



# St Lawrence Church of England Primary School

*"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week at St Lawrence, the children are working incredibly hard and there has been some wonderful learning opportunities. KS1 and Early Years were visited by the fire service for a talk on fire safety and KS2 have had the Northampton Saints in to teach tag rugby, which they thoroughly enjoyed, despite the cold weather! A little reminder that while the weather is very cold, please make sure your child has a coat in school as they will still be playing outside at playtime and lunchtimes. If children bring hats, scarves and gloves to school, please ensure these are named. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

## St Lawrence School Value

This half term our value is Love.

This week the children heard the story of the Good Samaritan **Luke 10: 25 – 37 The Good Samaritan**. Jesus wanted his followers to love and care for everyone they encountered, he wanted them to consider everyone, regardless of their culture or background as their neighbour.



## Who can I contact?

If you have any queries about your child and their education, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. They will be available at the classroom door each day at the start and end of school.

If you need to speak with a member of staff about SEND, behaviour or safeguarding, please contact the following members of staff:

SEND – Mrs Ashford (Owls Class)

Behaviour – Mrs Smith (Woodpeckers Class)

Safeguarding – Mrs Bush or Mrs Nicklin



## Picture News

The story and question that the children will be thinking about next week is...

**Motorists in Britain will be completing journeys using driverless cars by 2026 the transport secretary, Mark Harper, has predicted.**

**Question: Will self-driving vehicles change our lives?**



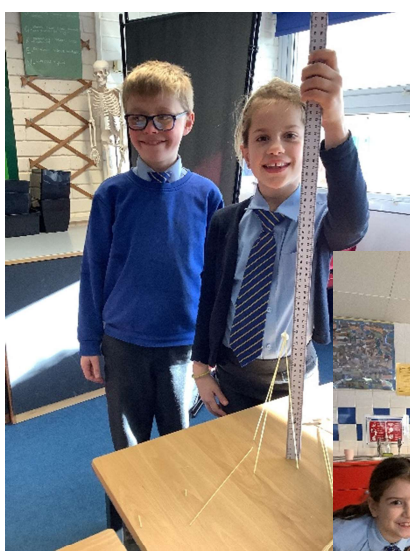
## Safeguarding

The things social media influencers do and say online can be quite impactful. Around a third of children and young people think that, because the influencer is a 'celebrity', what they share is always good. But we know that isn't the case, sometimes it can be advice based on pseudo-science, selling something because they've been paid to and much more.

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Internet Matters have a great article where various specialists offer advice and guidance to parents/carers to help them to talk to their children about thinking critically about social media influencers. You can find the article [HERE](#).

## This week at St Lawrence...



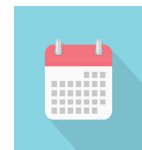
## Celebrations

The Stars of the week are...

Robins Class – Henry Ince & Jemimah Mbabgong  
Woodpeckers Class - Lydia Blaikie & Naomi Commons  
Kingfishers Class – Annabella Poulton & Lavayah Peacock  
Owls Class – Thomas Walls  
Kites Class – Bradley Kipling & Isla Menzies  
Eagles Class – Luke Bantin & Aurora Bailey  
Well Done Everyone!



**Dates for your Diary**  
All dates for the school year can be found on the school website. Please click [here](#) to access them.



## Attendance

We are always trying to improve our attendance in school as we know that when children are in school regularly, they can get the most out of their learning. This week our school attendance was **96.3%**

The national attendance was **91.6%**.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. The NHS also publish advice for parents and carers which can be found [HERE](#). Please refer to this if you are ever unsure or call the school office.

## Parent Feedback Questionnaire...in case you missed it.

*We are always looking for ways to support the children's learning in school and at home. We would appreciate it if you could take a couple of minutes to answer a few questions to help us understand how we can support you as parents and carers in your child's learning journey and ultimately improve outcomes for your child.*

*The link to the questionnaire is as follows:*

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc80oOXvZ6CPcjv29QuvHxtupTpT1IglOWSCciLVsuBDMLK9A/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc80oOXvZ6CPcjv29QuvHxtupTpT1IglOWSCciLVsuBDMLK9A/viewform?usp=sf_link)