



Today we are saying our goodbyes to Mrs Clarke who has been associated with Westleigh for over 30 years in many different roles.

Mrs Clarke first joined Westleigh as a volunteer helping out in classes when her son Ryan was a pupil here. This was a role she clearly enjoyed as she then went on to become a dinner lady. She did this alongside her mum who also worked at Westleigh in the same role. Clearly the love for Westleigh ran in the family. She then became a teaching assistant becoming more involved in classroom life and working with the pupils then subsequently moved on to become the Administration Manager in the main school office, where she also served as a school governor for many years.

Mrs Clarke has seen many many families join Westleigh as well as some of our past pupils returning as parents. She is the first face that everybody sees coming through the door and has been loved by many generations of families coming through school. Staff often refer to Angela as the 'Westleigh Oracle' as what she doesn't know about the school probably isn't worth knowing. Having worked for nine headteachers she has seen many changes at the school, celebrated many events and achievements and has also seen the school overcome challenges including 'The great fire of Westleigh'.

Mrs Clarke is a much loved member of the team and will be sorely missed by all including staff, pupils and parents and we wish her good bye for now and we hope she enjoys her retirement.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 27th February – school reopens for Spring 2 half term
- Tuesday 28th February – Industrial Action Day
- Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day
- Wednesday 8th March – Photographer in school for class photographs
- Tuesday 14th March - Year 4 trip to Whitefield Synagogue

- Tuesday 14th March – Parent's evening
- Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March – Industrial Action Days
- Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March – Y5 trip to Lowbank Ground
- Monday 27th March – Open the Book with Methodist Circuit Volunteers in school
- Tuesday 4th April – Fire service visit to Y1 in school

Attendance

Regular attendance is extremely important as missing school can have an impact on learning, and as you are aware it is a legal requirement. Good attendance enables pupils to keep up with the work required. The table below shows how absence impacts upon attendance each term and over the year:

Attendance Percentage	Day missed over an average school term (approximately)	Days missed over a school year (approximately)
100%	0	0
95%	3.5	9.5
90%	6.5	19
85%	10	28.5

Worship



This week in worship, we have explored Patron Saints of the countries of the United Kingdom. We explored St George – Patron Saint for England, St Andrew – Patron Saint for Scotland, St David – Patron Saint for Wales and St Patrick – Patron Saint for Northern Ireland. We found out that all these Patron Saints had been Christians and had found within their lives against adversity to spread God's message. A Patron Saint is a special person from the Christian faith who is no longer alive and who did extra special things to help people and tell them about God. A Patron Saint is someone who has been chosen to be a protector of a group or organisation. Countries can have patron saints too. We linked this to our Open the Book session at the start of term of how if we build our lives on the firm foundations of God then all things are possible. The children had big ideas around how their world is impacted by the presence of God and the teachings of the bible and used words like enriched, passionate, possibilities, achievement and belief.



'Do all you can' Golden Broom Award Winners:

Mrs Hope for fixing our flood situation on Wednesday evening so that school could open successfully on Thursday and our celebrations for Mrs Clarke could go ahead – thank you Mrs Clarke.

Christian Values Champion



Star of the Week



Year 6

Paige for displaying our Christian value of love to her friends

Nicolas for settling into school so beautifully and being a maths whizz!

Year 5

Millie for showing kindness and thinking of her class friends.

Georgia for always being a fantastic role model to her peers.

Year 4

David for demonstrating thankfulness as he always appreciates everything that staff do for him.

Abigail for her positive attitude to learning.

Year 3

Jake for spreading love.

Luke for working so hard in every lesson this week.

Year 2

Scarlet L- for showing great teamwork by always offering to complete jobs in class to help.

Eli for 100% effort in all lessons.

Year 1

Jacob for great teamwork and thankfulness with beautiful manners.

Renzo for having an amazing week in the sunshine room and class!

Reception

Melissa for displaying great teamwork at tidy up time.

Oliver for his amazing maths!!

Nursery

Rory for being a loving friend to others.

Aydin for being creative in the construction area.

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Reception: @ReceptionWLM

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Year 2: @WLMyear21

Year 3: @WLMYear3

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Year 5: @WLMYear5

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