



Westleigh Methodist Primary School Newsletter



Next week



Monday 28.4.25 3.30 - 4.00	Year 3 swimming Book Fayre in the hall
Tuesday 29.4.25 3.30 - 4.00	BIRD Phonics 8.30am Y3, 4, 5 Quiz Club 3.30pm Y6 Reading Booster 3.30pm Book Fayre in the hall
Wednesday 30.4.25	BIRD Phonics 8.30am Y4 Times Tables Club 3.30pm
Thursday 1.5.25	BIRD Phonics 8.30am Y6 Maths Booster 3.30pm Y2 Reading Club 3.30pm Choir Club



Fri 25th April 2025



A note from Mrs Boardman...

This week we were visited in school by Theatre for Schools, who treated us to a wonderful performance of Rudyard Kipling's 'The Jungle Book'. This production was a participation musical. The whole audience rehearsed songs prior to the show and then a group of children were chosen to join the production on stage in costume.

It was so exciting for our children to see a live performance and formed part of the Infinite 8 experiences we would like them to have. The children truly loved it!



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'Do All You Can' Golden Broom Award

Winner: Reception

Well done for keeping your classroom tidy. Keep up the good work!





Mrs Boardman Award

This week, this special award goes to four amazing boys. This is because of fantastic feedback from the visiting actors who performed the Jungle Book in school this week. James and Luke in Y5 and James and Oliver in Y6 were all praised by our visitors for being polite and helpful during the interactive show. I am so proud of the children and how they present themselves to others. They are a credit to the school, themselves and their families.



Good Work Awards



A highlight of my week is celebrating children's learning and fantastic effort with them.

- Aiva in Year 4 has really impressed me this week. Her enthusiasm for her French lesson and her ability to tell the time in French was contagious. Well done, Aiva.
- Delphine in Year 2 came to my room with Miss Stewart. She confidently counted to 10 in both French and Spanish. It was a very special moment in the week.
- Chase in Year 4 wrote a very impressive character description of the character from the class text, Stitch Head. He used a range of expanded noun phrases, a simile and an apostrophe for possession.

Well done to all of these children!

Attendance



Class Weekly 'Attend like a Star everyday' Award Winners	Class Weekly 'Attend like a Star on time' Award Winners
Year 6 - 98.9%	Year 4

Well done to our winning classes Year 6 and Year 4. Keep up the hard work!

Attendance Matters

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Achievement is directly linked to attendance. Children with high levels of attendance make better progress and achieve better in examinations. Absence in school does not affect awards. Please note that an exceptional absence of learning opportunities directly attributable to 5 hours for every term necessary missed which are unlikely to be covered again.



Attendance matters and it is important your child is in school every day and on time.

Please ensure your child is on time for school each day. Gates close at 9am. Children are marked late when they enter school after 9am.

Missed learning time really impacts children's progress and attainment.

Please find your class weekly and yearly to date attendance below, alongside how many missed sessions this equals. 1 day = 2 sessions.

Year g...	Weekly...	Weekly Sessions missed	YTD %	YTD sessions missed
Reception	94.3%	6	91.9%	414
Year 1	93.3%	12	92.2%	569
Year 2	88.7%	18	89.7%	704
Year 3	98.3%	0	95.6%	318
Year 4	95.6%	8	96.2%	294
Year 5	93.1%	12	93.1%	519
Year 6	98.9%	2	95.9%	339





Safeguarding Our Children

The 'Internet Matters' website is an informative guide to the safe use of Whatsapp. It has guidance on how to keep children's personal information private.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/social-media/whatsapp/>

Although arguments on Whatsapp happen out of school, it is becoming more frequent that children are coming into school feeling upset. This impacts on their mental health and happiness. Please monitor usage to support your child.

Other things to know about WhatsApp

WhatsApp privacy settings +

End-to-end encryption +

WhatsApp Communities and groups +

Blocking, deleting and reporting +

Live location +

Fingerprint and screen locks +

Is WhatsApp safe for children?

