



# 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super week at St Lawrence. On Monday Woodpeckers class attended a multi-sports festival at Sharnbrook where they took part in many activities such as dance, football and hockey. Today Years 1 to 6 took part in a basketball workshop led by Sports Partnership. All children had a great time and really embraced the activity. During the summer term, Mrs Cope has organised a lot of workshops like this for the children to take part in and develop their skills in many different sporting areas. We hope the children enjoy them as much as they did today.

A few reminders for next week...

Today you will have received your child's spring term report. This will show you whether your child is meeting age related expectations for this time of the school year and also includes an English and maths target for next term. These are issued before Parent consultation meetings so that you can discuss anything that is unclear with your child's class teacher. Thank you to everyone for booking so promptly for parent consultations. We are looking forward to meeting with you and sharing your child's successes. If you have not yet booked, please contact Mrs Blackburn in the school office who will be happy to help. Have a wonderful weekend.

## St Lawrence School Value

This half term our value is Justice. This week the children were learning about the importance of seeing the whole picture and not jumping to conclusions about something before knowing all of the facts.



*"Our purpose is to do what is right, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of one another." 2 **Corinthian 8.21***

## 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

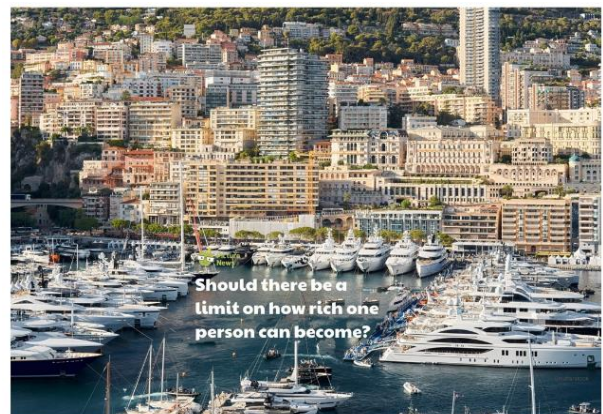


## Picture News

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

Poverty-fighting charity Oxfam has released a report, which found that if current wealth trends continue, the world will have its first trillionaire within 10 years.

**Question:** Should there be a limit on how rich one person can become?



## Safeguarding

### For Parents - Supporting Children with SEND

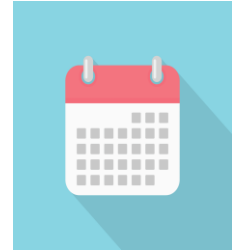
Internet Matters have a great range of guides and advice hubs available for parents of neurodivergent children including connecting and sharing online, online gaming and more.

You can access all the guides [HERE](#).

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matters.org

## Dates for your Diary

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



## Reminders

You are warmly invited to join us next Thursday for our end of term Easter service in the St Lawrence church at 2:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



## #WorldDownSyndromeDay #LotsOfSocks

Mrs Ashford's class showed their support for World Down Syndrome Day, by wearing odd socks to school this week.

Can you spot Mrs Ashford's?



## Celebrations

The stars of the week are...

Robins Class – Evie Birch & Tommy Flynn  
Woodpeckers Class – James McNab & Eva-Mae Holland  
Kingfishers Class – Charlie Sloan, Lewis McNab & Serhii Ishchenko  
Owls Class – Katy Phillips, Daryna Mushatova & Kaiya Murrer  
Kites Class – Lilly-Mae Sankey & Sophie Koucha  
Eagles Class – Wiktoria Smigasiewicz & Isaac Standage

Well done to all of these children!



## 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 **92.51%**.

The national attendance was **93.2%**.

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.



# This week at St Lawrence ...

Woodpeckers class went to the multi-sports festival at Sharnbrook academy.



## Things you might be interested in



### EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

at Bunyan Meeting in Mill Street, Bedford MK40 3EU

Tuesday 2nd & Tuesday 9th April

11.00am - 2.00pm

For Primary age children (accompanied)



### Museum Quiz and Easter Egg Hunt



Free lunch for every child completing all 3 tasks.



### Colourful Crosses



### John Bunyan's Story in Stained Glass



Register in the church foyer coffee shop between 11.00am and 1.00pm at a time convenient to you.

01234 213722

[bunyanmeeting@gmail.co](mailto:bunyanmeeting@gmail.co) [www.bunyanmeeting.co.uk](http://www.bunyanmeeting.co.uk)



Musical Seeds

Musical Seeds Presents...



Hip Hop  
Garage  
Grime  
House



## Mix & Scratch

A 4-day holiday course for students aged 9-16

### Learn how to DJ

Using software & controllers

### Equipment provided

Free and open to students aged 9-16

in receipt of benefit-related free school meals



Scan to go to website

Call 01234 718088 or go directly to our website to book [BedfordMusicHub.org.uk/activities/mix-and-scratch](http://BedfordMusicHub.org.uk/activities/mix-and-scratch)

10am-3pm

2nd - 5th April

at Castle Newnham School