



Weekly Newsletter

St Lawrence CE Primary School

Friday 10th January 2025

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

Dear parents & carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. As I drove through the crisp, wintry (but lethal!) lanes this week to both schools, I was reminded about our Christian value for Spring One: Courageousness. Courage to take risks, courage to persist and courage to do the right thing. It's a quality that is so important for our children to learn as they will progress further in their lives and make more of themselves.

At St Lawrence there are lots of changes afoot with a redesigned hall, big interactive screen and indoor sensory gym. Spring also heralds the new reading squads being introduced so that children can build on their fluency after being able to decode different sounds.

We were fortunate enough to receive feedback from the Well-being Charter Mark team this week. They have been collecting views from pupils, staff and parents and helping to shape the future priorities for the school. Some of the comments from our own pupils were truly wonderful: "This is a dream school" and "Staff here make you feel they are part of their family" being amongst many. Thank you for your input in the process too as it helps to ensure that we prioritise your children's opportunities for learning.

Very soon Tibberton will become the home of three new school pets that need a new home. I'm not going to say too much at this stage about who they are or what they look like but I know that our children will be really good at looking after some furry friends. Then after a term, we plan to share them with the pupils at St Lawrence so they can be spoilt by even more children!

Senior leaders have also been planning our residential offers this year and again combining both schools so they can share in the experiences. At the moment we are thinking about an overnight stay for Year 2 & 3 locally and possibly an overseas residential for our older children in September of this year. More information to follow in due course.

Lastly, despite some winter viruses and a bout of chickenpox, attendance has improved since the end of last year. Further on in the newsletter, the two assistant headteachers will talk more about our focus on attendance and punctuality going forward.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mr C. Battrick

WELCOME

SCHOOL



Celebrating success this week

AWARDS THIS WEEK GO TO....



THE CORE VALUES AWARD

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

This week **Mrs Stevens** has nominated **Esmee** for showing compassion towards another pupil when they were upset.

The **Spiritual Ambassadors** this week have nominated—

Susie for being courageous while joining a new school

TEACHER AWARDS

Class One

Miley for great understanding and discussion of the story Grandad's Island.

Joshua for trying really hard in his phonics learning this week.

Class Two

Alex for a fantastic attitude to learning.

Class Three

Susie and Manreet for the incredible way they have joined Class 3 and, indeed, the whole school. They have settled in so well you would think they have always been here!

Aurora for always being prepared to join in with class discussions with well thought out questions and answers, regardless of the topic. Super work!

Jack for his super, knowledgeable discussions around our topic of 'Rocks'. His observations were detailed and enthusiasm delightful! Well done!

Class Four

Kofi for super use of ambitious vocabulary in English

Celebrate
SUCCESS



ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class 4 have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 98.9%

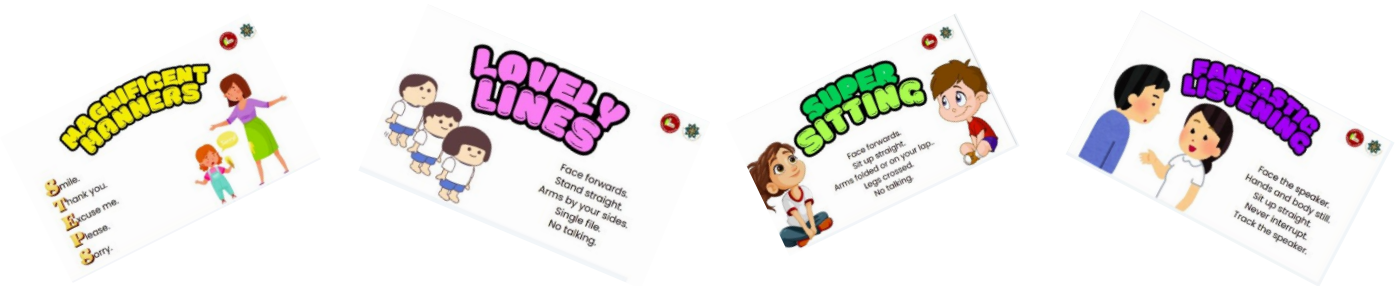
Very well done!



Celebrating success this week

Teaching of our behaviour curriculum centres around six core behaviours that encourage children to be polite, active learners.

Children can earn awards for showing the six core behaviours. When they have achieved all 6 awards, they get their name and photo on the hall of fame.



