



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had here at St Lawrence. On Tuesday Year 5 and 6 took part in multisport festival at Sharnbrook. They had a wonderful time and it was great to see sportsmanship and teamwork amongst the children. A special well done to Joshua who was awarded the value award for self-belief and Laura who was awarded the value award for Determination.

The weather has been wonderful the last couple of weeks and the children have been thoroughly enjoying being outside, particularly at breaktime and lunchtimes. As the temperatures rise, please remember to send your child to school with a hat and sun cream (if required). Please also ensure items of uniform are named so that when they are detached from their owner, we can successfully reunite them with each other. We thank you for your help with this.

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



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 School Values

This half term our value is Hope. This week, as part of Picture News, the children were thinking about having hope and the people running the London Marathon at the weekend, having hope and never giving up. They also linked this to the parable of the mustard seed and the fact that even if things are tough, there is still a glimmer of hope.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



Rocksteady at St Lawrence School

We are delighted to be welcoming Rocksteady into school this term. There is still time to sign up. If your child is interested in taking part scan the QR code below!

**ROCK
STEADY**

DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?



With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!



Scan QR code to
find out more!

98%

OF PARENTS SAY
THEIR CHILD LOVES OR
ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY
BAND LESSONS

94%

OF PARENTS SAY
ROCKSTEADY
IMPROVES THEIR
CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

rocksteadymusicschool.com

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 95.08%.

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.

Voice 21 Conversation Starter...

What has been the best thing about this week?



Celebrations

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

Our Stars of the week are.....

Robins Class – Esme Commons

Woodpeckers Class – Albie O'Brien – Crowhurst & Angelo Swallow

Owls Class – Erin Lamplough & Lee Williams

Kites Class – Teddy-Mae James & Josh Mapsu

Eagles Class – Autumn Foster

Well done to all of these children!



Picture News

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

New AI-supported glasses to help people with dementia or memory problems have won a £1 million prize.

Question: What is the best way to support people who need extra help?



Break Time Snacks...

If your child is bringing in a snack for breaktime, please ensure that it is a piece of fruit or a packet of dried fruit. There should not be any cereal bars or packets of crisps consumed at break time.

Many thanks for your support with this.



Online Safety – A couple of things this week...

Switched On to Privacy

Privacy of information online is an area which is growing and growing, but it can also feel overwhelming. The UK Information Commissioner has created a great new portal for parents and caregivers giving support and advice around online privacy with sections on explaining privacy to children, choosing privacy settings, advice on how to start a conversation, case studies and more.

Link: **Kids vs grown-ups: what we really share online**. (this is the introduction blog post including a few short videos).

Link: **Information Commissioner's Office - Switched On to Privacy**. (this is the portal).

Roblox Kids and Roblox Select

Roblox have been making some big changes recently, and that now includes 'age-gating' so that children and young people get the experience according to their age. This means that there are now 3 types of Roblox accounts:

- Roblox Kids - for children 5-8 years.
- Roblox Select - for children 9-15 years.
- Roblox - for anyone 16+.

For any users that have not completed an age check, they will be put into the youngest users category and parents can update or correct a child's age through a linked account. The link below will take you to a simplified breakdown of the different accounts.

Link: **What are Roblox Kids and Roblox Select?**

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

Register with your
Best Start Family Hubs!



Scan me

This week at St Lawrence...

Kites and Eagles Class attended an Olympic sports festival and they had a great time! There were lots of activities: basketball, dodge ball, hockey and bowls. The children behaved really well and received awards for determination and self-belief. – Well done!



Owls Class had to guess what our next class book was about from the clues. They did very well and we learnt a new word “Herpetology”. They also practised their tennis skills in PE.

