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Headteacher

“This is a
welcoming
and friendly
school.”

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Welcome

I am privileged, as Headteacher of Latchford St James Church of England Primary School, to lead a great team of staff who are all dedicated to one cause, the children in our care.

We aim to provide a happy, safe and stimulating Christian environment so that all of our children can learn and grow physically, socially, spiritually and intellectually, to build successful futures.

Our school community is driven by the belief that all children are created in God's image and are therefore unique, special and valued. Our Christian values underpin all that we do and enable us to nurture strong relationships with our whole school community.

The squeeze on school budgets has been highlighted in the media and we are no exception. Just to restore funding in real-terms to that of 2022-23, we would need an additional £23,318. Analysis by the Education Policy Institute states that the current funding settlement for schools will mean that, for this academic year (2024-25) per-pupil funding will be around 3% lower in real terms than in 2010.

Providing for our children, giving them amazing experiences, opportunities and gifts comes at a cost. According to an African proverb, it takes a community to raise a child, so we invite you to partner with us, and our parents. We are hugely ambitious for our school, and the children in our care, and we would love for you to join with us on our journey as we try and enrich their lives in and beyond the classroom.

Andy Hayes



Year 3 in Llandudno

Trips

At LSJ we are passionate about providing our children with enriching experiences, in and out of school. We recognise that children learn differently to one another and learn best when they can see, hear and experience things first-hand; multi-sensory learning. There is no doubt that most children thoroughly enjoy school trips and the memories live on long after they have left primary school.

Trips are shown to teach lessons children cannot learn in the classroom alone, lessons like confidence, curiosity and creativity. Trips aid understanding of topics being taught in school. Visiting Chester's Roman sites, led by their own Roman Soldier, Year 3 children have the opportunity to see what it was like to live in Chester as a Roman Soldier nearly 2000 years ago. There's streets to walk down, a hospital, a Roman bath, an amphitheatre to explore and plenty of hands-on activities. The children are enlisted into the Roman Army, try creating military formations and learn Roman military chants. Learning in this visual, experiential way reinforces all the academic learning from the classroom.

By giving children the opportunity to use their skills outside the classroom, they can see how their learning is applicable in real life. They may be inspired to pursue a subject in later life, using it to shape their future career.

We offer trips for all our classes from Nursery visiting the farm or the zoo as they learn about animals and their names, through to Year 6 who have a residential outdoor activity break at the end of their time in primary school, giving chance to face challenges, overcome fears, and realise they are more capable than they perhaps first thought, just before they move on to high school.



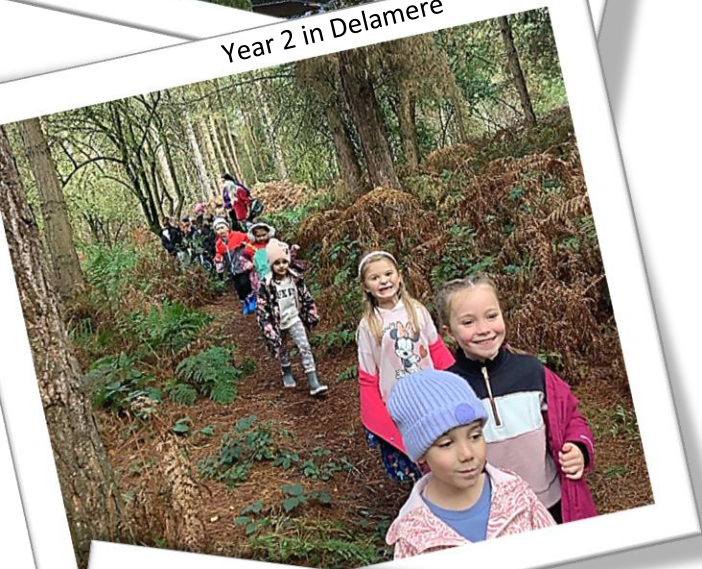
Year 5 in London



Year 6 Outdoor Adventures



Year 2 in Delamere



The Three Peaks Challenge Team

All trips come at cost and in the past have been subsidised by school funds. Due to increasing demands on the school budget, we are no longer able to subsidise trips but we are determined to continue to offer as many of these valuable experiences to our children as we possibly can.

As a school community, we also do our bit. In May 2024, a team of staff, parents, governors and past pupils, took on the National Three Peaks Challenge with the specific goal of raising funds to help continue offering these wonderful experiences for our children. Each class did their own sponsored event and their efforts were featured on BBC Newsround as they reported on the growing concerns from Headteachers around the country of the affordability of school trips.

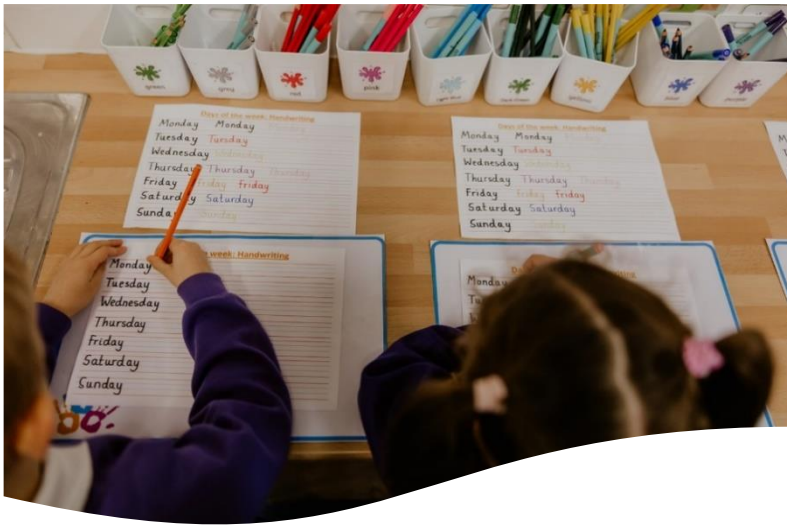
How you can help?

