



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 great week at St Lawrence. This week we have been celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week and on Tuesday, Safer Internet Day. The children have been busy learning about how to stay safe online and also voice their opinions about the internet and how they interact with it. Keep an eye out for the video that the children will be producing with all of their ideas.

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, the children have taken part in lots of activities to support their own mental health. Some of these have included learning sign language, thinking about what matters most to us and how to keep ourselves (including our brains) healthy.

Have a lovely weekend.

St Lawrence School Value

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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...

Pupils in England will have the choice to take a GCSE exam in British Sign Language from 2025.

Question: Should we all learn sign language?



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 **94.7%**

The national attendance was **92.2%**.

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.

Let Your Light Shine Day



On Thursday 15th February we will be holding a 'Let Your Light Shine Day'. As part of the day, the children will be encouraged to reflect on how their light contributes to the school community, the local community and the world. The children will take part in activities linked to these ideas which we hope will show them that each and everyone of them has a positive part to play in our society.

Safeguarding

New NSPCC Videos

The NSPCC have been uploading some new videos onto their YouTube channel over the last week. There are topics such as dealing with bullying, understanding healthy relationships and consent amongst others. To see their latest videos you can follow **THIS** link.



Celebrations

The Stars of the week are...

Robins Class – Benny Collins

Woodpeckers Class – James McNab-Tombs & Fletcher Fraiel-Smith

Kingfishers Class – Fallon Taylor & Alex Burnell

Owls Class – Emmanuel Lettieri & Jenson Blackburn

Kites Class – Isaac Ryan & Gracie Perkins-Weedon

Eagles Class – Elsie-Mae Mander & Megan Findlay



Dates for your Diary

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



This week at St Lawrence....

Woodpeckers have been busy this week in their science lesson – testing the properties of materials. They also spent some time learning about Chinese New Year.



Things you might be interested in



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Sunday March 17th
10am-4pm
Shenley Brook End School
Walbank Grove, Shenley Brook End
Milton Keynes, MK5 7ZT

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