



# 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of another half term and that there is only one more half term of the school year! It has been another great week with lots going on. Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed their multisport festival on Thursday at Lincroft and it was lovely to see how many children achieved the values certificates that are awarded. Well done all of you. Today the children have enjoyed the PTA 'Break the Rules' day in school. So many children had crazy hair and wore their non-uniform. Thank you for supporting this event which has raised lots of well needed funds for the PTA.

Next half term is very busy with many class trips and residential taking place. We also have a Father's day event taking place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June (details will follow in the new term). Please check the school calendar for all of the events that will be taking place. Have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**.

## 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



## 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 **95.05%**.

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.

## St Lawrence Values

This half term our value has been Hope. During collective worship, the children have been thinking about having hope for the future, praising God in creation, counting their blessings and keeping going against the odds.

"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**



## Attendance Matters



## Dates for your Diary

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



## Voice 21 Conversation Starter...

If you could make three wishes what would they be?



## Celebrations

Our Stars of the week are.....

Robins Class – Daniel Flynn

Woodpeckers Class – Lara Burnell & Ivy White

Owls Class – Josh Birch & Holly Bowerman

Kites Class – Dolcia Tierney & Annabella Poulton

Eagles Class – Katy Phillips

Well done to all of these children!



## Online Safety – Is Your Child Prepared for their First Phone?

It's a question that so many parents struggle with, balancing the positives, the negatives, the need, cost and so much more. The problem with such a question is that there is no one-size-fits-all answer.

Darren Laur has written a really useful article for parents, within the article he uses the acronym PREPARED which takes away the complexity and allows parents to make decisions based on their own circumstances.:

P - Purpose.

R - Responsibility.

E - Empathy and respect.

P - Perception of risk.

A - Adaptability and resilience.

R - Regulation.

E - Executive functioning.

D - Digital discernment.

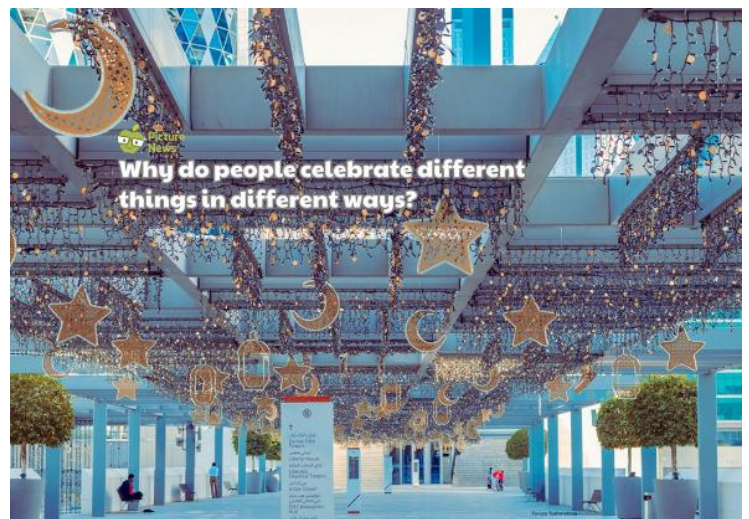
Link: [Is your child PREPARED for their first phone?](#)

## Picture News

The story and question that the children will be thinking about after half term is...

This week, many people in the UK and across the world are celebrating Eid al-Adha.

**Question:** Why do people celebrate different things in different ways?



## **This week at St Lawrence...**

*Owls Class had a Langar celebration where they sat on the carpet together and shared food. They all tried new food and enjoyed it. We have also been playing Victorian games: hopscotch, blind mans bluff, pin the tail on the donkey, jacks, hoops and skipping games.*



*Woodpeckers have completed their 'Chair for a Bear'. Jemimah explained the materials used and Sire confirmed that the cylinder was the strongest shape to make it sturdy and strong!*



## This week at St Lawrence...

Eagles and Kites class went on a sports festival at Lincroft school. They had three sports to choose from, rounders, cricket and athletics. Sebastian was presented with the values certificate for respect and Stanley received one for honesty. Well done!



## Things you might be interested in....

**12 - 14 JUNE**

# PodStock

FAMILY FRIENDLY FEEL - GOOD MUSIC FEST

**Friday**  
VIVA LA VIDA - COLDPLAY  
THE SOUND OF AC/DC \* TWIST OF ROCK  
KINS OF LEON \* OASIS OF SOUND

**Saturday**  
QWEEN UK  
THE SUM OF SHEERAN \* TAKE THAT REUNION  
SPICE WORLD THE TRIBUTE \* ABSOLUTE BRITNEY  
FAKE BOY SLIM \* ARIANA GRANDE LIVE EXPERIENCE  
24K BRUNO \* JACKSON - DANCING THE DREAM

**Sunday**  
ZACH BRYAN UK  
CHASING MUMFORD \* GOT TO BE STEPS  
TOTALLY TAYLOR SWIFT  
LIVE DJ INBETWEEN SETS

**DRAG RACING**  
FULL ACCESS TO THE SPORTSMAN NATIONALS DRAG RACING EVENT

**CRAFT WORKSHOPS - FREE TO JOIN**  
\* PAINT YOUR OWN POT  
\* PAINT YOUR OWN TOTE BAG  
\* BEDAZZLE YOUR OWN HAIRBRUSH OR CLAW CLIP

**CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT**  
\* PACIFIC BOUNCE INFLATABLES  
\* WONDERWHEELS - CIRCUS BIKES  
\* FUNFAIR

**SantaPod**  
RACEWAY

**BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL** **Parent Carer FORUM**

# Move & Make Together

SEND Creative Movement Sessions for Families

**FREE BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

**Thursday 28th May 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 3-5 years) 9.45am - 11.00am  
Session 2 (ages 6-8 years) 12.00pm - 1.30pm  
Session 3 (ages 9+ years) 2.30pm - 4.00pm

**Free Family Fun!**

To book a place, please email [sendevents@bedford.gov.uk](mailto: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.