This week the Behaviour awards go to

Class 1 - Active learning : **Miley and Joshua**
Magnificent manners : **Ophelia and Hania**

Class 2 - Magnificent manners : **Alex**
Active learning : **Freddie C**
Fantastic listening : **Freddie P**
Super sitting : **William and Ella**

Class 3 - Active Learning : : **Ewuradwoa and Ella W**
Super sitting - **Ariana**

Class 4 - Wonderful walking : **Owain**
Fantastic listening : **Oliver**
Active learning : **Kofi**
Wonderful walking : **Harry**



Well done!

Support on Attendance

Mr Battrick has commented this week on the relatively strong attendance at both schools this week which has been great to see and long may it continue.

Every day that a child attends school is precious because each lesson build on what children already know and missing just one can make the following lesson much more difficult. Just one day could be as many as seven missed lessons, as well as time spent with friends and doing extracurricular activities.

As parents, you can support your child's physical, social and mental wellbeing by ensuring they are in school every day. It can be difficult to know whether your child is too ill to attend school. NHS guidance is clear that it's fine to send them in with a minor cough or common cold, provided they don't have a temperature. Our school website has a great guide to help determine whether your child is too ill to attend school: Attendance



In addition, we know that parents and carers worry about their children's mental health. Rather than keeping your child off school, let us know about your concerns. We can then work together on supporting your child. School is an enriching environment that can help your child with their social and mental wellbeing. It isn't just about learning. It's a warm, supportive environment where your child can get a healthy meal and see their friends and is important for equipping your child with skills for life. Attending school every day can help your child to achieve their aspirations, and the aspirations you have for them.

Lastly when it comes to taking holidays in term time, our response will invariably be the same and any request not sanctioned. There are very few exceptions to this given our strong belief that every day a child attends school is vital.

We have the same expectations as our neighbouring schools in the Newport Cluster including secondary settings such as Burton Borough, Charlton, Ercall Wood and Adam's. This means you will hear the same messages for the other children in your family as we work closely on attendance as a local partnership of schools.

Thank you again for your support in developing a culture of good attendance that will follow children through their lives into adulthood.

Mrs Hemmings and Ms Wilkinson

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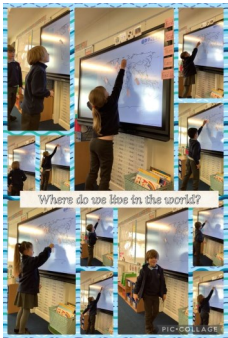
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CLASS 1

What a fabulous first week back! We have introduced the story Grandad's Island and have explored creating our own Island setting. We have been using adjectives to describe our Island and using conjunctions to join our ideas together. In Maths, we have been learning about subtraction and using number lines.

In our Afternoons we have introduced our Geography Topic, Continents and Oceans, our Science learning comparing animals and our D and T which is puppet making.

CLASS 2



Welcome back Class 2! This week we have launched Zones of Regulation in our class and had lots of discussion about emotions and how we can calm ourselves back down to get back into the 'green zone'. We have also launched most of our new topics, we had fun learning about where in the world we live, creating presentations about different life processes and learning a rock song in music!



CLASS 3

This week in Class 3, we predicted what the plot of our new text 'Stig of the Dump' would be about by examining the contents of our mystery box. We found turnips, tusks and tins - amongst cave paintings! The children had some wonderful, accurate ideas!



We also tested our skills as scientists by studying a variety of rocks through close observation. A great start to the term, Class 3!



CLASS 4

Class 4 have settled straight back into working hard and are enjoying the start of our new novel, Goodnight Mister Tom. Their first swimming session went well this week too; we have some very talented swimmers!

Dates for your Diary

SPONSOR MONEY

If your child has still got sponsor money for Rudolph Relay that the children took part in before Christmas for Severn Hospice. Could it please be sent in to school by **Friday 17th January**.

Thank you for everyone that took part and for the money raised so far.



DATE	EVENT
JANUARY 2025	
Tuesday 14th	Year 5 girls visiting Newport Girls High School for the day.
Wednesday 15th	Class 1 and 2 trip to Blue Planet
Monday 27th	Chinese Dance workshop taking place within school
Friday 31st	Class 4 trip to Cosford—Details to follow
FEBRUARY 2025	
Friday 14th	Wear it Red—£1.00 donation for Midlands Air Ambulance Last day of Term
Monday 24th	Back to School