



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: 20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a good week here at St Lawrence. The children have been busy with their curriculum learning for their topics and Year 6 have been doing their assessment practice in readiness for their SATs assessments in May. It has been really pleasing to see how focused everyone has been and behaviour has been exemplary. Well done everyone! Next week we will be welcoming Rocksteady Music to our school to introduce the children to what it is like to be part of a band. This is something new that we will be introducing to St Lawrence Primary School following the Easter holidays. If you would like your child to take part in these lessons, please make sure you register your interest by following the information on the letter the children will bring home. We hope you 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 (Woodpeckers Class)

Behaviour – Mrs Smith (Robins Class)

Safeguarding – Mrs Bush or Mrs Nicklin

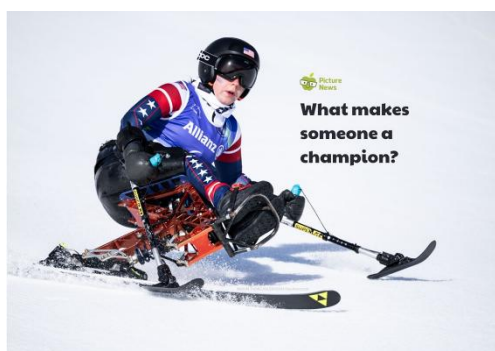


Picture News

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

Athletes from around the world have been competing in the Winter Paralympics Games in Italy?

Question: What makes someone a champion?



RAINFOREST CAFE at brektime on Friday 27th March.

Cakes, cookies, biscuits and many other goodies are available for children to buy at brektime.

Everything will be priced at 50p or £1.00. Please support Owls class in raising as much money as we can to sponsor part of the rainforest to protect it from deforestation.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Dates for your Diary

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

Celebrations

This week our stars of the week are

Robins Class: Rocco Swallow

Woodpeckers Class: Bianka Miklos & Rosie Corp

Owls Class: Monty Breen & Oliver Hornibrook

Kites Class: Laura Kurilecova & Lewis McNab-Tombs

Eagles Class: Sebastian Mills

Well done to all of these children!



End of Term Easter Service

Our end of term service will be taking place in the St Lawrence church at 2:30pm on Friday 27th March. We hope many of you will be able to join us for this wonderful celebration of Easter.



Voice 21 Conversation Starter...

If you had a superpower what would it be and why?



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%

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.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Online Safety – Newsletter from Alan McKenzie

In this newsletter Alan takes a look at a new report called 'Boys in the Digital Wild', he takes a deep dive into the social media app Discord, and updated WhatsApp news for under 13's.

You can find the newsletter here by following this link:

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Parents-Online-Safety-Newsletter-March->

This week at St Lawrence....

Robins Class have been learning all about pets, planting flowers in welly boots and making up their own games outside.



Following on from their science week activities, Kites have been investigating how boats float (or sink) as part of our Viking Science block of work. This week they made different shaped boats out of plasticine, they included a Viking Long Boat shape. Next week, they will continue the investigation and attempt to float the different boats that they have made.



Owls class have been starting to learn how to do short multiplication using counters in a place value grid. Mrs Cox was pleased that they all said it was easy! The photos below are from their science week activity!



KS2 went to the field and were put in teams for an OAA morning. The first activity was orienteering where they had to solve clues. Then they played minigames which involved a lot of teamwork and communication.



You might be interested in....



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL **Parent Carer FORUM**

FREE BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

Move & Make Together

SEND Creative Movement Sessions for Families

Thursday 2nd April 2026

at The Child Development Centre, Hill Rise, Kempston, MK42 7EB

Join us for a workshop of creativity, crafting, dance, play and fun for the whole family!

- Session 1 (ages 5-7 years) 9.45am - 11.15am
- Session 2 (ages 7-11 years) 12.15pm - 1.45pm
- Session 3 (ages 12+ years) 2.15pm - 3.45pm

Free Family Fun!

To book a place, please email sendevents@bedford.gov.uk or scan the QR code. Places are limited so book now! Please let us know how many people from your family will be attending.

SCAN ME



BUNYAN MUSEUM **JOHN BUNYAN MUSEUM Bedford**

£2 per child

Cracking Crafty Thursdays



Create Spring and Easter inspired crafts on Thursday 2nd April and 9th April.

11am- 3pm, £2 per child. Drop in, no booking

Free Easter Egg Hunt

Explore the museum with our FREE 'Egg Hunt' trail.

Drop-in Tuesday- Saturday , 11am -4pm over the school holidays (Closed Good Friday)

John Bunyan Museum, Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street, MK40 3EU



GETCOACHINGUK **PODINGTON PADEL**

EASTER JUNIOR PADEL CAMP

Our Junior Holiday Camps offer a dynamic and engaging environment where children can develop their padel skills while making new friends and having fun. Through a combination of drills, games, and match play, participants will enhance their technique, strategy, and overall enjoyment of the game.

Ages & Dates	Cost Per Day
10.00-12.00 5-9 years old	10.00-12.00 5-9 years old
12.00-14.00 10+ years old	12.00-14.00 10+ years old
Monday 30 th March	Wednesday 8 th April
Wednesday 1 st April	Friday 10 th April
£20 per child per day	£20 per child per day

PADEL COACHING WITH GETCOACHINGUK

Getcoachinguk is proud to provide coaching services to Podington Padel

Website: getcoachinguk.com
Email: info@getcoachinguk.com
WhatsApp: 07912945626

Scan here to find out more!

Best Start Family Hubs website.

<https://familyhubs.bedford.gov.uk/>

one stop shop for parents and carers to find information, ideas and support for their family, no matter what the age, culture or background.

Information, help and advice is available for a range of areas including learning, health, development, emotional wellbeing and much more.

Please take a few minutes to take a look and let us know if there is any other information that you would like by emailing us on

familyhubs@bedford.gov.uk