monday 2nd November	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 4th November	Mad Science starts for those signed up
Thursday 5TH November	Whole School Dropped at Church
Monday 9th November	

	Yr 1 Hearing Tests
Monday 9th November Monday 9th November and Thursday 12th November	New Winter Lunch Menu WK 12 (3) Parents' Evening
Tuesday 10th November Friday 13th November Monday 23rd November	Full Governors' Meeting at 4pm Non-Uniform Day – Children in Need Reception & YR6 Height and Weight and Yr6 Questionnaires
Friday 27th November	Swimming lessons start for Busy Bees for 9 weeks.
Tuesday 1st -3rd December Wednesday 2nd December Thursday 3RD December Friday 4th December Sunday 6th December Tuesday 8th December Friday 11th December Wednesday 16th December Friday 18th December	Bikebility Busy Bees Cameo Singing Nativity Dress Rehearsal whole school drop off at church Non-Uniform for raffle Prizes Nativity at St James' Church 10.30AM Rocksteady Concert at church – Whole school. Drop at church. Santa Dash Pardoe Court Yr3/4 Christmas Grand Raffle
Friday 18th December Monday 4th January Tuesday 5th January Friday 8th January Friday 5TH February Friday 5th March Monday 15th March Thursday 25th March Friday 23rd April Friday 14th May	2pm Finish for Christmas Holidays Inset Day Start of Term Mad Hair/ Non-Uniform Day £1 each Popcorn (Movie) Party Pizza Party and Beetle Drive Non-Uniform for raffle prizes Bake off and raffle Non- Uniform for Bingo Prizes Family BBQ

Friday 11th June Friday 2ND July	Non-Uniform for Summer fayre prizes Summer Fayre

St James Westhead

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Church News

Sunday 8th November The Third Sunday before Advent
10.30am

Worship & Prayer

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day in school is an opportunity to learn, belong and thrive.

Why attendance is so important
Regular attendance supports learning, friendships, routines and confidence. Missed days add up quickly, so please work with school to keep absence to an absolute minimum and share any concerns early.

The attendance picture

A full school year is typically 190 pupil days. These examples show how attendance percentages translate into approximate days present and missed. The RAG bands are an editable guide: align them with your school attendance policy.

RAG	Attendance	Approx. days in school	Approx. days missed	What this means
GREEN	97–100%	184–190	0–6	Strong attendance: learning is rarely interrupted.
AMBER	95–96.9%	181–183	7–9	Attendance needs attention: missed learning is beginning to build.
RED	Below 95%	180 or fewer	10 or more	Cause for concern: regular absence can significantly affect progress and routines.

How missed days add up

Attendance	Days in school	Days missed	Approx. weeks missed
100%	190	0	0
97%	184	6	just over 1
95%	181	9	nearly 2
90%	171	19	almost 4
85%	162	28	over 5

Working together: If attendance is becoming difficult, please contact school early so we can understand barriers and agree support.

CELEBRATING OUR PUPILS

Attendance

Ladybirds and Butterflies	97.9%
Busy Bees	97.3%
Eager Beavers	99.1%
Wise Owls	92.9%

Well done to Eager Beavers for the best attendance this week. Each half term the class with the best attendance overall visit the Midstream Coffee morning at the village hall for a treat!

Stars of the Week

Class	Pupil
Reception/ Poppy Bear	Marley D
Year 1	Lucy C
Year 2	Owen H
Year 3	Pixie D
Year 4	Grace R
Year 5	Ivy S
Year 6	Lily M

Christian Values Bears

Class	Pupil
Ladybirds/Butterflies	Arlo C
Busy Bees	Nellie B
Eager Beavers	Arlo S
Wise Owls	Zach E