



Weekly Newsletter

St Lawrence CE Primary School

Friday 7th February 2025

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

Dear parents & carers,

This week, we welcomed the "Make Sense of Pence" workshop to both schools as we sought to educate our pupils about financial literacy. As the world shifts towards a cashless society, it's crucial that we teach children the value of money, how to manage it, and how to make wise, financial choices. The pupils enjoyed the activities and challenges including debating the difference between needs and wants and whether a wristwatch really could be worth more than a mansion.

Parents at St Lawrence may have seen the inspection report from our Ofsted last month. We were very happy with its content and especially the fact that it recognised the work we have done around personal development and diversity since the last inspection. It is a testament to lots of hard work from staff and pupils and comments such as "pupils learn and well and flourish at St Lawrence" and "pupils say that the school is like a family" are very heartwarming. We have gone from having three improvements to make in our 2019 report to just a single one now and are reassured that our visitors found that "the school has improved since the last inspection".

At Tibberton, Mrs Woods has made an earlier start to teaching Class 3 than she had expected and we are grateful that she has filled the breach at short notice as Mrs Eden is off poorly. I'm sure the pupils have made Mrs Woods feel welcome and impressed her with their work and maturity. We do hope that Mrs Eden will be able to make it into school at some point next week to say her farewells.

There was an exchange of our resident guinea pigs for the day so that Class 1 at St Lawrence could learn about how to care for pets. Pupils judged the health of Lola, Priscella and Gloria by looking at their glossy coats, bright eyes and inquisitive nature. They had lots of attention from the children who demonstrated great patience and tolerance of God's creatures. Mrs Mountcastle was very proud of their behaviour.

This week saw a briefing for anyone interested in becoming the parent governor representing Tibberton and I hope that we can soon share with you some possible candidates and put the position out to ballot. A joint residential for Year 2 & 3 has now been booked for the middle of June following welcome feedback from parents and details of how to secure a place at Edgmond Hall will be available via Parentmail by the end of next week.

Just one week remains from a busy half-term before our week long holiday in February beckons. Telford & Wrekin are publicising their ever-popular Kids4£2, Urban Games and bike riding activities. There are also drop-in sessions at Southwater library where families can find a wealth of information and support.

Have a great weekend,

Mr C. Battrick



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 **Miss Fisher** has nominated **Harri E** for showing forgiveness and empathy to another child during playtime.

The **Spiritual Ambassadors** this week have nominated—
Alfie T for being honest when he found money that wasn't his and handed it in.

TEACHER AWARDS

Class One

Elsbeth for trying so hard in all of her learning.

Hania for blending sounds in her phase 2 words.

Class Two

Freddie C for incredible maths work with money this week.

Class Three

Will for his enthusiasm and super ideas at science club! Well done!

Esmae for her fantastic diary write from Stig's perspective! Great work!

Class Four

Class 4 for their impressive recall of WW11 facts and interesting questions during our visit to RAF Cosford.



ATTENDANCE AWARD



Class 2 have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 98.52%

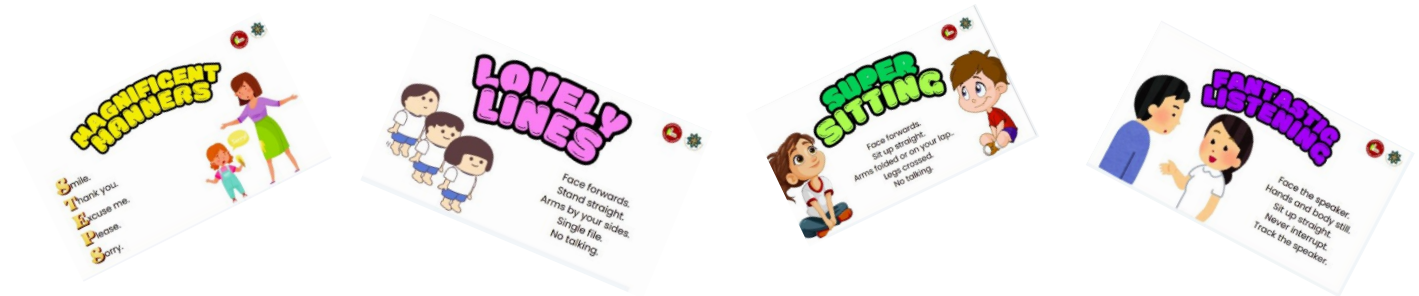
Very well done!



