



# 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: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing break over the festive period and managed to spend time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to be back at school with the children this week and seeing how well they have settled back to the new school term. Behaviour has been exemplary and all classes have started the year well with their new topics. You can find the topic overviews on the class pages of the school website and they were sent out to you at the beginning of the week, via ParentMail.

Today we held our Christingle service in school. Your child will bring home a Christingle box with them following the service. If able, please donate some loose coins to the Children's Society. The boxes should be returned to school by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

Have a wonderful weekend.

## 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



## Dates for your Diary

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



## St Lawrence Values

This half term our value is Courage. Throughout the half term, the children will be exploring the topics of stepping out of their comfort zone, doing the right thing, not the easy thing, facing a challenge and overcoming fear. Please talk to your child about what they have been learning and encourage them to talk about their thoughts and understanding of the topic.'

*"Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

## Christingle Celebration

Thank you for sending an orange in for your child today to create a Christingle.

The service was truly magical.

Today the children will have come home with a Christingle box. These are to collect donations in for the Children's Society to support those children that are in need. If you have any spare change that you could donate, it would be much appreciated. The boxes will be collected by Reverend Peter at the end of January. Please return your box to school by **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January**.

Thank you for your support.



## 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%.

The national attendance was **93%**.

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.....

Early Years had a pirate day...



The children made their Christingles and came together for a magical assembly in the school hall...





# Competition Time



## SCHOOL CENSUS THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY

To help your child/ren's school with their Census we are holding a competition on Thursday 16th January 2025

Simply order a meal for that day for your child and they will be entered into a draw to have a chance of winning a cook book.

To order go to [www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk) and log in to your account to order.

All winners will receive an email after the draw.

Draw will take place on Friday 17th January and winners will be notified by Tuesday 21st January

