



Westleigh Methodist Primary School Newsletter



1st Week Back



Monday 6.1.25 School re-opens 8.50am

Tuesday 7.1.25 Yoga Y4 - 6
3.30 Y2 Reading Club
Y3 Reading Club
Y4 Reading Club

Wednesday 8.1.25 Y1 Reading Club
3.30 Y5 Reading Club
Y6 Reading Club

Thursday 9.1.25 Doodle Sticks Club Y1 and 2
3.30 Choir Club Y2 - Y6

Friday 10.1.25 School closed - INSET DAY



Fri 20th Dec 2024



A Note from Mrs Boardman...

I have absolutely loved my first term leading Westleigh Methodist. We have achieved so much! I love working at such a nurturing school with fantastic staff and amazing children. I am truly blessed and privileged to be part of the Westleigh magic. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. Wishing all of our lovely families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



The Westleigh Word Ethos Committee's Newspaper

The Ethos Committee have worked hard to produce their first newspaper of 2024 - 25. The children will continue to sell their paper on the playground in January. It is really informative and shares the great things we have done at Westleigh Methodist.



We have continued to support Elvis the Elf with making the right behaviour choices. This week culminated in Elvis and his fellow elves bursting Y3's balloons and scattering the Christmas tree, baubles and advent calendar across the carpet! The children and Debbie, our PCSO, helped the elves by talking to them about respect and care of the environment. Debbie has sent Elvis back to the North Pole and will speak to Santa before he returns next year.



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'Do All You Can' Golden Broom Award

Winner: Nursery

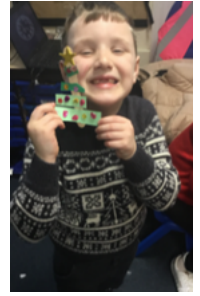
This week the award goes to our Nursery children for being consistently tidy all week. Well done to some of our youngest children.





Christmas Spectacular Day

Thursday's Christmas Spectacular Day is aptly named as it was definitely 'spectacular'. The children took part on Christmas arts and crafts, enjoyed Christmas party food and a Christmas disco. The day was topped off with a visit by Father Christmas to every class to deliver all our children a present. It was lovely to see the children's smiling faces and hear the laughter and music through school.



Christian Values
Champion

This Week's Awards

Star of the Week



Year 6 Tyler	Year 6 Lucas J
Year 5 Oliver	Year 5 Seanan
Year 4 Jackson	Year 4 Milo
Year 3 Dolcie	Year 3 Samuel
Year 2 Harrison	Year 2 Ralph
Year 1 Ki Ki	Year 1 Beatrice
Reception Elvin	Reception Denis
Nursery Kevin	Nursery Mbijamuije



THE BRICK
QUEENS HALL ACTION ON POVERTY

Mrs Boardman's Award

My award this week goes to all the children in school. Over the month of December we have been asking families to donate items to a local charity - our 'Reverse Advent'. We were overwhelmed with your generosity - thank you all. Thank you too to Miss Moseley and Mrs Coleman for delivering donations to The Brick on Friday.



Great Work Award

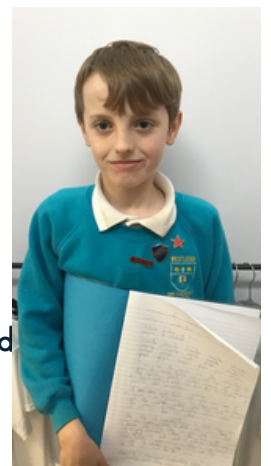


I love sharing fantastic work with children from all across the school. It is lovely to see a thirst for knowledge and a glowing pride in their work. This week I would like to share some more amazing work with you all...

- Y3 - Raheli - Amazing Geography work linked to the Stone Age and using 3 detailed paragraphs.
- Y5 - Stephen - Fantastic Arithmetic with improving scores week on week.
- Y2 - Harrison and Dovydas - Showing great effort and stamina in their letter to Santa
- Y6 - Eden, Lexi P and Keira - Skillful sketching of elephants in Art with amazing shading and cross hatching.
- Reception - Ezra and Ariella - Careful cutting, sticking and spelling using phonics knowledge.

Well done to all of these children - you have made my week!

I also wanted to give a special mention to Lucas J in Year 6 for his fantastic English work where he continued a story. His use of commas was precise and used for good effect, he incorporated a variety of synonyms for 'said' and accurate use of inverted commas. His handwriting was also beautiful and well joined.



Kindness Award *I am kind*



This award is so important as it shows children that kindness is key. The great thing is that it is contagious.

This week David and Effie from Year 3 showed great kindness by tidying up the year 3 cloakroom. Well done to David and Effie.

Christmas Present Appeal

A massive thank you to the Methodist Circuit and members of Epworth Education Trust, who kindly donated presents for our Christmas present appeal. So many of our children and families have benefited from our Christmas appeal this year and we hope it helps to ease the pressures of Christmas for many.



Christmas Performances



Our Christmas performances this week have been truly awe-inspiring. Key Stage 2 had their fantastic carol concert and Reception and Key Stage 1 shared their Nativities. We were blessed to see our children singing, dancing and performing with enthusiasm and joy. Thank you to all the children and staff for your efforts. I would also like to thank families for taking time out to share in our performances and Christmas celebrations. Merry Christmas!



Attendance

Well done to the 46 children who earned their 100% attendance award this term and received their Chocolate Party treat!

We appreciate 100% attendance is a hard goal to reach – this is why we have broken our rewards down to yearly, termly and weekly awards this year.

Letters went home this week to all children whose punctuality needs to improve in Spring term to ensure they are in school on time daily and not missing out on learning time.



Let's all make 2025 the year that all children 'Attend like a Star' and are in school every day and on time.



Class Weekly 'Attend like a Star everyday' Award Winners	Class Weekly 'Attend like a Star on time' Award Winners
Year 3 - 98.9%	Year 6

Well done to our winning class Year 3 for winning the attendance award and Year 6 for winning the punctuality award this week.



Safeguarding Our Children



Will your child struggle to cope with the excitement and disrupted routine of the festive period? If you think your child might feel anxious around Christmas, these tips from Beacon House can help to calm and reassure them, helping them feel safe and supported. They are especially helpful for adoptive families and neurodivergent families, or families impacted by big life changes such as divorce or bereavement.

Building traditions together with your child helps them feel in control



CO-CREATING your own Christmas: Christmas brings huge changes in routine and expectation. It is ok if you avoid or adapt certain Christmassy rituals. By doing this you are supporting your child to feel successful by not having the experience of 'failing at Christmas'.

Invite your **SUPPORT NETWORK** to help: It's okay to know that you can't do it all alone. Ask your supportive friends, family or colleagues to help co-create a Christmas that is right you and your child.



CREATING CHRISTMAS SAFETY THROUGH CONNECTION, PREDICTABILITY & CURIOSITY

Beacon House
Therapeutic Services and Trauma Team

KNOWLEDGE is empowerment: Making the Christmas schedule explicit and predictable lowers stress for all. Draw it out, write it out, repeat it lots, keep as much as you can the same as usual.

<https://www.beaconservices.org.uk/preparing-for-a-calm-christmas-with-your-child/>



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

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