Meta requires users in the UK to be 13 or older to use the app. This lowered from 16 in 2024.

This reduced age requirement allows more young people to use the platform. Additionally, children under this age still use WhatsApp to connect and communicate with friends, family and communities. While this can benefit children's wellbeing, parents must take actions to make sure their accounts are safe at any age. Risks include inappropriate content or contact from strangers.



Kindness Awards

Kindness is important at Westleigh Methodist.

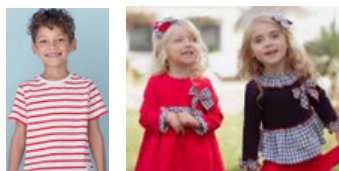
This week, we are celebrating Isabella from Y2. Isabella always impresses me. Every week she confidently presents the Reading Club certificate to a child that has impressed her that week. This week, she has shown kindness by helping another child who needed help. She helped them to put away their tray in the dinner hall. Thank you for thinking of others.



Upcoming VE Day Celebration

We have sent out our summer Save the Date document but I wanted to highlight one upcoming event with you - our VE Day celebration on **Thursday 8th May from 10.45 - 11.15.**

Weather permitting, this will be held on the school playground where you can watch the children's parade, listen to the choir sing songs from the 1940s, sing the National Anthem with us and be part of the national VE photo mosaic - more information to follow. Children are invited to wear red, white and blue clothing on this day.



Ordering School Meals

Please can we have your help?

Please can we ask that all parents of children having a school meal order online via School Hub before school. You can order up to 2 weeks in advance.

We can have around 25 children not pre-ordering. Whilst our kitchen do prepare a small amount of extra meals, they cannot prepare an extra 25. Thank you for your help with this.

Scholastic Book Fayre

The book fayre has been a great success so far. It has been wonderful to see children with such a love for reading and the excitement as they choose books from the great selection on offer at the fayre.

There is still time to visit the fayre after school next week. We will be in the hall from 3.30 - 4pm on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th. Please access the building through the school office.

The fayre is CASHLESS. Payment is via a QR CODE ONLY. Please bring your mobile phone and card payment details along.



Christian Values
Champion

This Week's Awards Star of the Week



Year 6 Lucy	Year 6 Aaliyah
Year 5 Stephen	Year 5 Cody
Year 4 Eli	Year 4 Chase
Year 3 Samuel	Year 3 Rory
Year 2 Edi-Jade	Year 2 Edi-Jade
Year 1 Jaxson	Year 1 Hunter
Reception Oakley	Reception Lara
Nursery Rose	Nursery Amar



Epworth Worship Together

Each week we have a different focus for our Epworth Worship.



A film is shared between our family of Trust schools - a different film being produced each week by a different school. It is lovely to see the children of our Trust taking a lead in a different aspect of worship.

This week, our worship was led by our CEO, Julie-Ann Hewitt. The focus this week was on courage and was linked to St George's Day. The quote of the week shared by Julie-Ann really resonated with me - 'Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'



Westleigh Worship



This week, we revisited our school rules of being 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. We linked this to the Bible story of 'Jonah and the Big Fish' to help us to understand the value of obedience.

Jonah was a messenger of God and was instructed to go to Nineveh and tell the people that God wanted them to be obedient as they were not following God's rules. However, Jonah boarded a ship and sailed in the opposite direction. During a storm, Jonah was thrown overboard and was swallowed by a giant fish, which had been sent by God to help him. He was taken to shore and Jonah obediently continued to Nineveh to pass on God's message. The people listened and were obedient.



Visit Our Social Media Pages



Please see your child's social media page to see all the amazing work that is happening each week. We are using our pages to highlight the incredible curriculum opportunities that our children receive at Westleigh Methodist Primary School.

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Nursery @WLMNursery

Reception @ReceptionWLM

Year 1 @WLMYear1

Year2 @WLMYear2

Year3 @WLMYear3

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Year 6 @WLMYear6