



# St. Lawrence CE Primary School

**Executive Head Teacher - Mrs Rebecca Nash**

**Head of School - Mrs Alison Moore**

Dear Parents,

28th May 2021

Today we break up for the half term holiday and I just want to thank you all for your support over the term. It has been a transitional term but your children have worked so hard showing real determination and resilience and really 'being the best they can be!' Give them an extra special squeeze this evening and let them know how proud you are of them.

## **'St. Lawrence Way' Award**

This week in assembly we have introduced a new award entitled 'The St. Lawrence Way Award' which is to be voted by the children for the children. The focus of our Worship is about the key values and principles of Christianity and how these can be achieved through 'The St. Lawrence Way' which leads us to be 'The Best we can be with God.' Children will have the opportunity to vote for their peers, giving reasons why they believe the pupil they have voted for is showing the values that we all aspire to. I have to say when it was introduced on Monday, I was overwhelmed with the children's responses and how excited they were about nominating someone in their class. One pupil asked if they could even nominate a grown up!

This week, our first St Lawrence Way Award goes to **Logan**. Logan was nominated because 'He always listens to everybody and he never leaves anybody out'. Well done to Logan who really does show The St Lawrence Way, especially in 'Listening and Learning' and 'Respecting and Caring'. We look forward to reading the nominations at the end of the first week of next term back and awarding our next certificates.

## **Back to School**

We return back to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. We would just like to remind Class 1 parents that from this date pick up time will be 2.55pm.

I hope that you enjoy some family time this half term. Please continue to be mindful of the hands, face, space message whilst trying to stay within the rules. Please see details later in the newsletter for specific information in relation to Covid 19 and our half term break.



# NSPCC



## NSPCC Assembly

This week we organised a 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' online assembly for pupils in KS1 and KS2 which was introduced by celebrities Ant and Dec. It focused on the importance of speaking to a trusted adult if they see/hear anything inappropriate that makes them feel uncomfortable. There was also emphasis on the pandemic and how our lives have changed over the year with limited contact to our extended family and friends. Children also had opportunity to reflect on themes such as bullying and name calling. You can view this again on the following link ['Speak Out, Stay Safe'](#).

"If you have a problem, you need to share it. Worries can get heavy"  
- **Olly F.**

"It is important to speak to trusted adults and stay safe" **Eliza**

Here are some quotes from our St Lawrence

Safeguarding Ambassadors.

"Always tell a trusted adult, they will help you" - **Missy**

"Always tell someone about your worries—they can be like bricks" **Olly M.**

"If you have worries and you don't think you can share them with an adult, you can call Childline" **Graciella**

"The number is 0800 1111" **Aidan**



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## Half term Homework

Teachers will not be setting homework over the half term holiday in the usual way as we are aware that families need a break also. We will be uploading another exciting Mrs Nash Challenge should you wish to join in and our fabulous PTFA have organised a really fun Cryptic Treasure Hunt for you to participate in to keep you busy. Details of this can be found later on in the Newsletter in the PTFA section. Remember to upload your photographs on SeeSaw so we can see the fun that you have been having.

Here is the link to [Mrs Nash's Volcano Challenge](#) if you have missed it.

## Photography workshop

We sent our Year 5 cohort off to Chetwynd Deer Park on Monday afternoon for the Photography Workshop. The children had a wonderful time and listened attentively to the instructions from the photographer who gave them pointers on how to take a good photograph. Here are some of the images captured and I am sure you will agree, we have some photographers in the making.





## **Mexican Drawing Competition**

The Mexican Embassy in the UK have sent certificates to acknowledge our pupils' participation in the Drawing Competition of a Mexican-British 'Lotería' (Bingo) on the occasion of Mexican Children's Day, April 30, 2021. 'Lotería' is a traditional Mexican game that has been enjoyed over many generations, which has also recently been played by our pupils during their Spanish lessons.

Our competition entries stood out for their colour and originality, combining elements of Mexican and British culture. We look forward to seeing how our pupils develop their artistic skills further!



