



# Weekly St Lawrence CE Newsletter Primary School Friday 31st January 2025

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

Dear parents & carers,

A busy week was had by all at both schools with our SIAMs inspections for St Lawrence and Tibberton. These particular inspections focus on a school's vision, spiritual development and the teaching of RE. Once again, the findings of the inspections will need to be quality assured before separate reports are written for each school. At that point they can be shared with parents and the wider public.

On behalf of school leaders, I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and just as importantly the pupils for having such pride in their work and being willing to make contributions to the process. Our Christian value this half-term is **courage** and even the youngest children showed plenty of it as they wished to share the learning within their books – two girls in Year 1 even demanded an audience with the inspection team when they thought they'd missed out! In addition, a special thanks to parents from both schools who took time out to meet with the inspector and share their views.

Mrs Hemmings has managed to hold briefings about an autumn residential to France for both schools with interested parents. Some of the activities and experiences sound wonderful and the venue too looks very welcoming. It echoes our willingness to give pupils the broadest and most diverse range of cultural enrichment opportunities before they leave primary school. I know some reservations exist too and school leaders have been eager to hear them and help shape our offer in the future.

Barely a week goes by within the schools without pupils competing in a sporting event. On this occasion it was dodgeball and Mr Mullinder tells me that the older children gave a great account of themselves weaving and dodging any incoming shots. In the second competition, Tibberton actually played St Lawrence in the final, the red school triumphing by a whisker in sudden death. As Tibberton also won the first competition by winning every game they competed in, they qualify for the upcoming Shropshire finals which is a great achievement.

Chinese New Year is supposed to mark the end of winter and the beginning of spring. Although that feels a little premature with the cold snap currently, the Chinese buffet served up to the grateful pupils at St Lawrence this week was matched only by the cultural dancing at Tibberton with paper parasols and dragon heads. In case you didn't know, 2025 is the year of the snake which the children tell me is about renewal and regeneration just as this revered creature sheds its old skin to be replaced by something new and invigorating. Sounds good to me.

Some parents have been enquiring about an update on our conversion to MAT status within the St Barts CE Trust. Any process such as this always requires lots of due diligence and legal enquiries but we had notification from the DFE that the application is progressing as expected and we may be able to share more in due course. In the meantime, staff have been joining professional development provided by the trust and the CEO is due to meet staff from both sites before half-term.

Please enjoy the weekend with your loved ones and see you next week!

Mr C. Battrick





# Celebrating success this week

## AWARDS THIS WEEK GO TO....

### HEAD TEACHERS AWARD –

Class 4 for brilliant newspaper stories.



### 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 Skilton-Yates** has nominated **Alexis** for lovely contributions in our worship about respect.

## TEACHER AWARDS

### Class One

**Thomas** for trying so hard in all of his learning this week.

**Harvey** for independently ordering his numbers to 20. Well done.

### Class Two

**Sarvan** for showing incredible courage this week.

### Class Three

**Harrison** for putting incredible effort into his writing this week.

**Gurleen** for always tackling new concepts in her learning with great determination and success.

### Class Four

**Lottie** -for a great piece of art work using one point perspective

**Harry P** – for a fantastic newspaper report detailing the evacuation of children in WW2.



### ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class 4 have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 95.73%

Very well done!

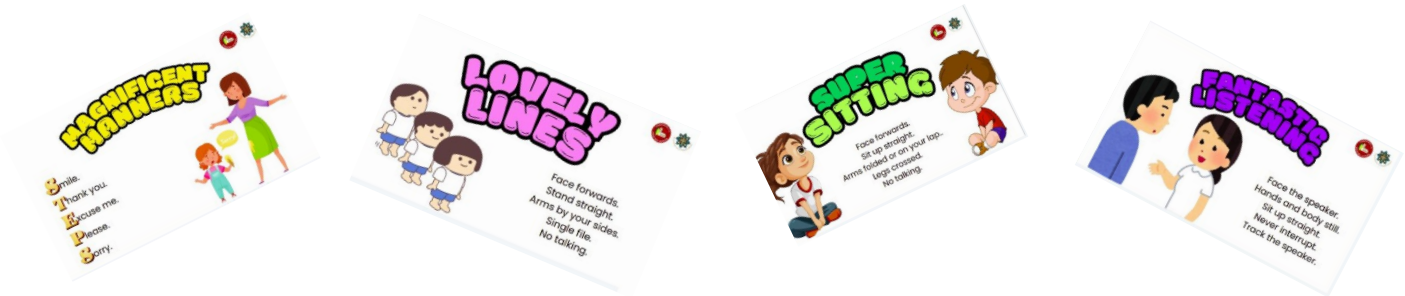




# Celebrating success this week

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 2** - Super Sitting - **Freddie R**
- Magnificent Manners - **Charlotte, Grace**
- Wonderful Walking - **Ivy J, Arthur**

- Class 3** - Active learning : **Fadia**
- Fantastic listening : **Eowyn and Lily**
- Wonderful walking : **Esmae**



**Eowyn and Esmae**

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



# Well done!

# This week in school

## CLASS 1

Class 1 have had a fantastic week of learning! We have continued our learning about the story *The Storm Whale in Winter*. Year 1 have been learning about alphabetical order, fiction and non-fiction and sentence types. This is all in preparation for our fact files about whales next week! Reception have continued building their simple sentences and using their sound knowledge well to write. In maths, both Reception and Year 1 have continued exploring place value. Year 1 have been learning about teen numbers and partitioning and Reception have been learning about numbers 6,7 and 8. We also got to experience a Chinese New Year workshop on Monday. The children explored dance and music and even got to wear the dragons head. Happy New Year!

