



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: 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that we have already come to the end of the spring half term. We are already half way through the school year! Thank you to everyone for your continued support and kindness. We really value the partnership between school and home.

This week has been another busy one celebrating Children's Mental Health Week and Online Safety Day on Tuesday. The theme for Internet Safety Day this year was 'Smart Tech, Safe Choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. Our classes had some very interesting conversations about the use of AI and what might be deemed as appropriate and inappropriate. This morning, in Celebration Assembly, we celebrated the Pitch Your Passion work we have been doing. The children from each class that shared their speeches with everyone were brilliant and demonstrated just how much progress we have made with our oracy skills throughout the school. Well done everyone!

May I take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 23rd February.

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 (Woodpeckers Class)

Behaviour – Mrs Smith (Robins Class)

Safeguarding – Mrs Bush or Mrs Nicklin



Picture News

A new series of the television programme, Gladiators, has recently returned to screens.

Question: Do gladiators make good role models?



St Lawrence Vision and Values

This half term our value has been: **Perseverance**. Throughout the half term, the children have been thinking about keeping going against all odds, doing the right thing, meeting a personal challenge and how they can encourage others to keep going. There have been so many children that have been demonstrating this value in their school work. We are so proud of them.

"Let us run with perseverance the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end." Hebrews 12: 1-2



Dates for your Diary

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

Celebrations

In a very special celebration assembly this morning the winners of Pitch your Passion performed their presentations to the whole school. Well Done to everyone for their super efforts!

Robins Class: Liam Tucin

Woodpeckers Class: Imogen Potter

Owls Class: Eva-Mae Holland

Kites Class: Teddy-Mae James

Eagles Class: Jenson Blackburn



Fond Farewell

Today, we sadly say a fond farewell to Mrs Knight who has been with us since the start of the school year teaching year 5. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has done and the difference she has made to the children she has worked with. We wish her all the best for the future.

We would like to extend a welcome to Mr Wilson who will be class teacher in Year 5 following the half term break.



PTA Competition

St Lawrence PTA Presents...

Guess How Many Sweets



Entries Open on 23rd Feb

View the Jar in School Office before Guessing

£1 Per Guess - Winner Takes ALL!!

Entries Close by 26th Feb

Winner Announced on 27th Feb During Celebration Assembly

Online Safety for fives and under

The NSPCC has partnered with Vodafone to develop an online safety guide for parents and carers of children under 5. The guide contains useful information about common risks this age group face, some guidance around screen time limits and lots of practical tips for families:

Click here: [A parent's guide to online safety for children under five | NSPCC](#)

NSPCC

This week at St Lawrence....

Robins Class have been making and eating pancakes!



Woodpeckers Class have made their smoothies today and will be bringing a sample home!



This week at St Lawrence...

Eagles Class went for a walk for children's mental health week. They splashed in puddles, talked to their friends and met some horses!



Owls Class finished their Batik Artwork. They used their mood board to decide the colours and used patterns from the rainforest.



Donations

If anyone is having a clear out over the half term break, Breakfast and After School Club are always accepting of donations of toys and games that are still in good condition. Please hand any donations to the school office following the half term break.



Red Nose Day

We will be selling red noses in school following the half term break. These will be priced at £2 each. Children will be able to purchase them at breaktime.



Things you may be interested in.....

Country Days Easter Courses 2026

Pond dipping



Den building



Bushcraft



Problem solving

We are back for our Easter Courses 2026!

When is it?

You can sign up for either:
Course 1- Wednesday 1st April
Course 2 – Thursday 2nd April

Please note the Easter courses repeat so choose one course only when booking

Activities begin at 9.30am and finish at 3.15pm

Where is it?

The Leys Nature Reserve,
Pavenham road, Felmersham,
Bedfordshire MK43 7EX

Who can attend?

Children in present school years 3- 6 (ages 7-11 years old) who live in Bedfordshire.

How much does it cost?

Places are £10 or *free* for those who are on Free School Meals or Pupil Premium.

How can you book?

Contact the office
info@countrydays.net for more information

Country Days is an educational charity providing outdoor learning in a beautiful 6-acre nature reserve for young people in Bedfordshire.

Registered Charity Number: 1181833

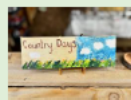
Bug hunting



Sports/ Team building



Arts and Crafts



Nature studies

HEALTHY HEARTS VALENTINE'S DAY

Competition

Calling all young chefs! This Valentines Day, help us celebrate by creating a delicious dish that's good for your heart.

How to Enter

- ♥ Invent your own healthy heart recipe.
- ♥ Give it a fun Valentines's name!
- ♥ Draw what it will look like.
- ♥ Tell us which ingredients help keep hearts strong.

Your Recipe Must Include:

- ♥ At least 1 fruit or vegetable
- ♥ A whole grain or lean protein
- ♥ A Valentine theme (heart shapes, red/pink colours or love - inspired name)

Prizes!

- ♥ Winning Dish will feature on a future school menu!
- ♥ Receive a Heart-Healthy Chef Certificate & Apron

Judging Criteria:

- ♥ Creativity
- ♥ Heart-healthiness
- ♥ Colour & Presentation
- ♥ Practicality

Deadline:

- ♥ All entries must be sent to Kelly@kingswoodcatering.co.uk by February 14th 2026



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