## **Sad News**

This week we heard about the sad death of Eric Carle who died at the age of 91. He was the illustrator and writer of many children's books. One of his famous books was The Very Hungry Caterpillar; this has been translated into more than 66 languages and sold more than 50 million copies. His legend will live on through his wonderful books read by children all over the world!



Simplify, slow down, be kind.  
And don't forget to have art  
in your life – music, paintings,  
theater, dance, and sunsets...

Eric CARLE





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## PTFA

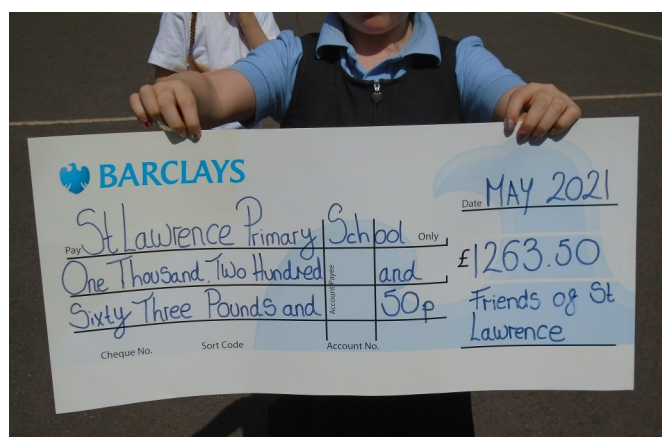
Our PTFA have just been marvellous during these covid restrictive times and I must place on my record my thanks to all of the committee for their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm. I joined their meeting yesterday evening and it was lovely to hear their ideas for forthcoming events to bring the community together whilst boosting funds for school. Mrs Perry came in to school this week to present a cheque for the staggering amount of £1263.50 for the sponsored event and present certificates and prizes to those who participated. Many thanks to those of you who supported this event: the money is greatly received and helps fund those additional extras for the children.

A special mention must go to Emily in Year 1 who raised over £800 doing a sponsored cycle for this event. Just before she set off on this challenge, she had only just learned to ride a bike without stabilisers. Well done Emily, you truly epitomise the 'St Lawrence Way!' This huge achievement was celebrated in this morning's assembly where Emily was given a special award. Well done to all of the children who joined in. If you didn't this time, you may like to do the next event.



I did it!

Not 8 miles like I aimed for, not 10 miles that we stretched to, not 12 miles that my Great Uncle said he would double his donation for. I did a whopping 13.27 miles and I'm so proud!





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## Half Term Positive Cases for COVID-19 Procedure

Similar to the Easter holiday period, Public Health England has agreed a 6 day window after the final day of teaching where schools have been asked to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing where this is necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts in school to be traced.

### When NOT to contact school

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school (from Sunday 30th May), the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

### When TO contact school

For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (from the end of school on Friday 28th May until midnight on Sunday 30th May), the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Up to and including Thursday 3rd June you should contact the school via the school email [H3091@taw.org.uk](mailto:H3091@taw.org.uk) to alert us to a positive case, following the guidance above. This email will be monitored at 9am each morning and 7pm each evening. We will then send out a message on Seesaw to every family whose child has been in contact with the positive case.

We also ask that you inform us immediately if your child develops symptoms on either Saturday 29th or Sunday 30th May so that we can be on stand-by, even before your child has a COVID-19 test.

After the 3rd June, you should notify the usual national track and trace system. More information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-testresult-means/>

Many thanks for your cooperation with this process. Have a lovely half term.

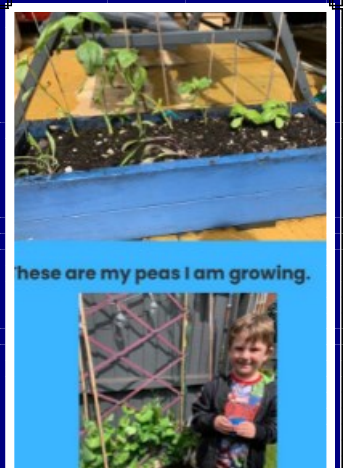


# Gardening galore - Class 1

Class 1 are really enjoying their learning about plants and were very excited to plant sunflowers in our poly tunnel. We will also be planting some quick growing vegetables such as radishes. Here are some pictures as well as some pictures of what you are planting at home.



