



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: 8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week in school this week. In particular, it was great to hear about the fantastic time Owls Class had at the multisport festival at Harrold on Wednesday. They were involved in lots of different sports and four of our children received values awards for their efforts. Well done everyone. Your behaviour and attitudes to the activities were fantastic!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 children the best of luck for next week with their SATs tests. They have been working incredibly hard to prepare for these tests and we know that they will be brilliant. A little reminder that Year 6 SATs breakfast will be served from 8.15am and that children should come through the main entrance.

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 the children thought about the theme of Counting our Blessings. Thinking about how thanking God for what we have now is relevant to having hope for the future.

"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 **98.6%**

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's the silliest or funniest thing you've ever seen?



Celebrations

This week our Attendance Awards go to Kites Class with 100% attendance.

Our Stars of the week are.....

Robins Class – Rocco Swallow

Woodpeckers Class – Annaliesa -Rose Tierney & Lucas Jenkin

Owls Class – Fletcher Fraiel-Smith, Charlotte Ince & Tommy Jenkin

Kites Class – Delilah McNamara & Emilia Keightley

Eagles Class – Thomas Walls

Well done to all of these children!



Picture News

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

This week, countries from across Europe and beyond are taking part in the Eurovision Song Contest.

Question: How can music bring people together?



Online Safety – How to Talk to Children if they see Traumatic Events

Many children will have seen or heard some of the horrific events that have been happening recently. Whether that's on the news, someone discussing it, or perhaps online, children can be traumatised by what they are seeing and hearing.

This article from The Conversation discusses the issue and gives some really good advice.

Link: **The Conversation - How to talk to children when terrorist attacks and violence dominate the news.**



Things you might be interested in....

Children's Pickleball Bedford
For dates and venues, visit our booking page

Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis.

Our pickleball courses introduce young players to sport through fun activities.

With instruction on basics like coordination and paddle control. Playful drills keep children engaged.

Coaches emphasise teamwork, boosting confidence and social skills.

BEDFORD PICKLEBALL

www.bedfordpickleball.co.uk/booking/
info@bedfordpickleball.co.uk

Pond Dipping – 26th May



26th May 2026 @ 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM £4.50



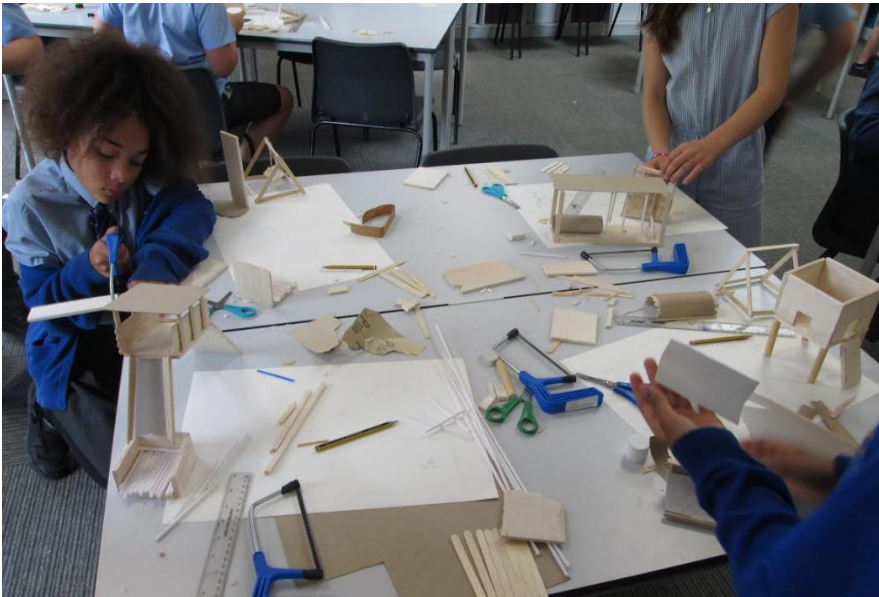
Join our rangers for a pond dipping session this May half term!

Using nets, trays and magnifying glasses and guided by one of our rangers, come and discover the creatures that live in the ponds at Stanwick Lakes! After a safety briefing and an introduction to the creatures we're likely to find, we'll head to the pond dipping platform where you will be given a pond dipping kit! The Ranger will be on hand with identification keys to help you work out which creatures you have caught as well as to share knowledge about the pond ecosystem and the many species that call it home.

This activity is suitable for children aged 4+.

This week at St Lawrence...

Eagles class have been using saws and hot glue guns to create mini playgrounds in DT.



Owls class went to a sports festival in Harrold. Some children played cricket, some played golf and some played rounders. Good fun was had by all even though the weather was a bit cold. Special mention to those children that played rounders because they came 2nd overall in the competition. Well done to everyone!

