



## Wesley Methodist Primary School



### Weekly Newsletter: WC 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Welcome back to Wesley! I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and managed to spend time with family and friends. The children achieved so much through the autumn term and it has been wonderful to see the progress they have been making. The return to school has been exactly the same with the children showing how incredible they truly are. I am very proud to be Headteacher of Wesley and work alongside all the staff and children each day and to see them achieve so much. Throughout this week it has been wonderful seeing the learning attitudes and behaviours across school shine through in all that they do. The children have been working incredibly hard, showcasing their skills in a range of subjects and have set a wonderful example. We are certainly in for a great Spring term!

#### Worship

This week's focus has been to shine like a star with love and that is exactly what our children have done this week – what a wonderful focus for our first week back. We discussed the importance of sharing love to others and how this can help Wesley be a happy and safe place for everyone. We also discussed the New Year and how this can be an amazing opportunity to make a New Year Resolution and we talked through what these could be in terms of school. The children responded very well and we have seen the children living this in all they have done this week. Well done, Wesley.



#### Reception children starting school in September 2025

For any parents who have children starting school in September 2025 the deadline for applications to school is coming up.

**The deadline is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

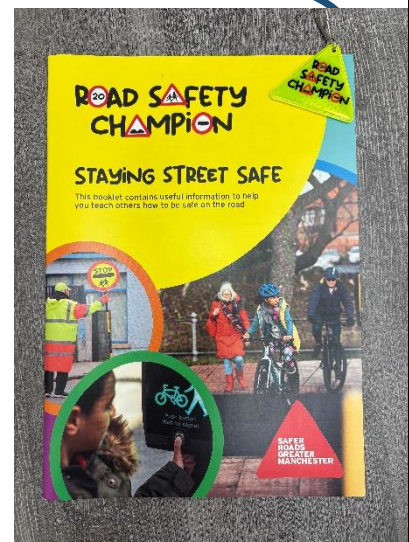
If you have not already applied for a place for your child starting school in September 2025, please use this link to Bury Admissions: [Primary school admissions - Bury Council](#) and scroll down to the parent portal log in option.

Even if you have a sibling who attends school, you still need to apply for a place.



#### Road safety champions at Wesley!

We are all aware of the importance of road safety and ensuring that our children are safe at all times. We have some new signs that will be visible from next week at our entry gates to school on Forth and Salisbury Road that have been designed with our school logo on which will support with safe parking at school. We will also be running a programme of creating Road Safety Champions within school who will share important information about how to be safe. This has been designed by 'Safer Roads Greater Manchester'.



### Upcoming dates

Next week a letter will be sent with all of the dates that are upcoming during the Spring term, all the way up to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April before we break up for Easter.

In the meantime, there are some key dates to be aware of:

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January: Pantomime for the whole school at Wesley
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> January: Bike Ability for Year 6 pupils
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January: Celebrate World Religion Day
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January: Author visit from Grandad Wheels



### Letter from Santa!

On the build up to Christmas, I am sure many of our children will have written their letters to Santa at home and that was the same in school.

However, it was done a little different in Year 3 Garvey where the children wrote their letters in French and sent them to Pere Noel (French for Father Christmas). On the return to school this week, as we were going through our post we noticed a special letter to Year 3 Garvey – it was a letter from Santa and an individual post card to design for each child!

The children were in awe of this – a huge thank you to Mrs M Clowes, Mrs D Murray and all of the children in Year 3 Garvey!



### M&M Theatre productions present: Cinderella!

Next week all children will be enjoying a fantastic M&M production of 'Cinderella' the pantomime in school. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children that brings awe and wonder and something that we provide every January on the return to school. Every year has been a wonderful show and I know this will be no different leaving the children with incredible memories to enjoy.

Thank you to all parents who have currently made the supplemented voluntary contribution to this event which supports us to provide this for the children, there is until Thursday next week to pay.

We will share pictures through dojo and on our twitter: @Wesley\_primary.



### Attendance

At Wesley we see Attendance as crucially important to the success and progress our children make. The more time our children are in school the better progress they will ultimately make. We celebrate attendance on a weekly basis and each class has the opportunity to earn money for their end of year treat. Attending school more gives all children the best possible chance to keep up with their work, achieve better results and the possibility of developing further friendship and social skills. Last half term we had 108 children receive a reward for 100% attendance which is a third of the whole school!

Number of days off school a year	Percentage attendance	Number of lessons missed	Level of concern
<b>0 days</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Perfection</b>
<b>2 days</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>10 lessons</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>5 days</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>25 lessons</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>10 days</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>50 lessons</b>	<b>Slight concern</b>
<b>20 days</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>100 lessons</b>	<b>Concern</b>
<b>30 days</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>150 lessons</b>	<b>Significant concern</b>

You can check and keep track on your child's attendance on the Arbor App.

**Our attendance winners this week are: Year 2 Rashford with 100%**

Class name	Average attendance this week
Reception Sissay	98.3%
Reception Neville	84.2%
Year 1 Peel	92.5%
Year 1/2 Wood	94.4%
Year 2 Rashford	100%
Year 3 Garvey	93.7%
Year 3/4 Walsh	97%
Year 4 Lowry	94.4%
Year 5 Boyle	99.4%
Year 5/6 Turing	95.2%
Year 6 Pankhurst	91.4%



### Star Award

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Miah H-H**

Reception Sissay: **Theo S**

Year 1 Peel: **Ronni-Rae R-C**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Reyah V**

Year 2 Rashford: **Ivie-Faith B**

Year 3 Garvey: **Scarlett Mc**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Rocco C**

Year 4 Lowry: **Lucy H**

Year 5 Boyle: **Ella Mc**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Aymeric H**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Jaxon O**

These children have done amazing:  
"shining like stars with love"

### Gold Award

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Elijah C**

Reception Sissay: **Georgie T**

Year 1 Peel: **Spencer E**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Caitlin D**

Year 2 Rashford: **Jack T**

Year 3 Garvey: **Drew D**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Bodhi S**

Year 4 Lowry: **Lucas Mc**

Year 5 Boyle: **Isaac W**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Cherene D**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Liam W**

Well done to all of these children – we are  
so proud of you!

