



Weekly Newsletter

St Lawrence CE Primary School

Friday 17th January 2025

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a busy week we've had at St Lawrence school with our Ofsted visitors. The last time St Lawrence was inspected was way back in 2019; lots of hard work has happened in-between and especially when you think that our current Year 6 were only just in Year 1. Thank you for all of your support and kind words over the last few days, we have been so proud to show the inspectors how great our school is, and therefore the federation as a whole, and also so impressed with the children who have been simply incredible.

I would also like to thank the staff, from both St Lawrence and Tibberton, for their hard work, teamwork and dedication. From teachers and support staff, to admin, students, apprentices, governors, cleaners and caretakers everyone played their part. By the end of this week, Mrs Hemmings will have been in school for 13 days straight so she certainly deserves a rest! Thank you to all of those parents who gave valuable feedback and support to the school and its staff – we really appreciate it.

This means that both schools have now been inspected within the last eight months and whilst the report won't be published for a little while (approximately 50 working days), we will look forward to sharing the outcome with you then. For now, its contents remain confidential, and we are not allowed to discuss the specific findings.

In other news, at Tibberton we had a surprise visit from the Foods Standards Agency who once again gave our kitchen a 5 rating for the great food they produce. Well done Laura and Heather for their sterling efforts in making the area sparkle. Both schools also competed in the Year 5/6 Basketball tournament and again the Federation performed brilliantly – 2nd for St Lawrence and 3rd for Tibberton – when shooting the hoops.

While Tibberton's Class 2 & 3 are gearing up for a visit to the exotic zoo next week, children from Reception through Year 2 at St Lawrence paid a visit to the Blue Planet Aquarium in Ellesmere Port. Walking through underwater tunnels, past tropical rivers and spotting sharks, stingrays and jellyfish, they had a great time. Mrs Matthews, our Foundation Governor, said they should be very proud of themselves and their eagerness to learn which was great to hear.

Having had lots of successful residential visits between the two schools in the past few years, leaders believe its time to venture further afield in September this year – all the way to France! Mrs Hemmings has made some provisional bookings and would like to invite parents to join a briefing about it next week. We hope you can join us in person to hear about the plans but will also be providing TEAMS links too.

We hope you have a restful weekend (and certainly encourage staff to).

Mr C. Battrick



Celebrating success this week

AWARDS THIS WEEK GO TO....

HEAD TEACHERS AWARD – Noah E – for fantastic personal development



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 Hemmings** has nominated **Ted** for showing kindness to other children in his class.

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

Esmæ for helping another person in a younger year when they fell on the playground.

TEACHER AWARDS

Class One

Jasmine for using her phase 3 sounds to write CVC words.

Florence for a fantastic understanding of subtraction using a number line.

Class Two

Grace for being super engaged in the workshop at the aquarium.

Class Three

Eowyn has worked brilliantly during maths lessons. Because she listens carefully, she is then successful at completing her independent tasks. Well done!

Lucas for having such an enthusiastic approach to his maths lessons. He was excited to pick up a new concept and just wanted more!

Class Four

Harry P for great speech sentence using different grammatical structures.

Andreas for clever puns when creating headlines.



ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class 2 have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 97.9%

Very well done!

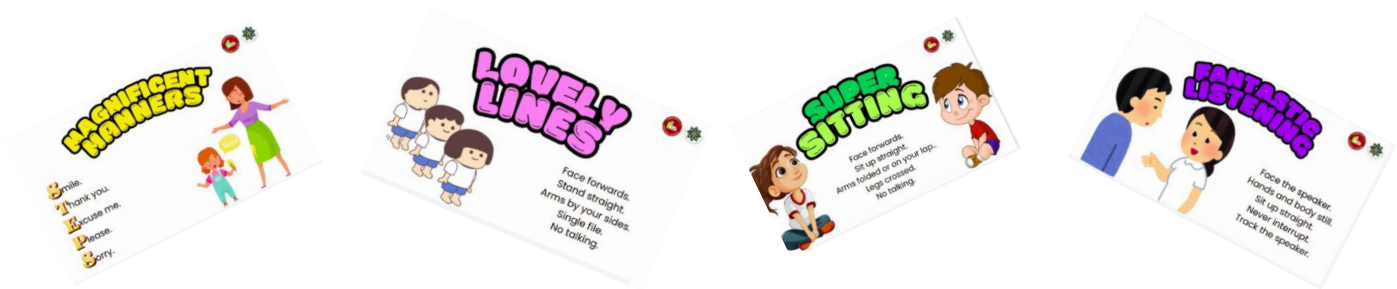




Celebrating success this week

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 : **Alexa and Noah**

Magnificent manners : **Jasmine, Ted and Hattie**

Wonderful walking : **Macey**

Class 2 - Marvellous manners : **Marios**

Fantastic listening : **Freddie R**

Class 3 - Active learning : : **Gurleen**

Fantastic listening : **Albie**

Class 4 - Magnificent manners : **Soraya and Emily**

Fantastic listening : **Angadveer**

Active learning : **Harlow, Cameron, Alexis and Finn**



Alex

has received all six behaviour certificates and has received a brilliant behaviour award



Well done!