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 – Super sitting: **Hattie, Ophelia, Jasmine**
Active Learning: **Florence, Rasella, Miley**
Fantastic listening: **Thomas, Joshua**

Class 2 – Wonderful Walking – **Jacob**

Class 3 – Active learning : **Jack**
Fantastic listening : **Elsie**
Super sitting : **Lucas**

Class 4 –



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

Well done!

This week in school

CLASS 1

Class 1 have been working super hard!! This week we have been learning about non-fiction writing, we have explored the features of an information text and the importance of alphabetical order when reading non-fiction. In Maths, Year 1 have been learning about ordering, recognising and using numbers to 20. Reception have been learning about one more and less and odd and even pairs.

In our afternoons, we have been learning about human and physical features, how to look after pets and planning and creating our own backgrounds using scratch jnr. Well done Class 1.



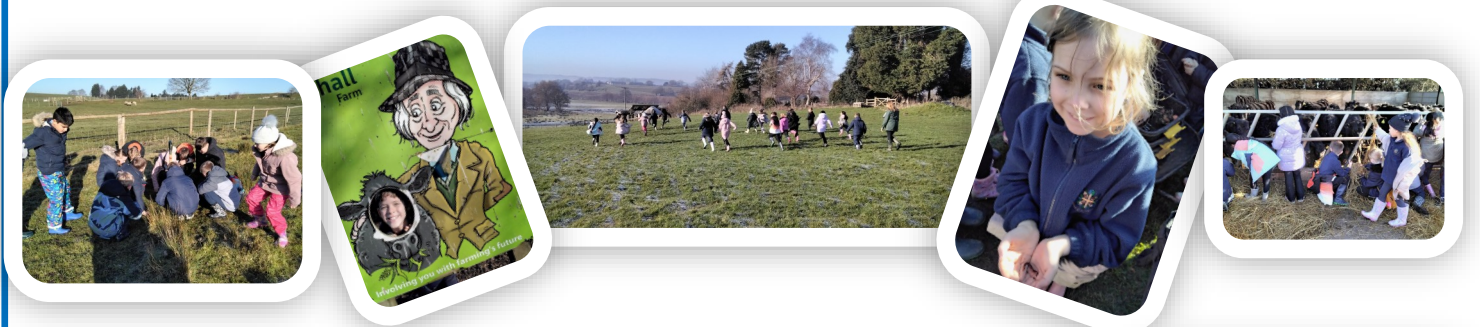
CLASS 2

In Class 2 this week we have finished our Storm Whale text with a final independent write about the journey on the stormy sea. The children wrote some beautiful pieces including similes and some lovely emotive vocabulary. We have also participated in Children's Mental Health Week and spoke about what makes us proud, happy, sad, frustrated and how we can help ourselves as well as others to feel happier. We became super researchers in Science this week and explored the woodland habitat using websites to locate information about mammals and birds in the habitat.



CLASS 3

To enhance our topic about rocks and soil, Class 3 had a fantastic visit to the Ford Hall Farm. We crammed so much into a few hours! We looked at different types of soil and found out the importance of worms to soil structure and nutrition and how this in turn helps to sustain grassland to feed the animals. We fed pigs and cattle and went on an egg hunt. Much fun and fact learning was had by all! And the children behaved impeccably! Well done Class 3!



CLASS 4

As part of the NSPCC Numbers Day, Class 4 worked in groups to study a recipe for flapjacks. They went on to make the flapjacks before working out the costings to compare against the cost of shop bought flapjacks. They found out that a significant saving could be made by making your own.