Oliver is growing sunflowers at home.



Max is growing sunflowers and peas.

Mrs Jenkins read a story about the life cycle of a sunflower whilst the children were busy planting seeds.



"I am using this to make a hole for the seed."

Ariana-Jane



"We are putting our seeds in compost. I hope they grow."

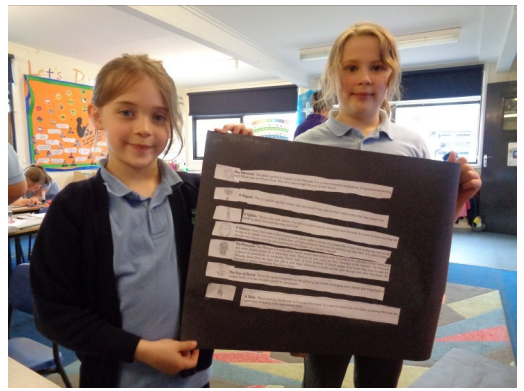
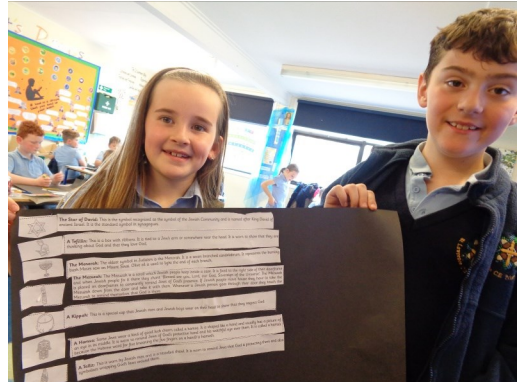
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# Class 2

For our work on Judaism, we created our own Hamsa designs. We then discussed important symbols and their meaning to Jewish people. The children matched symbols to their meanings.



To finish our work on the artist Paul Klee, we completed our printing art work and then cut the shapes out to stick to a dark background. This was to keep the style of our focus artist.

In Forest School, the children designed and built shelters and houses for different creatures that we share our world with.







# Class 3 News

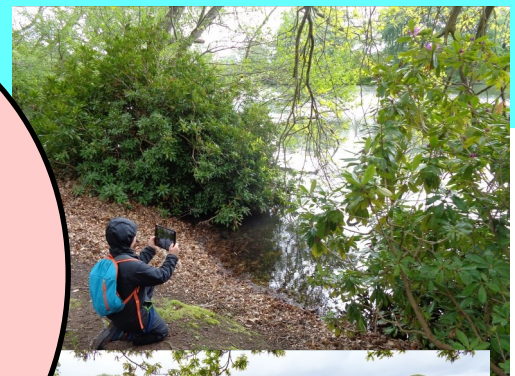
On Monday afternoon as previously mentioned, Year 5 had a visit, to what is now one of our favourite places, Chetwynd Deer Park, near Newport.

Year 5 on behalf of our school, have been asked to take part in an exciting photographic competition which is being run by the organisers of The Newport Show. Unfortunately, for the second year running, due to Covid, the show in July has been cancelled however the organisers still felt a photography competition was still feasible.

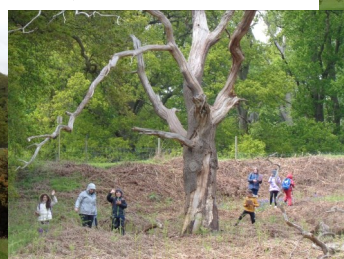
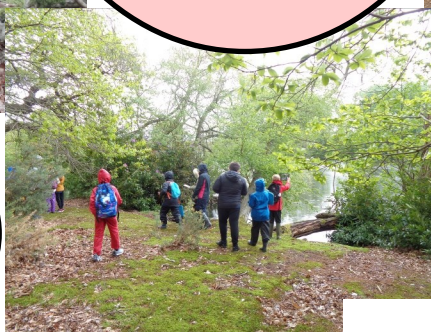
Schools in the Newport area were asked to send children to the park to take part in a photography workshop which was led by a professional photographer. Each child took their own photos and on return to school, had to pick the best one from the sometimes many hundreds they had taken. We are now in the process of creating a CD of their best photos to submit to the judges. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for each school that enters. All of the children are very excited about the competition and we were so impressed with the many, artistically composed photos that they took.