Finances are the top need in this area. A guide to average prices per child is given below.

If we don't get enough parents signing their children up for these trips, we have to cancel them. Anything you can donate, helps reduce the cost to all parents, and more children can enjoy these out of classroom experiences.



Year 2	One night residential in Delamere Forest	£100-115 per pupil
Year 3	Day trip to Chester Roman Experience	£15-20 per pupil
Year 4	Two night residential to Llandudno	£150-175 per pupil
Year 5	One night residential to London	£180-210 per pupil
Year 6	Two-night outdoor activity residential	£330-350 per pupil



Fundraising

We have three main fundraising events during the year, each offering plenty of opportunity to get involved practically or financially.

We were thrilled to have Mat and Tim from Barclays Bank run our BBQ stall at the Summer Fair. The bank matched what the BBQ stall raised which was very welcome.

The Summer and Christmas Fairs are always well attended by parents, carers and family members, with past pupils returning to say hello. We have game stalls, bouncy castles, tombolas and BBQ for the summer and turkey rolls at Christmas, all raising such valuable funds for the school. Putting on these events comes with an associated cost, hire of bouncy castles, purchase of prizes or food; if we can reduce the costs, through sponsorship or donations, the money goes to where it is needed – the children.

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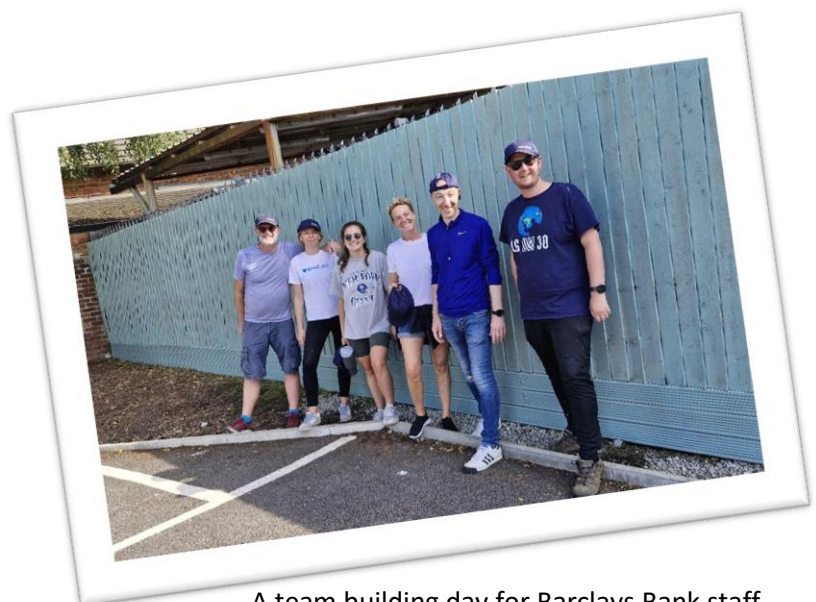
There is plenty of scope for you to help at our fundraising events.

Could you sponsor the bouncy castle?

Could you run a stall with match funding from your employer?

Could you offer a raffle prize?

Could you supply the burger boxes or chip cones for a food stall?



A team building day for Barclays Bank staff, painting the car park fences, with a grant from the bank for the cost of materials

To discuss how we might work together or how you can support us in our fundraising, drop us an email to latchford_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk or call on 01925 634967.



Christmas

Christmas is an important and busy time in school, full of nativity plays and services in church. In the midst of that, we are conscious that it is also a very expensive time for most households.

To help our families, we offer food hampers to those who would like them, donated by local churches and our class teachers nominate children to receive a Christmas gift donated by Dunelm and other local businesses. We are not yet at the point that all children receive a donated gift, but that's where we'd like to be! For now, we're happy to be able to give the children a book to help them develop that love of reading (Nursery to Year 2) or a selection box (Years 3 to 6).

How you can help?

Selection boxes and wrapping paper are listed on our Amazon wish list and we'll happily take more donations of food or Christmas presents. Anything you donate, helps our children and their families, whilst saving vital school funds for other expenses.



School Resources

Glue sticks, paper, pens, pencils, playground equipment; there's a long list of school resources that are continually being used and needing to be replenished. As vital as these things are, and no matter how well we shop around for the best price, the shopping list is always extensive and costly.

How you can help?

We've been putting a list together of our most used resources and some additional resources to enhance the school day, in the classroom and on the playground. We're always reviewing and updating the list as needs change but we're always going to need glue sticks and printer paper!

You can find our Amazon Wish List here: <https://amzn.eu/hJCxSNQ>. Donations from the list are welcome at any time.





How you can help

To make a financial donation, please send an email to the School Office and let us know which programme you would like to support (trips/Christmas gifts/Christmas Hampers). Payment details are available on request.

If you would like to make a physical donation, something towards our fundraising events, Christmas gifts or contributions to the hampers, please contact the office in the first instance to check current requirements, just so we can make sure we are making the most of all donations and avoiding duplication.



To offer a no-cost way of supporting school, we have signed up with easyfundraising.

If you shop with an online retailer through easyfundraising, a donation will be made to school. Donations vary depending on retailer from a flat donation to a percentage of your spend. There's no cost to you to sign up or to shop and there's no cost to school. If you are booking a holiday or doing your Christmas shopping online, please consider signing up with easyfundraising, choosing Latchford St James as your cause and make no-cost donations to school with every purchase.

Scan the QR code for a quick link to our easyfundraising page.



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