



Wheatley Lane Methodist Primary School Newsletter 16/1/26



Dear friends

If you're on social media, you will have seen countless yellow or even red warnings about the forthcoming snow bomb due to hit the UK. Some of you will have thought 'great! A snow day – school closures – cancelled meetings – a time for sledging and snowmen!' Others of you will have been hoping it stays away!

And regardless of our view, I suspect we were all wondering when it was going to happen. Where is all this snow that we were warned about?!

Sometimes it's hard to wait for promises to be fulfilled.

I confess that sometimes I find it hard to be patient when it comes to faith too.

When things are painful, when we're trying to make sense of it all, and it all just feels a bit dark, we might wonder if a better day will come.

I think January is a difficult month for many, and if that's true for you I want to encourage you. If you are someone who prays, I encourage you to not give up. If you are not someone who prays, please be assured of my prayers.

With all good wishes,

Rev Adrian

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for your promise that all shall be well when we lean on you and trust you. And when sometimes promises seem empty and faith burns low, please don't let go of us, but strengthen us, so we not just survive the darkness, but grow through it and discover light once more.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Admissions Consultation

We are consulting on our Admissions criteria for September 2027. Please see our website for full details and information on how to give your views.

<https://www.wheatleylane.lancs.sch.uk/admissions-consultation/>



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Spring Term Dates

SEND parents coffee and cake morning 9-11:30am
Y3 Class Worship in school 8:50am
Y4 Class Worship in school 8:50am
Y2 Class Worship in school 8:50am
Y6 Class Worship in school 8:50am
World Book Day
Red Nose Day
Reception Class Worship at 8:50am
Y1 Class Worship in school 8:50am
Parents' Evening 2:30-6pm
Easter Service in church - led by Y5 9am



Attendance

Every Day Counts!

At Wheatley Lane, we believe that excellent attendance is vital for 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 want all of our children to have the chance 'to be the best they can be'.



**Weekly
Winners**

This week's attendance

Reception	92%
Year 1	93.3%
Year 2	91.4%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	98.7%

What's been happening in school this week

Year 3 had a zoom call with Lomeshaye Junior school on Wednesday afternoon. Despite a few technical difficulties, they had fun playing games to get to know each other better. This is part of the Pendle Building Bridges project which celebrates diversity with the aim of fostering a strong, united community. Our Girls' Football team have played in the Lancashire finals at Fleetwood today. They made us so proud with their excellent behaviour and teamwork. They did so well and finished 5th. Well done girls! We have had a very special visitor in school this afternoon - Nancy, a therapy dog. Nancy will be spending time in school on the next few Fridays.



SEND COFFEE MORNING



Coffee and cake

This will be an informal, friendly session where you can:

- Meet and chat with other parents
- Ask general questions about SEND support in school
- Share experiences in a welcoming, supportive space

There will also be the opportunity to book a short individual appointment in advance if you would like to discuss your own child privately.

No pressure, no jargon - just a warm cuppa, cake, and a chance to connect. ❤️

We hope to see you there!



How to book individual appointments:

If you would like an individual appointment please book by Monday 12th January by emailing L.Jennings@wheatleylane.epworthtrust.org.uk



Details

Where: Rainbow room in school (arrive at the office)

When: Monday 19th January 2026

Time:
9.00-10.00am coffee and chat
10.00-11.30am individual appointments

New Morning Routine

From Monday, we are changing the morning routine. Although the snow and ice caused us some issues last week, we felt opening the doors at the same time as the gates worked really well. Cloakrooms were not as congested as the children's arrival was staggered and the entry to school seemed much calmer. We had many positive comments from parents who appreciated being able to 'drop and go' rather than waiting for the bell to ring at 8:40am.

We will open both the gates and the school doors at 8:35am. Children will come straight into school through their usual entrance - Reception through their outdoor play area. The gates will close when school begins at 8:45am.



Special Awards

REC	Georgia - Fantastic sticky knowledge remembering all about the artist Jayne Huskisson to inspire her own artwork.
Y1	Poppy - Being a great role model
Y2	Zach - Producing a lovely piece of science work
Y3	Charlie - Fab classroom behaviour
Y4	Leo - Fantastic handwriting Ariana and Scarlet - A brilliant poem based on the story of the Pied Piper
Y5	Jack - Always trying his hardest
Y6	Isaac S - Super effort across the board



Headteacher Award

Freya (Rec) - Freya always listens so well in class and in worship too. Thank you Freya.