"I enjoyed how the photographer gave us tips on taking the photos. I chose my photo because it fitted how he told us to compose our photos."



"It was relaxing taking photos and we didn't get the massive rain storm!"

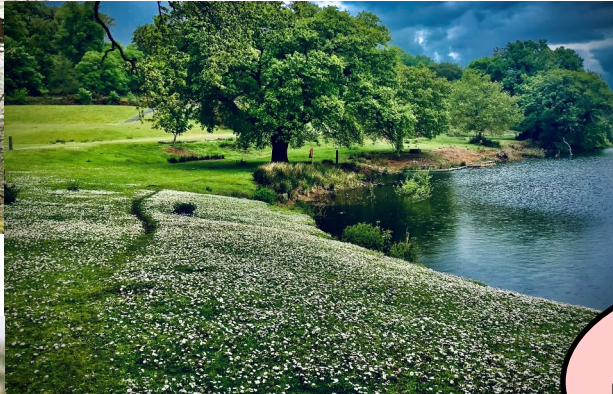




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"I really liked this photo because of the goose and how



"I chose this photo because my eye kept noticing the colour



"It was interesting,



"I think this looks like





## **PTFA CORNER**

To the children and families of St Lawrence,

On behalf of the Friends of St Lawrence we would like to say a massive Congratulations to all of those who took part in our Easter sponsored challenge! We set you a task to walk, run or cycle set distances over the Easter Holidays whilst asking your friends and family members to cheer you on and sponsor you. All those who took part put in a huge effort and all your hard work was simply incredible! We are pleased to announce that the whopping total raised for the event with Gift aid was an enormous £1263.50!!!!We had the pleasure of presenting the children with certificates and Thankyou gifts this week, which we hope they thoroughly enjoyed.

Thankyou for sharing all your photos of the event that were sent to the school office. It was lovely to see how well you did and you should all be very proud of yourselves. You truly were the best that you could be!

Thanks again for all your continued support, we're really looking forward to organising more exciting events for you to enjoy!

Best wishes,

The Friends of St Lawrence



# Celebrating Success this week!



## **SPECIAL HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD**

Emily - for a fantastic achievement raising over £800.00 for the  
Sponsored PTFA event.

## **Class One**

Evie - for her wonderful work this week and recording her ideas  
Soraya - for working hard in all areas of the curriculum at home  
and in school

## **Class Two**

Olivia B - for working brilliantly in Maths all week  
Leo - for doing fantastic fractions work

## **Class Three**

Ciaran – fantastic photography on the school trip  
The whole of year 6 (from Miss Jukes) - for outstanding effort with their ratio work in Maths





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## CLASS TIMETABLES

### CLASS 1

THURSDAY - PE

FRIDAY - FOREST SCHOOLS

### CLASS 2

WEDNESDAY— PE and FOREST SCHOOLS

### CLASS 3

#### MONDAY

Year 6: Children will be taking part in either a Commando Joe session or a Forest School Session. On this day, please dress your child in Forest school clothing (tracksuit bottoms, trainers, school T shirt, fleece, separate top to put over for forest schools). Please do not dress children in shorts, even if it is warm, as shorts are not suitable for Forest School. If it has been wet please also provide wellingtons.

Years 4 and 5: Normal school uniform day.

#### TUESDAY

Normal school uniform day for all years in Class 3.

#### WEDNESDAY

Year 6: Normal school uniform day.

Years 4 and 5: PE clothing

#### THURSDAY

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