This week in school

CLASS 1

What an amazing second week back. Class one have continued to learning about the story Grandad's Island. We have planned our own events and wrote an alternative ending. In Maths, we have been learning about subtraction on a number line and one less. As a part of our enrichment we went to Blue Planet this week. We enjoyed looking at all the fish and especially liked the shark tunnel.



CLASS 2

Class 2 have had a 'whale' of a time at the aquarium this week. We learnt all about how Sharks don't like the taste of human's and that they switched half of their brain off to sleep and swim at the same time. The children represented St Lawrence really well, showing fantastic listening. We have also launched our english text 'The Storm Whale' and made some oral predictions as well as moving onto 3D shape and their properties

CLASS 3



This week in class 3, we continued our study of rocks. We carried out experiments to find out which rocks would be affected by acid rain, which were permeable/impermeable and which were hard enough to stand up to erosion.

We also continued our work on our text 'Stig of the Dump'. This week we have been writing character descriptions.



CLASS 4

Class 4 have worked incredibly hard this week and enjoyed making clever headlines for newspaper stories on Thursday. They also investigated forces in action with a practical experiment in science, measuring the time it takes for a balloon to fall.

Chinese New Year

Change of school menu—Tuesday 28th January

On Tuesday 28th January there will be a change to the lunch menu.

Catherine the cook is going to do a Theme day and will be coinciding the menu with Chinese New Year.

MENU

Chinese Style chicken curry with Stir fry vegetables

Rice / Noodles

Spring rolls

Prawn crackers

Chinese New Year cup cake



Chinese New Year 2025 is the Year of the Snake according to the Chinese zodiac. Each year in the Chinese zodiac is associated with an animal sign, the Snake is considered a symbol of **good fortune and fertility**.

SPORT and SEND Information

BASKETBALL COMPETITION RESULTS



On Tuesday, St Lawrence and Tibberton took part in the Telford Schools Basketball Competition.

After a fierce game between all the competing schools, a big well done to St Lawrence who finished 2nd place and collected silver.

Tibberton managed to secure 3rd place and a bronze medal.

Congratulations to both teams, they worked incredibly hard to prepare and really deserve their medals.

SEND INVITATION

Parents session with PODS

Wednesday 22nd January 1:30 – 2:30

The session will look at the graduated approach to SEND in school.

Mrs Osborne will be attending for an informal chat.

Please can you let the office know if you are attending.

Dates for your Diary



FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY

This year we are taking part with thousands of other schools across the country in the NSPCC's 25th Anniversary of their Mega Maths fundraising day. We would like children to come in to school wearing a number themed outfit for a minimum donation of £1. Please do not go out and purchase anything as homemade items are just as good.

Throughout the day classes will be taking part in numerical games, activities while raising money to support our vital services like Speak out Stay safe and Childline.



DATE	EVENT
JANUARY 2025	
Monday 27th	Chinese Dance workshop taking place within school
Tuesday 28th	Change to the lunch menu—Chinese New Year
Friday 31st	Class 4 trip to Cosford—Details to follow
FEBRUARY 2025	
Friday 7th	NSPCC's Number Day—Wear something with numbers on for a donation of £1
Friday 14th	Wear it Red—£1.00 donation for Midlands Air Ambulance Last day of Term
Monday 24th	Back to School





Dates for your Diary



HALF-TERM CAMP

MON 17TH FEB - FRI 21ST FEB
09.30AM - 2.30PM

HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY
TEECE DRIVE
TF2 9SQ



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This is a message from Kyle Bennett, who is the founder of 23 Academy, a local football coaching organisation dedicated to developing young players and enhancing their skills.

They are running a Half-Term Performance Camp from 17th February to 21st February, hosted at Holy Trinity Academy (TF2 9SQ).

This camp is designed for players aged 7-14 and focuses on improving all aspects of their game through tailored coaching sessions in a fun and supportive environment.

Please scan the QR code for more information.