



# 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*

Newsletter: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable week despite the very wet weather!

We have had a great start to the half term. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back from the half term break and the children have been working incredibly hard.

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. You should have received a letter about this but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. We also have our Mother's Day celebration on Friday and look forward to seeing many of you there. We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

## St Lawrence School Value



This half term, our value is Justice.

The children will be learning about how we treat people fairly, how the Bible teaches us to make wise decisions and noticing what God's love looks like in action. This week the children listened to a story about harvest time in the vineyard and how fairness played a part.

*"Learn to do right. Seek Justice." Isaiah 1:17*

## 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 this week is...

Across the UK and Ireland, the charity, World Book Day, will be holding its annual celebration on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and this year's campaign, 'Read Your Way'.

**Question:** How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?



## 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 **97.4%**

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.

## Safeguarding

*It takes a village to raise a child. And it takes a community to keep children safe.*

That's why the NSPCC are encouraging every adult in the UK to take our [10-minute digital training](#) and learn how to listen up and speak up for children.

Listen up, Speak up will show you:

- some signs a child might be at risk, and steps you can take to help
- how to approach difficult conversations to help keep children safe
- who you can contact if you're ever concerned about a child or their family.

## Values at St Lawrence

As part of our 'Let Your Light Shine Day' last half term, the staff and children spent time revising our school values to ensure that our core values are clear and we all understand how to live by them. As part of this work, the children created displays in their classrooms to show the 12 values we have. They talked about what these look like in real life and how they are depicted in the Bible. We encourage the children to live out our school values each and every day. We are always interested to hear about children that show these values outside of school. If you feel your child has shone, please let us know so that we can celebrate them. Our school values are:

**Respect**  
**Courage**  
**Hope**  
**Perseverance**  
**Generosity**  
**Friendship**  
**Compassion**  
**Forgiveness**  
**Thankfulness**  
**Trust**  
**Justice**  
**Truthfulness**



## Celebrations

The Stars of the week are...

Robins Class – Ronnie Wardrop  
Woodpeckers Class – Amelia Corp & Jessica Phillips  
Kingfishers Class – Ella-Mae Stevens & Laura Kurilecova  
Owls Class – Sebastian Mills  
Kites Class – Isabelle Csibi & Gracie Perkins-Weedon  
Eagles Class – Elsie-Mae Mander & Logan Taylor



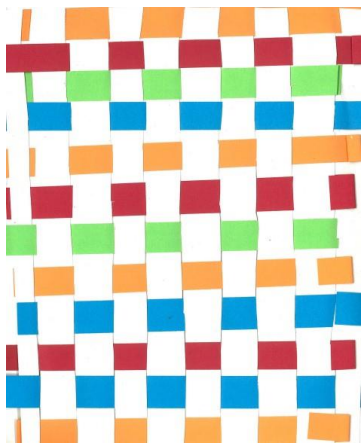
## Dates for your Diary

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



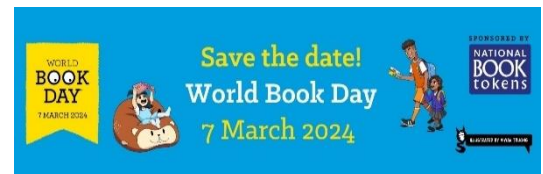
## This week at St Lawrence ...

Year 4 have been learning about the Mayans and have started thinking about weaving. We started this week with paper and will be moving on to other materials. We have also started some poetry about chocolate and had some taste testing this afternoon!



## World Book Day

We will be celebrating world book day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and take part in our potato decorating competition. This year there is also a potato decorating competition for the parents, so get crafting this weekend!



## Mother's Day Event at School

Mum's are invited into school for some arts and crafts on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to attend, please complete the reply slip within the letter sent home earlier this week. We are asking Mum's to arrive at 2:00pm for 2:15pm start. If you have any queries please contact the school office





# Things you might be interested in



## Poster Design Competition

**£50 Prize**

Design a poster with the headline ...

# DON'T RUBBISH RUSHDEN!




Rushden Town Council is inviting local children to participate in designing a poster aimed at encouraging people to bin their rubbish. The winning entry will be used in future awareness campaigns

### Guidelines

Format	Deadline	Send To
Submit an A4 poster or a high-resolution format (JPEG or PNG)	All entries must be submitted by 15th March 2024	Send designs to: Rushden Town Council, Rushden Hall, Hall Park, Rushden, NN10 9NG info@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk

Please include name, address, email address, phone number and name of school when submitting the entry.

THE WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED BY FRIDAY 22ND MARCH



## Football Fun Factory

### Football Fun and Development Ages 5-12

Tuesdays (Higham Ferrers)  
Ferrers School: 5:30-6:30pm  
Wednesdays (Wellingborough)  
Wrenn School: 5:00-6:00pm  
Fridays (Raunds)  
Manor School: 5:45-6:45pm



### Tots Football Fun Ages 2-5

Saturdays (Wellingborough)  
Sir Christopher Hatton Academy  
10:00am - 10:45am  
Sir Christopher Hatton Academy  
10:45am - 11:30am



Register For a 3 week Free trial  
[www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk](http://www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk)

## HALL PARK RUSHDEN

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### SUNDAY JUNE 9TH 2024



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## LOOKING TO JOIN A FOOTBALL TEAM?

WE ARE LOOKING TO ADD TEAMS FROM U5'S TO U16'S

JOIN A FOOTBALL CLUB THAT:

- CREATES A FUN AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT
- BOASTS PASSIONATE, ENTHUSIASTIC, COMMITTED, AND QUALIFIED COACHES
- OFFERS WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS IN RUSHDEN
- IS AFFORDABLE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO JOIN OUR FOOTBALL FAMILY PLEASE CONTACT US:

 RUSHDENSPARTANSFC@GMAIL.COM

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