



Wesley Methodist Primary School



Weekly Newsletter: WC 5th May 2025

What a week we have had for our pupils at Wesley. The children have, as always, been fantastic in their approach to their work and worked incredibly hard to complete their work to the high expectations we set at all times. We are already half way through this half term and still have so much to enjoy with the children!

**IT TAKES
STRENGTH TO
BE GENTLE**



Worship

This week we have been aiming to shine like a star with gentleness. Our children have embodied this beautifully, demonstrating that gentleness is not a weakness but a powerful form of resilience. When faced with challenges, they have responded with patience, empathy, and determination, showing that true strength lies in

how we treat others and ourselves during difficult times. This gentle strength allows them to overcome adversity with grace, and it is through these moments that they truly shine. Their example brings our school's vision to life—one where every child grows not just in knowledge, but in character, compassion, and confidence – ensuring that they 'Shine like a star as children of God'.

Staffing updates

We are thrilled to announce that Mr D Parker has been appointed permanently as our Deputy Headteacher following his successful secondment from one of our sister schools, Leyland Methodist Primary School. During his time with us, he has proven himself to be an exceptional leader, demonstrating not only a high level of skill and expertise but also an unwavering commitment to the success and well-being of our pupils and staff. Mr Parker's impact has been profound, bringing fresh perspectives and driving positive change across the school. He has held various roles since September including: Year 6 teacher, Maths lead and also overseeing our inclusion work alongside Mrs Mann as our SENDCO and Mrs Rohman which has seen a huge improvement in our support throughout school. We are excited to continue working alongside Mr Parker as he helps lead our school to continued improvement. I know you all wish him congratulations in this permanent role.

Congratulations!

MATHS
WorkShop
FOR **PARENTS**

Maths workshops for parents

Next week we have another parental workshop all about maths for all parents of children Years 1-2. This will be held on Thursday 15th May 2:15-3:15pm. We completed our literacy workshop for parents last week and this was a huge success and we hope the maths one will be the same. The maths workshop will be an introduction to how best support your child and their numeracy skills. It will look at the main principles that underpin math skills (concrete, pictorial, abstract) and discuss practical strategies to support your child with their learning. These sessions will focus on practical tips and activities that you can use to support your child's development in these essential areas.



VE day!

On Tuesday this week in school, we proudly celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE Day—Victory in Europe Day—which marks the end of World War II in Europe on May 8th, 1945. This important day reminds us of the courage and sacrifice of those who fought for peace and freedom. To honour this historic occasion, we held a special lunchtime celebration filled with joy and remembrance. The dining hall was decorated with Union Jack tablecloths and colourful bunting, and the air was filled with music from the era, creating a

festive and reflective atmosphere. Pupils and staff joined in the spirit of the day by wearing red, white, and blue, bringing history to life through a shared moment of gratitude and celebration.

Year 3 and 4 pupils at Lancashire Cricket

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed a fantastic day out at Lancashire Cricket, where they took part in a range of exciting activities designed to build their skills, teamwork, and confidence. From learning cricket techniques to engaging in fun, active games, the children threw themselves into every challenge with enthusiasm and energy. Their behaviour throughout the day was exemplary, showing great respect, sportsmanship, and maturity. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to experience a professional sporting environment, and they made the most of every moment. We're incredibly proud of how they represented our school—both on and off the field.



Allotment update

As you will be aware, we as a school have a community allotment that has given us a wonderful opportunity to further develop our outdoor learning opportunities as part of our Forest School offer. However, we have taken the decision to offer this plot to another school to start their allotment journey. The reason for this decision is that we are thrilled to be setting up our very own school allotment on site—a vibrant, hands-on learning space where pupils can grow a variety of vegetables and fruits, while also



nurturing a sensory garden filled with fragrant herbs and plants. This exciting project is not only helping children learn about where food comes from and the importance of healthy eating, but also giving them the chance to develop responsibility, teamwork, and a deep appreciation for nature. The sensory garden will offer a calming, interactive space that supports wellbeing, with different textures, scents, and colours to explore. We can't wait to see the garden flourish and become a special part of our school community.

SATs week next week

Next week marks SATs week for our Year 6 pupils—a time when they will have the chance to show all the knowledge and skills they've worked so hard to develop. While these assessments are an important part of their learning journey, we want to remind our children—and everyone around them—that SATs do not define them. Our pupils are so much more than a test score; they are kind, creative, resilient, thoughtful, and full of potential in so many ways that cannot be measured on paper. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them—not just for the effort they've put into preparing, but for the wonderful individuals they are every single day.



Star Award

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Percy C**

Reception Sissay: **Georgie T**

Year 1 Peel: **Carter B**

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

Year 2 Rashford: **Emme C**

Year 3 Garvey: **Oakley S**

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

Year 4 Lowry: **Marley L**

Year 5 Boyle: **Hub C**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Thea F**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Hunter B**

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

Gold Award

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Alyshe R**

Reception Sissay: **Baker J**

Year 1 Peel: **Grace F**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Jimi J**

Year 2 Rashford: **Harley-Rose**

Year 3 Garvey: **Jaiden O**

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

Year 4 Lowry: **Alina A**

Year 5 Boyle: **PJ**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Alfie B**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Lexi C**

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

