

# Newsletter

10.01.25



**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR  
CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES!  
HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2025**

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

The Autumn Term's whole school attendance was

**92.6%.**

**106** children achieved **95%+** attendance.

This is 58% of the whole school — WELL DONE!



Another great success for this academic year!

Today all of these children received their  
attendance sticker, these are worth **30** dojos.

**KEEP UP your positive attendance everybody!**

## Dates for your diary

After School Clubs will  
start during the week  
beginning

**Mon 20th Jan.**

Letters for parents to  
book places will be sent  
home next week

### Tue 14th Jan

9.00 Parents invited to  
meet the Governors for a  
brew and a chat in the  
Library

### Thu 16th Jan

Pm Whole school trip to  
the Muni to watch  
Sleeping Beauty panto

### Fri 17th Jan

9.10 Celebration  
Assembly

**12.00 DEADLINE for  
returning Parent  
Governor nomination  
forms to Miss Watson**

For more info check  
pages 4 & 5

Y4 swimming session



**IMPORTANT ONLY 5 DAYS TO GO!**

**For Nursery parents**

**Primary school admissions for 2025  
close on Wednesday 15th January**

If your child is in their last year of nursery you can now apply for their primary school place

at: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

It's quick and easy to do.

You will receive an email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have older siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

**The closing date for primary applications  
for September 2025 is**

**23:59 on 15 January 2025.**

## **Celebrating the life of Mr James**

Stuart James died on 28th December at the grand age of 84 years old. Stuart's funeral will be on Monday 13th January. As a mark of respect and in acknowledgement of Stuart's impact on generations of children and staff at West Street, some Key Stage 2 children and staff will stand alongside the one way system by the Key Stage 1 yard as his funeral cortege passes by at about 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to join us.

Stuart's influence on West Street pupils was for decades in many areas such as Design Technology, cross country, gardening, photography and cars—to name a few. He touched the lives of many including current children, past pupils as well as both current and previous staff and parents.

What an unforgettable character, we have all been fortunate to be touched by such a lovely man.

Miss. Watson

## **Back to school!**

It's been a difficult week for all of us with the snowy and icy weather making it hard to travel both on the roads and footpaths. A HUGE THANK YOU to all children, parents and staff for their determination to get in to school in these difficult circumstances. WELL DONE to all the children who have been AMAZING this week! Their behaviour has been great despite having only indoor playtimes and lunchtimes. A special mention to Peter Abbot, our Site Supervisor, who has worked extremely hard to make sure everyone can walk safely on the paths in and out of school—THANKYOU! Let's hope life returns to something more normal next week!

## **Meet the Governors**

Parents are invited to meet the governors for a brew and a chat on Tuesday 14th January at 9.00am. The meeting will take place in the Library. This is an opportunity for parents to speak with governors about school.

## **Y4 swimming**

Year 4 had their first swimming lesson this afternoon. Mr Smith was very impressed by all the children because they behaved well at the pool and many of them are already accessing the large pool. Well done Year 4!

## Parent Governor Election

Info about the Parent Governor Elections was published on class dojo pages on Monday 6th Jan.

Hard copies of completed form will be sent home on Monday 13th Jan.

### Appendix B

#### West Street Community Primary School and Nursery

#### Parent Governor Election

#### Notice of Election

Dear Parent,

There are places for **2** parent governor(s) on the governing body of this school. They are elected by the parents of pupils at this school and nursery to serve a 4 year term of office. There is now a vacancy for **2** parent governors. You may, if you wish, put yourself forward for election, using the attached nomination form. Please read the information given with this form.

The timetable for the election is:-

1. Nomination form to be returned to me **at the school office** by **12.00 noon on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**
2. Ballot papers to be sent to all parents on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025**
3. Ballot papers to be returned to me **at the school office** by **12.00 noon on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**
4. The votes will be counted at **1.30pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025** after which the result will be announced.

Governors have an important and influential role to play in the life of our school, and I do hope you will be able to take part in this election by becoming a candidate and by casting your vote when the time comes.

If you require any further information about being elected to the governing body, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

S.K. Watson     Headteacher

Returning Officer for Governor Election

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### Information

#### A. Eligibility

1. All parents of pupils at the school and, in the case of maintained nursery schools, parents of children for whom educational or other provision is made on the premises of the school can be nominated as a candidate for a parent governor election except for:
  - (a) Elected Members of the Local Authority
  - (b) Anyone paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive 12 month period.

