

# St Lawrence CE Primary



## NEWSLETTER



Friday 15th July 2022

*'Being the best we can be, because with God all things are possible'*

Dear Parents,

Our penultimate week of school has flown by and the children have coped really well with the soaring temperatures as it certainly has been a hot one! This will be our last Newsletter of the academic year as next week we will be having a special Y6 Leavers' addition, dedicated to our Y6 group of children.

I think it is important to recognise the hard work of the children, parents and staff over the year to combat the effects of the pandemic, plugging gaps in learning, and developing children's confidence and social skills that may have been impacted by extended absences. As always, the parental support and engagement has been wonderful. It has been lovely to welcome parents back in to school this year and we hope to further develop these opportunities over the next academic year. Thank you for attending the events planned including Sports Day, Summer Fayre, church presentations and more recently the 'drop in' sessions. Your input and support is valued and it does have such a positive impact on the partnership between home and school.

This year, our Y6 children completed their end of KS2 SATS for the first time since the pandemic and what a marvellous job they all did! Our combined scores for those children achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths, were higher than the national figures and in individual subjects we were well above the national picture. We are extremely proud of our Y6 cohort and the effort and hard work these children have shown after a disruptive two years of learning. Thank you to parents who have offered support and encouragement and a special mention to Mrs Standish and Mr Matthews for their dedication and commitment.

We must not forget our KS1 children who also took SATS in their stride and completed them to the best of their ability. Year 1 children completed their Phonics Screening, showing progress recognising and reading words, using their knowledge and application of phonics sounds. Year 4 have worked hard learning their times tables in preparation for the Multiplication Check and individually the children have shown increased confidence against their own targets.

Although we have to complete the statutory assessments at pivotal points we must also emphasise that we do not teach to the test. Our curriculum is broad and balanced and we are currently working on developing this further for September so that the experiences we offer enrich the learning.

Reception have completed their first full year, working hard and interacting well with one another. They have impressed us greatly and are well into their phonics and maths journey, showing what great little learners they are and how much they already know about the world in which they live. I have been particularly impressed with their homework projects on Africa this week and all the facts they have retained.



The end of year is always bittersweet as we bid farewell to our wonderful Year 6 cohort and also to some of our families who end their journey here with us. Out of 13 children, we will be saying goodbye to 8 of our families who will collect their child for the last time next Thursday. To these families, we would like to say a huge thank you for your varied contributions and for being a huge part of your child's journey and indeed mine. What a joy it has been watching the children grow and blossom and I always remember their first transition day as it was my first day here at St. Lawrence too! We wish you all well but please know that you will be missed. The door at St. Lawrence is always open.

Wishing you all a wonderful Summer break and we welcome you back to school on Wednesday 7th September 2022. Monday and Tuesday are PD Days for the staff.

With my best wishes,

Mrs Moore

## Goodbye and Good Luck!

We would like to make you aware that Miss Tyson will be leaving us at the end of the Summer term as she has secured a teaching assistant post in another school. We would like to thank Miss Tyson for the kindness, care and nurture she has shown towards every child in school and what a wonderful presence she has had in school. We wish her all the best in her new school but I know she will be greatly missed here at St. Lawrence by pupils, staff and parents.

## Newport Show

The Newport Show was a huge success and well attended by all. I would like to thank Mrs Sankey for all her hard work keeping the potatoes growing, and preparing display work for the Education Hub. It was a wonderful day and great to be included with the local schools. From the potato growing competition you can see that we came a respectable 3rd Place. We were excited to hear that our partner school, Tibberton, came second place. Well done!



School Name	Place	Weight (kg)
Newport Girls' High School	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.65
Tibberton Primary School	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.15
St Lawrence, Preston on the Weald Moors	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.90
Castle House School	4 <sup>th</sup>	1.81
Moorfield Primary School	5 <sup>th</sup>	1.69
Haberdashers' Adams	6 <sup>th</sup>	1.64
Newport Infant School	7 <sup>th</sup>	1.59
SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School	8 <sup>th</sup>	1.57
Burton Borough School	9 <sup>th</sup>	1.36
Newport Junior School	10 <sup>th</sup>	0.97
Lilleshall Primary School	11 <sup>th</sup>	0.90
Church Aston Infant School	12 <sup>th</sup>	0.59
St Luke's, Trench	13 <sup>th</sup>	0.47
Muxton Primary School	14 <sup>th</sup>	0.31
St Peter's, Edgmond	15 <sup>th</sup>	0.29

## Soaring Temperatures

You will have hopefully received the Parentmail yesterday about the predicted high temperatures next week the measures we are putting in place to keep the children safe.

