



# Westleigh Methodist Primary School Newsletter



## Next week



- Monday 7.4.25 No Y3 swimming session this week.
- Tuesday 8.4.25 No clubs this week.
- Wednesday 9.4.25 Drumming performance in hall at 3pm for Y4 parents / carers.
- Thursday 10.4.25 **Easter Egg Competition entries to be brought into school - please take to class.**  
School closes at 3.30pm for the Easter holidays.
- Friday 11.4.25 School closed for the Easter holidays.  
School reopens Tuesday 22nd April 2025.



Fri 4th April 2025



## A welcome from Mrs Boardman...

We are due to finish for the Easter holidays on Thursday 10th April at 3.30pm.

We have a busy week planned for next week including our Easter Egg Competition. Please see later in the newsletter on how to enter!

We are so egg-cited to see your creativity!

Year 4 will be sharing their new drumming skills with their families on Wednesday afternoon.

This will be held in the hall at 3pm. Please can Year 4 families enter school through the main office.

See you all on Monday for our final four days before the Easter holidays.



## Contacting School

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## 'Do All You Can' Golden Broom Award

Winner: Year 3

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





# Mrs Boardman Award

This week, this special award goes to Honey and Lexi P in Y6 for supporting at the Parents / Carers' Evening by getting children ready to leave after their meetings. They made everything run so smoothly.



## Good Work Awards



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

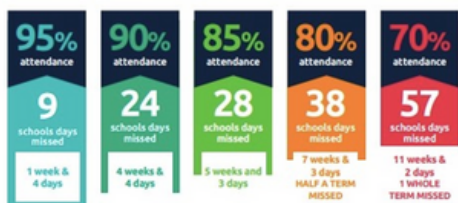
- In Y3, Samuel's diary entry used paragraphs, a range of punctuation, time conjunctions and powerful verbs.
- Theo in Y3 shared his accurate multiplication of 2 digits x 1 digit using a formal method.
- Stephen in Y5 was so proud of his description of the character Prince Florian using great adjectives. Poppy and Clayton described the character using a range of expanded noun phrases.
- In Reception they have developed their writing skills in their new 'Show and Tell' book. Freddie, Denis, Darcie, Lara, Sisanda, Ollie, Janae, Mia, Kohen, Akusua and Amy have already made fantastic entries in the class book!
- Ashley in Y1 used great details in her wolf fact file such as the ambitious word 'carnivore', 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 4-96.4%	Year 4

Well done to our winning class Year 4 this week for winning both awards - WOW. Keep up the hard work!

### Every day in school counts...



### and every minute counts...



# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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

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

Let's make summer term the term where every child is in school on time everyday.

**MOMENTS MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**





## Safeguarding Our Children

This week, we have been supporting families with concerns around social media, particularly WhatsApp.

We advise families that the minimum age is 13 years + and to monitor their child's use of social media, in particular group chats.

There are concerns about children adding people they do not know as well as receiving messages and images from these people.

One way to block contacts from adding your child to a group chat is to go to **SETTINGS** → **PRIVACY** → **GROUPS**. This allows you to block contacts from adding you to groups.

**WhatsApp**  
safety guide for  
parents

internet matters.org

**13+**  
WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

**58%**  
Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp

**37%**  
Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp

**5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp**

- 1 Review privacy settings** WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.
- 2 Customise contacts** Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.
- 3 Talk about personal information** Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.
- 4 Show them where to get support** If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.
- 5 Check in regularly** Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.

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# Kindness Awards and Westleigh Worship



Kindness is important at Westleigh Methodist.

This week, we are celebrating...

- Harrison for using kind words to support a friend who was sad.

In this week's worship, the Starfish Story was shared with the children. This tale tells of a child walking along a beach after a terrible storm which washed up thousands of starfish. The child puts them back in the sea one at a time but is admonished for not being able to save them all and so cannot really make a difference. However, the child says, 'I made a difference to that one'. We reflected that just because an action is small, it doesn't mean it isn't worthwhile. Small acts of kindness all count!



Christian Values  
Champion

## This Week's Awards Star of the Week



Year 6 Lexi	Year 6 Amy
Year 5 Clayton	Year 5 James T
Year 4 Bella	Year 4 Ethan
Year 3 Jake	Year 3 Dolcie-Rae
Year 2 Charis	Year 2 Amelia
Year 1 Killian	Year 1 KiKi
Reception Oscar	Reception Sofia
Nursery Kevin D	Nursery Mbijamuaije



## Easter Egg Competition



Now that it is nearly Easter, we are holding a special competition. We are inviting our children to decorate an egg.

Please send children's entries into school (into class) next week on Thursday 10th April.

In this fun competition, you can be creative so there's no set theme as long as your creation has the decorated egg(s) as the main feature.

There will be a prize for the overall best egg decoration in the school, and then one child from each year group will have a small prize too.

We look forward to seeing your egg-cellent work! Have fun!



## Goodbye and Good Luck to Miss O'Connor

On the last day of this term, Thursday 10th April, we will be saying goodbye for a while to Miss O'Connor. She is leaving to have her baby so it is a really exciting time for her! We will really miss her.

I know you will join me in wishing Miss O'Connor luck and will give her a fond farewell.



After Easter, Mrs Holloway will be teaching the children in Year 1. She has taught in our school before and so is familiar to the class. Welcome to the team, Mrs Holloway.



## Theatre for Schools



On the 23rd April, we are going to be visited in school by Theatre for Schools, who will be treating us to a wonderful performance of Rudyard Kipling's 'The Jungle Book'. This production is a participation musical. The whole audience are rehearsed for 30 mins prior to the show where they are taught 5 chorus songs with arm movements and 9 children are chosen to receive a costume and join our production on stage with a small acting part.

The 55-minute production then goes ahead with everyone involved and the whole school singing along - the end result is truly magical, and the children are the stars! Image Musical Theatre have toured the UK for over 35 years and always receive 100% outstanding reviews. All actors are musically trained and come into school with a beautiful theatre set and wonderful costumes.

We are **therefore requesting a payment of £5 per pupil**, paid via Arbor, so that all of our children at Westleigh can enjoy this amazing spectacular. Should we not receive enough contributions, we will unfortunately have to cancel the performance.

This an exciting opportunity for our pupils to see a live performance and forms part of the Infinite 8 experiences we would like them to have. We can't wait to see it!





**We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair –  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April  
3.30-4pm in the school hall.**

The book fayre will contain a wide range of exciting titles and stationery.

There is something for every pocket on the book fair to assist with the rise in the cost of living. Approximately 30% of titles are under £5.

This fayre will be cashless, and you will be able to pay via QR code at the fair. Please bring your mobile phones and credit/debit cards to the fair as the card details need to be entered.



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 we had our Epworth Worship Together LIVE! We all joined on-line to a joint Easter celebration where each school prepared and presented a section of the worship. The children shared the Easter story, songs, a Bible reading and poem - all schools contributing at different points.

Westleigh Methodist children lead all the children from the eleven schools in a prayer.



## 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.

Westleigh Primary School @WLMPrimary

Nursery @WLMNursery

Reception @ReceptionWLM

Year 1 @WLMYear1

Year 2 @WLMYear2

Year 3 @WLMYear3

Year 4 @WLMYear4

Year 5 @WLMYear5

Year 6 @WLMYear6