FUTURE EVENTS

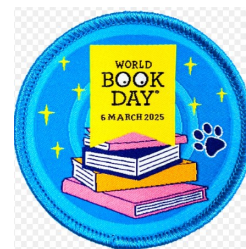
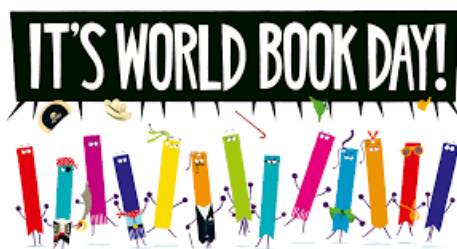
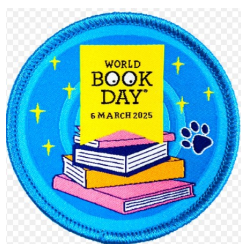
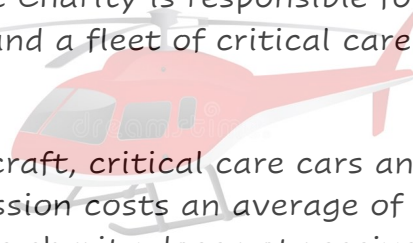


FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

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.

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.



We will be celebrating World Book Day again this year on Thursday 6th March

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and will receive a World Book token to spend on a book of their choice at certain book retailers.

We look forward to seeing the children in their costumes and guessing who they are dressed up as. Please note that the costumes do not have to be purchased especially for the day, homemade costumes are just as effective.

POLITE REMINDER

Please respect our neighbouring residents when parking at drop off and collection times.

Please do not obstruct or turn in any driveways. Please do not turn in the school gateway or drop off or park to collect on the yellow zig zag lines in front of the black railings for the safety of the children and other road users. Thank you.





Out of School Achievements

Marios in class 2 completed the Shrewsbury Park Run at the weekend.



Well done Marios!



Dates for your Diary

DATE	EVENT
FEBRUARY 2025	
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
MARCH 2025	
Thursday 6th	World Book Day
APRIL 2025	
Thursday 10th	Easter Service - Details to follow
Friday 11th	Last Day of term
Monday 28th	Back to school



Telford Town Centre Arts Project Survey



**Help an arts project to happen
in Telford town centre!**



Photos: Jamie Ricketts for the Shropshire Star

Over the last seven years, we have successfully developed a major children's outdoors 'Drama in the Forest' project and a Youth Theatre in Newport.

We now want to serve the wider Telford community and bring more children and their communities together by moving to Telford Town Centre. We want to give children and young people the rare opportunity to co-create theatre with professional artists.

To help us achieve this and attract national funding, please could you take 5 and fill in this survey: <https://forms.gle/7U2GUJ4U9JmKpojK9>

Every contribution from people living in Telford and Wrekin or Shropshire is **really valuable**.

If you are interested in your child taking part in the project, the google form will save your contact details.

Thank you so much for your help.

Hannah de Quincey, Artistic Director and Rosy Hayward, Arts Administrator

Moonstruck Astronaut Community Theatre Company



Short Breaks Newsletter

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News, Updates and Activities for Children with Disabilities and their Families in Telford



February 2025

Short Breaks Forum—2025 Dates

The Short Breaks Forum provides an opportunity for local families to meet with Telford and Wrekin Council representatives to discuss and exchange views, information and options to meet the social care needs of children with disabilities.

The forums are held on varying days and times with the intention of parents being able to attend alongside other commitments. The following forums have been arranged at PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU. The venue is wheelchair accessible and free parking is available on site.

16th April 2025 5-7pm

8th July 2025 1-3pm

10th September 2025 1-3pm

17th December 2025 5-7pm

Please feel free to attend, no booking is required. Refreshments will be provided.

If you require further information, please email shortbreaks@telford.gov.uk.

SEND Local Offer

The Local Offer aims to bring together useful information across education, health and social care within one website. You can find information, advice and guidance and a range of local service providers who support children with SEND.

Our Short Breaks pages have recently been updated to include information on iCan2, community based activities, specialist support, and much more. You can visit the pages at: www.telfordsend.org.uk

Short Breaks Statement Review

Believe it or not, it has nearly been a year since we published our latest Short Breaks Statement. Therefore, it is time for us to review and improve where we can. We can't do that without your input! Please complete our survey to provide your opinion on the content of the statement: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/wrmnz>

You can view the current statement on: www.telfordsend.org.uk

COMING SOON iCan2 Youth Club

Children's Services will commission a new youth club for iCAN2 members aged 11-17. This gives even more opportunities for young people to engage with their friends and in interesting activities for this age group. We will expect the provider to work with young people to design their new youth club offer.

