

# St Lawrence CE Primary



## NEWSLETTER



Friday 3rd February 2023

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

Dear Parents,

The seasons certainly look to be changing as we enjoy brighter mornings and lighter evenings now. It has been a pleasure to see the children enjoying their outdoor environment at our schools this week, and also telling me about how they are playing outside more often at home too.

Next week is Children's Mental Health week and we will be exploring this at school. Being outdoors and spending time in nature is proven to be good for mental health, so it's a perfect time of year to refocus on this and put away some of those devices that are so easy to pick up during the colder months.

Well done to both school's Art Clubs for embracing colour this week- next week at St Lawrence, and the week after at Tibberton, we will be using more messy materials, so you may want to bring an apron or old shirt to wear!

The children have, again, shown their manners and love of learning to visitors this week. We have had Local Authority and Teaching School visits this week, and all of our guests have commented on how polite and welcoming the children are. Some of them have even made our visitors late for meetings, so avidly have the children spoken about their time in school. I am constantly proud of them, and I am sure that you are too.

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend,

Mrs Nash.

### In School News

This week Mrs Ward joined our school team, she will be teaching on Mondays in Class 3 and Fridays in Class 4 to cover Mrs Standish and Mrs Barker's non-teaching days. She has been a wonderful addition to the teaching profile and all the staff and pupils have made her feel most welcome.

Children are looking forward to the exciting trips planned over the next few weeks that will support and the enrich the curriculum offer. Class 4 will be heading off on their residential to York on Monday morning to explore more about the Vikings. The children are all very excited and we can't wait to hear about their adventures. Class 1 are visiting Enginuity next Thursday to participate in a space buggy workshop which supports the work carried out on their space topic—Is there anyone out there?

The following week, Class 2 will be using their orienteering skills around the Wrekin and Ercall to fit in with their geography fieldwork skills and Class 3 will be visiting Wolverhampton Art gallery.

As you can see, staff have been busy planning opportunities that will bring the curriculum to life! These experiences are always memorable and reinforce and consolidate the work that has been taking place in school.

# Thank you



Thank you to everyone who collected sweet tubs to be recycled. Miss Fisher kindly took them to Keli King, proprietor of The Little Green Pantry. Keli informed Miss Fisher that these type of coloured plastics require a specialist recycling facility to enable them to be recycled. They are not currently recycled in the usual way and would otherwise end up in landfill and can take in excess of 500 years to decompose. She was most grateful to the pupils and families at St. Lawrence for participating and supporting this.

Our ECO Warriors are planning on organising further initiatives with 'The Little Green Pantry' in the coming weeks and months and are hoping to pop along on a visit for themselves, so watch this space!

## A note from Mrs Dodwell

Mrs Dodwell bid us farewell last Friday as she embarked on her well deserved retirement. She had a wonderful St. Lawrence send off with pupils, staff and parents all sending her their very best wishes. As part of her Cleaner in Charge role, she opened the gate at the end of the day for families and know this is how she will be remembered.

Please see attached a thank you to us all from Mrs D.

*To all the Staff, Pupils, Parents and Grandparents, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for the lovely send off you gave me, and thank you all for the flowers, presents and gift tokens. I will remember you all, I have loved every minute I spent on the gate welcoming the parents and grandparents in and seeing the children out safely, each and every day. You all have a place in my heart, I hope you will come and see me sometime. Please take care of yourselves and be safe.*

*God bless, Chris Dodwell.*

## School Vacancy

**Job Vacancy**  
Join our Team!

Are you or someone you know looking for some cleaning and/ or caretaking hours?

We are currently working with the Council to fill a vacancy for a school caretaker/ cleaner at both school sites—St. Lawrence and Tibberton schools.

Contact Kate Sumner or Sam Reynolds on 01952 380952 for further information.

## Lost property

Arthur E in class 1 has mislaid his school fleece. The item is named so if your child has mistakenly taken it home with them could you please return it back to a member of staff in class 1. Thank you.



# 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 Standish** has nominated **Olly M** for always showing everyone 100% respect.

**Headteacher Award** – Mrs Moore would like to give a special mention to the following children a mention this week: Isla (Y4) for her unfailing enthusiasm for school work and speaking to articulately to our visitor, Harrison (Y1) for trying so hard in all subjects and to Oliver (Y4) for writing a wonderful poem on the river.

### Class Awards

#### Class One

Evie – for being the best she can be all week.

#### Class Two

Lily – for her great shape work.

Esmae – for her terrific Religious Education work.

#### Class Three

Reuben – for working hard in his writing this week.

Beth – for her excellent improvement in her times tables.

#### Class Four

Angelica: fantastic 100% effort

Daniel: fantastic work on fractions

### House point winners

This week the winning house is **St Andrew's** with a staggering **71** points.

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

HOUSE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
St David	48	366
St Patrick	47	341
St Andrew	71	404
St George	47	390

## ATTENDANCE AWARD



Class 4 children have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 98.94% and Class 3 second with 98.03%

Very well done!

# St Lawrence C.E. Primary School

## Terms and Holidays 2023/2024



### Autumn Term 2023

PD Day's	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Term begins	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Term ends	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
PD Day	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December

### Spring Term 2024

Term begins	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
PD Day	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Term ends	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March

### Summer Term 2024

Term begins	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Term ends	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

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Staff PD Days: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

# Cash For Schools 2023

## WIN A SHARE OF £12,000!

Thousands of pounds up for grabs in our Cash for Schools competition.



All schools who enter will be showcased in a special Cash for Schools supplement that will appear in the **Shropshire Star on Wednesday, March 1, 2023**, which will signal the start of the token collect campaign.

All parents, children and teachers have to do is collect as many tokens as possible that will appear every day in the Shropshire Star from **1st March 2023 to 25th March 2023**.

## £12,000 prize pot breakdown

The best bit is that every school has an equal chance of winning. The prizes will be awarded based on the schools that have collected the most tokens per pupil from Reception to Year 6 – so smaller schools have the same chance as larger ones.

For example, a small school with 50 pupils that collects 400 tokens would win when compared to a bigger school with 400 pupils that collects 800 tokens.

Five schools with the most tokens collected per pupil will have the chance to walk away with a cash prize and win a share of the £12,000 prize pot.

The first placed school with the most tokens collected per pupil will scoop a whopping **£5,000**, followed by **£3,000** for second, **£2,000** for third and then two **£1,000** awards, which will be presented to the fourth and fifth place schools.



Let your family and neighbours know we have entered Cash for Schools and collect as many tokens as you can.

Thank you for your support