## CLASS 2

This week in class 2 we have been exploring money and its value, making different amounts in different ways. We have also been writing some beautiful setting descriptions using similes and expanded noun phrases based on the focus text *The Storm Whale*. In PSHE we worked as a group to learn a new skill and perform it in class - we had some lovely renditions of the macarena. And in Science we have been investigating the different habitats in the world and what makes them unique.

## CLASS 3

This week in Class 3, we continued our studies of rocks, sorting them depending on whether they contained fossils or not. We found all the samples with fossils were sedimentary rocks.

To celebrate Chinese New Year, we found our rhythm and flair when taking part in a Chinese dance workshop. Great fun!



## CLASS 4

This week class 4 have written some absolutely brilliant newspaper stories and I have been blown away by their use of ambitious vocabulary. It was a delight earlier in the week to have some many of our class 4 pupils raring to show the SIAMs inspector their RE work that they are proud of. Today we look forward to our trip to Cosford.

# FUTURE EVENTS

## TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY



Mrs Osborne our SENCo is holding a Cake Sale on Tuesday 4th February.

Cakes can be brought in to school on Monday 3rd and they will be sold Tuesday 4th February at break time and if there are any left, will be sold after school.

All donations will go to Place2be

**Place2Be is a children's mental health charity with over 30 years' experience working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools.**

We provide mental health support in schools through one-to-one and group counselling using tried and tested methods backed by research.

## 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.

## FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

**On Friday 14th February, we're asking children to wear red for a minimum donation of £1 and raise money for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.**



Midlands Air Ambulance Charity Midlands Air Ambulance Charity is responsible for funding and operating three air ambulance helicopters and a fleet of critical care cars serving the communities across the heart of England including the counties of: Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire (including Stoke-on-Trent), the West Midlands and Worcestershire. This constitutes the largest air ambulance operating region in England. The charity also provides secondary cover to surrounding areas, such as Warwickshire and Mid Wales.

Since 1991, the charity has responded to more than 77,000 missions, making it one of the longest established and busiest air ambulance organisations in the UK.

Each year it costs £16 million to maintain the three aircraft, critical care cars and the provision of a lifesaving service. Each air ambulance mission costs an average of £2,950. Each critical care car mission costs £288 on average. The charity does not receive funding from the Government for its daily missions so relies entirely on the support and generosity of local people and businesses.

# CAKE SALE

## BAKE SALE! CAN YOU HELP?

All proceeds will go to the charity  
Place2Be  
supporting children's mental health

**CAKE & BISCUIT  
DONATIONS TO BE BOUGHT IN  
MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY**

all cakes will be sold on Tuesday 4th



**KNOW YOURSELF,  
GROW YOURSELF**

**WE'RE TAKING PART IN  
CHILDREN'S MENTAL  
HEALTH WEEK**

## Cake Sale



ALL FUNDS BEING DONATED TO PLACE2BE

### CAKE SALE:

TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

SALES AT BREAKTIME &  
AFTER SCHOOL (UNLESS  
SOLD OUT!)

### FUNDRAISE AND TRANSFORM LIVES

We are so grateful that your school are joining Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2025 community!  
By getting involved and raising money you can make a massive difference and help ensure that no child has to face mental health problems alone.

#### THANK YOU! FUNDRAISE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- £54** could pay for a child struggling with trauma to have a 50-minute one-to-one session with a counsellor.
- £252** could pay for 4 specialised parent coaching sessions for a parent and child to have together.
- £500** could allow 31 children to speak to a counsellor about their worries in a lunchtime session.
- £1080** could help fund a full round of one-to-one counselling sessions for 2 vulnerable children.



"I want to thank you for caring, because a lot of the time given the situations I have been in, I feel like no one cares about me. But I feel like you were always there for me."  
Amy, secondary school





# Dates for your Diary

DATE	EVENT
<b>FEBRUARY 2025</b>	
Thursday 6th	Reception and Year 6 NHS Heights and weights Class 3 trip—Fordham Farm
Friday 7th	NSPCC's Number Day—Wear something with numbers on for a donation of £1
Thursday 13th	Class 4 trip to Gurdwara Telford
Friday 14th	Wear it Red—£1.00 donation for Midlands Air Ambulance Last day of Term
Monday 24th	Back to School
<b>MARCH 2025</b>	
Thursday 6th	World Book Day - Details to follow
<b>APRIL 2025</b>	
Thursday 10th	Easter Service - Details to follow
Friday 11th	Last Day of term
Monday 28th	Back to school



**PODS Parent Carer Forum**  
**"SEND Conference"**  
**"Navigating the local system"**

**THURSDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY 2025**

**For Parent Carers & Professionals**

**Holiday Inn Telford Town Centre**

**9.30am - 2.30pm**  
(register from 9am)

- SEN Support
- Inclusive Provision
- Graduated Response
- ELSEC (Language Skills)
- Alternative Provision
- Free Workshops



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