#### B. Nomination

1. Any parent who wants to be nominated has to be proposed and seconded by two other parents of pupils (children) at the school using the nomination form on the page opposite. It should be completed and sent to the Returning Officer by **12.00 noon on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**
  1. Please note there can be no extension beyond this time and date.
  2. Candidates should complete the reverse of the nomination form with biographical details. This information will be sent with the voting papers to all parents to help them decide how to use their votes.

#### C. Parent Governors

(See also information sheet on parent governors)

1. The governing body of the school has several categories of governor, and "parent governor" is one of these categories. All governors carry equal status.
2. Responsibility rests in the governing body as a whole. Individual governors only have responsibility collectively in the governing body. To be a governor does not give personal authority.
3. The term of office for a parent governor is **4** years, and a parent governor does not have to resign if his/her child ceases to be a pupil at the school before that period of time ends, though s/he may do so if s/he wishes.

#### D. Disqualification

1. Regulations disqualify certain individuals from becoming a governor. The attached appendix lists the disqualification criteria. Prospective governors should read it carefully before proceeding with their nomination.

## Absence Procedure

When you know your child is off school ill please call and leave us a message. Then we know why your child is not in school.

When your child is not in school, the office staff will:

- send a text message to remind parents that school needs to know why your child is absent.
- make a phone call when they have not yet heard back from you.
- ask Mrs. Peake to make a home visit.

When you receive a text from school you can either reply to the text we have sent you OR just give us a ring.



## Contacting School

The school office is open from 8.30am.

Please leave a message on the answer phone before 8.30am.

A member of staff will phone you back when necessary.

## School Dinners

This is the menu for school lunches next week. We are unable to provide alternative meals.

### Monday

Veg sausage roll with potatoes & baked beans  
OR Loaded pizza pocket with tortilla chips, veg chips and dips

### Tuesday

Chicken or Quorn burger in a bun with potato wedges & veg OR Tomato past with dough balls & salad

### Wednesday

Sausage/halal sausage & mash with veg OR Oriental Veg Noodles with spring rolls & sweet chilli sauce OR Jacket potatoes with filling

### Thursday

Chicken or vegetable curry with rice & naan bread OR Tomato & mascarpone pasta with herby bread & salad

### Friday

Fish or veggie fingers with chips & peas OR Pizza with chips & veg

Desserts daily:

Cake OR Biscuits OR Fruit OR Yogurt

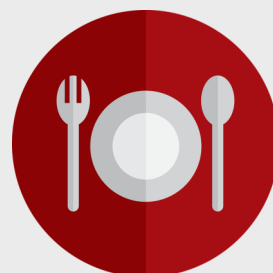
The cost of school dinners is:

**£2.50 per day**

**OR**

**£12.50 per week**

Parents who pay for their child's school dinners should pay directly to the office staff. Payments can be made either by cash or cheque.



A massive well done and congratulations to our learners and readers of the week!!

GREAT JOB - You have earned 10 Dojo points!



THANK YOU

to all those parents who joined us for this morning's Celebration Assembly to see your child receive an award.

## Readers of the Week

- YR Margo** for making massive improvements with her phonics
- Y1 Jensen R** for his increasing confidence with reading and answering questions
- Y2 Jensen W** for his brilliant vocabulary work describing the meaning of words
- Y3 Cersei** for her beautiful loud and fluent reading
- Y4 Hassnain** for confidently tackling unfamiliar words when reading to the class
- Y5 Daud** for reading at home lots during the Christmas holidays
- Y6 Ashkhan** for beginning to enjoy reading for pleasure and being a reading superstar

## Learners of the Week

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| <b>YR Pixie-Lou</b> for brilliant contributions and enthusiasm in all areas                 | <b>Maya</b> for always being an amazing role model                               |
| <b>Y1 Oakley Ch</b> for becoming more independent at completing his work and helping others | <b>Hunter</b> for being able to recognise and sort 3D shapes                     |
| <b>Y2 Rowan</b> for a brilliant attitude to learning and being resilient                    | <b>Adam</b> for a super attitude to learning and working really hard             |
| <b>Y3 Chaise</b> for having a fantastic start to this term                                  | <b>Scarlett T</b> for her fantastic behaviour when dealing with change in school |
| <b>Y4 Harvey</b> for his positive start to the new term                                     | <b>Ames</b> for his fantastic maths work all week                                |
| <b>Y5 Betsy</b> for her improved concentration and effort                                   | <b>Haajra</b> for her excellent effort with fractions                            |
| <b>Y6 Chad</b> for working hard and being resilient in ALL subjects                         | <b>Athena</b> for having a positive start to 2025, well done keep it up!         |