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: 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,
We have had a busy week at St Lawrence this week. At the start of the week, Year 5 took part in Bikeability. This was a very successful session and all children managed to pass with flying colours. Well done Year 5. On Wednesday Year 6 visited Bletchley Park as part of their Codebreakers topic. They had a wonderful day exploring the history behind World War 2 and the great work that took place there during the war. On Monday we have the school photographer visiting. Please make sure your child comes to school in full uniform ready for photos. If it is usually their PE day, please send them with their PE kit in a bag to get changed into.
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 (Kingfishers Class)
Behaviour – Mrs Smith (Penguins 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.



Safeguarding

The safety and wellbeing of our school community at St Lawrence is a priority. If anyone has any concerns about the safety and welfare of a child, you can speak with Mrs Bush or Mrs Nicklin who are the school safeguarding leads.

Bedford Borough Safeguarding Children Board

Celebrations

Our Stars of the week are..

Penguins Class – Ada Richards & Rory Darby
Kingfishers Class – Benny Collins & Annaliesa-Rose Tierney
Kites Class – Lee Williams & Amelia Corp
Eagles Class – Lewis McNab- Tombs & Alex Burnell

Well done to all of these children!



Picture News

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

The nearly 1,000-year-old Bayeux Tapestry has travelled from France to go on display at the British Museum in London. The 70-metre-long artwork tells the story of the Norman Conquest and the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

Question: How can we share our stories?



Online Safety - Staying Safe While Gaming

Online games can be a great way for children to play and socialise, but as we know many games now include messaging, voice chat, purchases and interaction with people they do not know offline.

Ofcom's Parents Power Up guidance gives families a simple framework built around Check, Chat and Change — checking account details and settings, talking about who children play with and changing safety or parental controls where needed.

Ofcom – Parents Power Up: Helping Your Child Stay Safe While Gaming Online

Guitar Lessons

Mr Finch is back!

We are pleased to offer **guitar lessons** for pupils who may be interested in learning to play the guitar. Lessons will take place **during the school day** and will last for **20 minutes**. Pupils can choose between shared lessons or individual tuition:

- **Shared lesson:** £9 per lesson
- **Individual lesson:** £14 per lesson

Shared lessons are a great way for children to learn alongside a friend or another pupil of a similar ability, while individual lessons provide more one-to-one tuition and attention.There is no need to purchase a guitar before starting lessons, as **guitars of varying sizes can be provided for use during lessons**.If your child would be interested in learning guitar, please express your interest to the school office or at Jfinch5@hotmail.com

Attendance

Attendance in schools since the pandemic has seen a dramatic drop however we know that face-to-face education is important in helping pupils to fulfil their potential. The government has issued guidance to schools to support in increasing attendance.

The government now class absence from education as a safeguarding concern and request that schools treat it this way which may result in social care involvement where concerns are raised.

If we are concerned about your child's attendance, we will work with you to find out if there is any support that can be offered. Please keep us informed of absences and where planned absences cannot be avoided, please ensure you complete a leave of absence request beforehand. Please note, we cannot authorise any holiday requests unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Thank you for your support.



Open Mornings

During the autumn term we hold our prospective parents open mornings. These are popular with parents looking for a school place for their child to start school the following September. Our open mornings are popular and it is wonderful to show prospective parents our amazing school however,

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please share this flyer and our social media posts with anyone you know that might be looking for a school place for September 2027 and please shout from the rooftops about how wonderful our school is. It is word of mouth that makes all the difference. We need to encourage families from the surrounding areas to come and see how great St Lawrence is. So, please do your bit and tell everyone about us. Thank you for your continued support.