We will keep you updated in future newsletters!

DISCO NIGHT

24th February 2025
4:30pm until 6:30pm
Admaston House, Telford, TF5 0BN
£2 per child

For further information or to book, please email: info@4all.foundation

Date and Time	Activity	Location	Details
Monday			
Every Week—10-11.30am	PODS Sensory Session	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
Every Week—3.45-4.45pm	PODS Sensory Session		
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Stop Motion		
Every Week—4-5.30pm	Soft Play for Juniors	Telford Ice Rink, International way, Telford TF3 4JQ	To book, visit https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play
Every Week—6-8pm	Soft Play for Seniors		
Every Week—11.15-12.15pm	Children's Autism Hub Coffee and Chat	Hazeldine House, Central Square, Telford TF3 4IL	To book, contact 01952260062 or email childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk
Tuesday			
Every Week—3.45-4.45pm	PODS Sensory Sessions	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Minecraft		
Every Week—4-6pm	Pirates and Princesses Soft Play SEND Session	Unit 17, Cedar Court, Halesfield 17, Telford TF7 4PF	To book, call 01952582382
Every Week—6-7pm	Airea 51 SEND Session	Airea 51, Stafford Park 12, Telford, TF3 3BJ	To book, visit https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561
Every Week—4-5pm	Challenging Perceptions Youth Wellbeing Group	Park Lane Centre, Woodside, TF7 5QZ	To book, call 01952683700.
Every Week—3.30-4.30pm	4 All Boxing	104-106 Southgate, Telford TF7 4HG	No booking required.
Wednesday			
Every Week—3.45-4.45pm	PODS Sensory Session	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Lego		
Every Week—6-7pm	Airea 51 SEND Session	Airea 51, Stafford Park 12, Telford, TF3 3BJ	To book, visit https://www.visittelford.co.uk/things-to-do/airea51-p1418561
Every Week—4-5pm	4 All Dodgeball	104-106 Southgate, Telford TF7 4HG	No booking required.

If you would like to discuss your child's needs or accessibility requirements, please contact the activity provider on the details above ahead of the session to avoid disappointment.

Date and Time	Activity	Location	Details
Thursday			
Every Week—4-5pm	PODS Activity Sessions	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
Every Week—10.30-1.30pm	Special Needs Activity Centre	7 Downemead, Hollinswood, Telford, TF3 2EW	For more information, please visit SNAC on Facebook.
First Thursday of Month—4.30pm	Children's Autism Hub Dugout 11-18yrs	Hazeldine House, Central Square, Telford TF3 4IL	To book, contact 01952260062 or email childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk
Friday			
Every Week—1-2pm	PODS Sensory Sessions	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
Every Week—10-12pm	Ice Rink SEND Session	Telford Ice Rink, International way, Telford TF3 4JQ	To book, visit https://www.telfordicerink.co.uk/info/5/soft-play
Every Week—5-6pm	Ice Rink SEND Session		
Third Friday of Month—7pm	Funky Friday Inclusive Disco 15+	The Navy Club, Bellman's Yard, Newport, TF10 7AJ	Entry is by pre-booked ticket only. See Facebook page Funky Friday Inclusive Disco for booking details.
Every Week—10-11am	Challenging Perceptions Under 5's Parents and Toddlers	Park Lane Centre, Woodside, TF7 5QZ	To book, call 01952683700.
Saturday			
Every Week—2-3.30pm	Chance to Dance SEND Session	Randlay Avenue, Telford, TF3 2LH	To book, call 07792300692.
Every Week—10-11am	PODS Activity Session	PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU	To book PODS activities, visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS . For any queries, contact support@podstelford.org
Sunday			
Every Week—12.15-1.30pm	SEND Swimming	Abraham Darby Leisure Centre, Ironbridge Rd, Telford, TF7 5HX	To view full timetable, visit https://www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk/info/4/swimming
Every Week—5-6pm	Wrekin SEND Swimming Club	Wellington Leisure Centre, Tan Bank, Wellington, Telford TF1 1LX	For more information, search Wrekin Special Swimming Club on Facebook or call 07530465472.