



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: 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week here at St Lawrence. The children are working incredibly hard and their behaviour for learning has been exceptional. What a great start to the new school year! A few reminders, please ensure that on PE days, children come to school in their PE kit and if wearing earrings, they have been removed or your children needs to be able to remove them before taking part in the lesson. Please also ensure that all uniform is named. We already have some items of clothing that have gone missing and a collection of lost property developing. If clothing is named, we can return it to its owner.

Have a fantastic 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.



School Values

The St Lawrence School value this half term is **Thankfulness**.

This week the children have been thinking about being thankful for all the people who help us. The bible tells us that when St Paul wrote letters to his friends he often began by thanking god for them and all that they meant to him. "Every time I think of you I give thanks to my God" **Who are you thankful for?**



Voice 21 Conversation Starter...

What would you do with a million pounds?



Online Safety - Webinar – Talking to your children about online safety

The NSPCC has some wonderful resources for parents including age-appropriate conversations and topics, top tips, quizzes and more.

You can find all the resources listed [HERE](#).

NSPCC

Oracy Development at St Lawrence

One of our school priorities this year at St Lawrence is to develop children's oracy (speaking and listening) skills. Oracy improves children's outcomes in all areas of learning. It also fosters wellbeing and confidence enabling all children to have a voice and to be heard. Oracy equips children with the skills they need in their lives beyond school and to be active members of the community. The staff at St Lawrence have developed an oracy vision for our school community:

"We want to create an oracy rich community where every member has the skills to communicate effectively and articulate their ideas clearly and respectfully. We want every member to believe they have a voice and feel valued and listened to."

This week the children have been learning about how we can develop our voices in different ways such as changing the speed in which they talk for different purposes and thinking about pronouncing their words correctly. Over the next few weeks, they will be practising this in school. This is the first strand in the Voice21 Oracy Framework.

There are many ways in which you can support this learning at home including encouraging your children to think about how they are using their voice when they are speaking in different situations.



Physical

Voice

- Pace of speech
- Tonal variation
- Clarity of pronunciation
- Voice projection

In school we will be building lots of opportunities for children to practise these new skills including the opportunity to present their learning, developing their presentational skills and their voice.

We will be working with Voice21 throughout the academic year to support this learning. If you would like to know more about this charity, information can be found using the following link: <https://voice21.org/>

"Oracy is articulating ideas, developing understanding and engaging with others through speaking, listening and communication. Oracy skills set children up for success in school and life." Voice21



Celebrations

This week our Attendance Awards go to Woodpeckers Class with 99% attendance.

Our Stars of the week are..

Woodpeckers Class – Angelo Swallow & Ivy White
Owls Class – Tommy Jenkin & Fletcher Fraiel-Smith
Kites Class – Stanley Jones & Luiza Smigasiewicz
Eagles Class – Jenson Blackburn & Cameron Rizzo



Well done to all of these children!

Picture News

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

The voting age for UK general elections is set to be lowered to 16. This would bring England in line with Wales and Scotland, where 16-year-olds can already vote in some elections. Schools will soon be giving more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run.

Question: Why do we vote?



Open Mornings

Do you know someone that is looking for the perfect start to their child's school journey?

Please share the invite to our Reception Class Open Mornings for September 2026 intake

Open Morning Dates:

22nd October 2025 - 9:30am

20th November 2025 - 9:30am

To Book a place simply follow this link:

[Reception Open Morning - Book Here](#)



At St Lawrence this week....

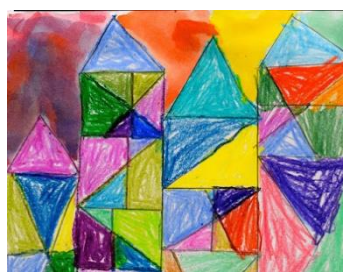
Eagles Class carried out an investigation in science to find out what materials were the best reflectors.



Owls class have been playing place value Games to show their knowledge of partitioning.



Woodpeckers Class have been looking at the art work of Paul Klee and have drawn a variety of lines to music this week



Things you might be interested in...



BLUES & BEYOND: SEND* ACTIVITY SESSIONS FOR 10 TO 18 YEAR OLDS

Join us for fun, fitness, and socialising as you stay active and healthy with our team of experienced coaches and volunteers!

SATURDAYS • 10AM - 11AM

Join us every Saturday during term time at John Bunyan Sports and Fitness!

Register in the café and then choose from the following options:

- Take part in a diverse range of sports, offered in 6-week blocks
- Social games
- Balance, coordination, and body movement activities

Sessions welcome all children and young people with learning difficulties and physical disabilities with a low to moderate support need. Participants needing extra assistance in group settings are welcome, but a parent or carer must stay to help. Card payment only for Saturday sessions.

* Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)



FOR MORE INFORMATION...

If you have any questions, please contact Olivia Flemons:

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SCAN ME



The Bedford Junior Aquathlon
Swim & Run
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Bedford Park & Robinson Pool



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