Please be reassured that we work closely with the Health and Safety Advisor at Telford and Wrekin who keeps us informed on the most current guidance from the DfE regarding extreme weather conditions. There is no indication of a school closure based on the soaring temperatures. We are taking precautionary measures for the children in the heat and we ask that parents work closely with school to provide sun hats, bottles of water (that can be refilled during the day) and suntan lotion for their child/children. It is advisable to apply suntan cream to your child before school and then they can top this up during the day.

My main concern is dehydration, so with this in mind, we are going to create drinks stations outside which will enable children to have access to squash throughout the day, particularly breaktimes and lunchtimes. Following my earlier Parentmail, I would like to thank parents who have already donated gazebos and offered to purchase supplies for school. The gazebos will offer much needed shade for our pupils and enable staff to set up a 'Hydration Station' that will help combat the heat and hopefully encourage the children to drink more.

## Parent View



Your views are important to us and we would like to signpost you to [Ofsted Parent View](#) which is an online survey that allows parents to give their views about their child's school. Parents can complete the survey at any time. By 'parents', we mean any person with parental responsibility for a child at the school. Ofsted Parent View is an on-line questionnaire and is the main source for gathering parents' views about a school when it is inspected. If you have time over the Summer and would like to complete the questionnaire that would help us gather your thoughts and opinions. Many thanks.

# Celebrating Success this week!

## AWARDS THIS WEEK GO TO....

### St. Lawrence Values Award

Our St. Lawrence Values Award is an award nominated by the pupils and teachers to reflect the school's values represented in the 'St. Lawrence Way'.

This week Mrs Moore has nominated **Harry (Y3)** for showing courage and positivity when a bird landed on his head during a fire practice.

### Headteacher Award

**Logan and Austin** - being wonderful role models and always going the extra mile to be helpful.

### Class One

**Rosa** - making the most of every learning opportunity.

### Class Two

**Millie** - for her terrific ideas in Religious Education.

**Emily** - for her lovely writing in English this week.

### Class Three

**Faith**—for always working hard and showing that she is READY in class.

**Daniel**— for always showing kindness to children and adults in school.

### Class Four

**Reuben** - for his fantastic effort in all subjects.

**Lizzie** - giving 100% to the leavers assembly preparation

### House point winners

This week the winning house is **St George** with a staggering **89** points.

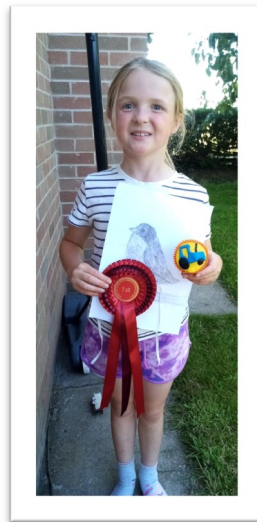
Well done to **Lola** the House Captain and everyone who is a member of this house.

HOUSE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
<b>St David</b>	83	2410
<b>St Patrick</b>	88	2953
<b>St Andrew</b>	79	3765
<b>St George</b>	89	2430



## Achievements beyond the classroom

Beth Gregory got 1st in her picture, 2nd in her decorated cakes and 2nd in her garden on a plate at Newport show on Saturday.



Jacob Gregory got 1st in his handwriting and third in his picture at Newport show on Saturday.

# You are both superstars!



## Summer Reading Challenge 2022



# GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
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*The Gadgeteers are planning an epic summer party!*

*If you are aged 4 to 11 years you can join the Gadgeteers as they get ready for their summer party by reading six library books this summer.*

*Along the way you can collect stickers and once you have read your six books you will receive a medal and certificate.*

*Children can read any books in any format, fiction, non-fiction, picture books, audio books, eBooks and eAudio books via our Libby App.*

*Children can join the Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge from Saturday 9 July 2022. The challenge finishes on Saturday 10 September 2022.*

*The Summer Reading Challenge is delivered by libraries and produced by The Reading Agency. It is open to all children, free of charge.*





# Dates for your diary

## JULY

- Wednesday 20th - Leavers Assembly on school field ( 10–11am).  
Thursday 21st - Last day of Term.  
Friday 22nd - PD Day—School closed

## SEPTEMBER

- Monday 5th - PD Day—School closed  
Tuesday 6th - PD Day—School closed  
Wednesday 7th - Back to school.