



Wesley Methodist Primary School



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It has been wonderful to see such a positive return to school following the half term break. The children have come back full of enthusiasm and energy, ready to learn and eager to take part in all that school life has to offer.

This week, we have revisited our school rules and values during worship, and it has been fantastic to see these shining through around school - with children showing exactly what it means to be Ready, Respectful, and Safe. Their attitudes and behaviour have been excellent, and we are so proud of how the children continue to demonstrate everything it means to be a 'Wesley child'.

We have lots of exciting events ahead this term as we head towards Christmas, and we will be sharing key dates with you early next week so that you can plan ahead.

Worship

This week in worship, we have been exploring the value of *faithfulness* and how this can be demonstrated within school. Together, we looked at how shining with faithfulness means that we tell the truth and act with honesty in all that we do. This meant we had to look at our school rules of: Ready, Respectful and Safe, and how faithfulness ran through all of this ensuring we did our very best at all times. This children had a wonderful understanding of this and really displayed their knowledge fantastically well.

Next week, is the start of anti-bullying week, we will be looking at this within our worships over the week and to link it to the week's value of: Willpower. We will also be launching our annual '**14 Days of Kindness**' challenge, encouraging everyone to carry out simple acts of kindness that can bring a smile to those who need it most. Whether it's holding a door open, giving a compliment, or showing patience and understanding, these small actions can have a huge impact. We are exciting to see the wonderful things our children do over the week.



Join Us for Parents' Evening – Tuesday 11th November

Our upcoming Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 11th November, and we warmly invite all parents and carers to make an appointment between 2:00pm and 7:30pm. Each appointment will last for 10 minutes and provides a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how well they have settled into the new school year, what they have been learning, and the progress they have made so far. These meetings are an important part of our partnership with parents and help us work together to

ensure every child continues to thrive. If you have not already made an appointment for this, please do come and speak with the school office.

Playleaders Ready to Lead the Way!

We are very proud of our new Year 6 Playleaders, who have successfully completed their training with Freddy Fit and are now ready to take on their new roles within school. They will be leading fun, active, and inclusive games on the KS1 playground, helping to ensure that lunchtimes are positive, energetic, and supportive for all children. Our Playleaders will play a key role in encouraging teamwork, friendship, and physical activity; making sure everyone has the opportunity to join in and enjoy active play each day.



Supporting Wesley Together – Thank You, PTA!

We are so incredibly grateful to our amazing PTA, who continue to go above and beyond to create memorable experiences for our children and to raise valuable funds that directly benefit every pupil at Wesley. Their commitment and creativity make such a difference to school life, from organising fun-filled events to funding projects that

enhance our learning environment. Recently, PTA contributions have helped to fund new outdoor provision areas and benches, providing children with fantastic spaces to play, socialise, and relax.

They have also played a key role in supporting the ongoing development of our Forest School, helping to create engaging outdoor learning opportunities for all.

Our recent Bonfire Disco was another brilliant success - the children had a fantastic time, and we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every member of the PTA for their incredible effort, time, and dedication in making it happen. You may have also noticed the brand-new PTA Hut at the front of school. This will now be home to our Friday tuck shop and a pre-loved uniform stall, ensuring families have access to affordable, good-quality uniform and a friendly place to connect.

We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team of volunteers who give their time and energy to support our school community. Thank you for all that you do, your hard work truly helps Wesley shine! If you wish to know more about our PTA and become involved in some way shape or form, please do contact the school office and they will give you contact information.



Our Sporting Stars Shine!

At Wesley, we are incredibly proud of the wide range of sporting opportunities we provide for our children, helping them to stay active, develop teamwork, and experience the joy of competition. Thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of our PE Lead, Mrs Thomasson, we have already entered numerous sporting events this term. Building on last year's fantastic success, when we were recognised as the third most active primary school



in Bury and proudly achieved the prestigious Platinum Sports Award - our pupils continue to impress.

Over recent weeks, our children have represented Wesley in football, netball, and lacrosse tournaments, showing great determination, skill, and sportsmanship. They have played with passion and respect, always demonstrating what it means to be Ready, Respectful, and Safe, and setting a wonderful example as ambassadors of



our school. We are so proud of every child who has represented Wesley so far and look forward to seeing even more pupils take part in the exciting sporting events to come this year!



Online safety – what parents need to know about ‘parental controls’

At Wesley, we are committed to keeping all children safe online and helping them develop the skills to use technology responsibly.

This week’s focus is on **parental controls** - simple but effective tools that allow parents and carers to set appropriate boundaries on apps, games, and devices. The guidance explains how these controls work, why they are important, and how to use them to help your child enjoy the digital world safely. We encourage all parents to take a few minutes to read the advice and start a conversation at home about staying safe online.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child’s device and which ones don’t. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child’s safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.

How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to ‘on’ at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child’s device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the ‘on’ position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don’t Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don’t Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

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Learning, Friendships, and Fun – Be Here Every Day

At Wesley, we believe that excellent attendance is vital to every child’s success and progress. Quite simply, the more time children spend in school, the more they learn, achieve, and grow. Good attendance not only supports academic progress but also helps children to build friendships and develop important social skills.

We celebrate attendance every week, with each class having the chance to earn money towards their end-of-year treat. This is a fun way to reward commitment and encourage everyone to play their part.

This term, we will be placing a strong focus on attendance and working closely with families to ensure that every child is in school every day, giving them the very best chance to shine.

Our attendance winners this week are: Reception Sissay with 96.6%



Class name	Average attendance this week
Reception Sissay	96.6%
Reception Neville	93.2%
Year 1 Peel	95.8%
Year 1/2 Wood	85.6%
Year 2 Rashford	91.4%
Year 3 Garvey	93.8%
Year 3/4 Walsh	92%
Year 4 Lowry	84.7%
Year 5 Boyle	92.1%
Year 5/6 Turing	89.7%
Year 6 Pankhurst	93.3%



WELL DONE!

Star Award

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Luna C**

Reception Sissay: **Parker T-C**

Year 1 Peel: **Hussnain S**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Emelia S**

Year 2 Rashford: **Renee B**

Year 3 Garvey: **Elijah B**

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

Year 4 Lowry: **Reuben M**

Year 5 Boyle: **Elizabeth C**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Jorgie I**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Avash T**

These children have done amazing:
"shining like stars with faithfulness".

Gold Award

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Eleri L**

Reception Sissay: **Nico S**

Year 1 Peel: **Miah-Grace HH**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Lukas M**

Year 2 Rashford: **Milo M**

Year 3 Garvey: **Spencer K-D**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Harley-Leigh P**

Year 4 Lowry: **Asghar S**

Year 5 Boyle: **Lewis R**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Jess C**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Cameron W**

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

