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Dear Parents,

What a busy term we have had! There have been so many highlights and I am so grateful for this wonderful school community and all that we are able to achieve together.

Having shown prospective parents around our school recently, I have been so proud when they have remarked on the ethos and calm feel of the school as well as the excellent behaviour of our children and the passion of our staff. We have also had positive comments from the public and glowing emails from staff at various educational sites we have visited when our children have been out on school trips. All the children and staff at St Lawrence are truly wonderful and make this a special place to be!

I also wanted to share with you some exciting news – St Lawrence CE Primary's official SATs results have now been released showing our performance compared to all the schools in Hampshire. For the first time ever, we are 5th out of 503 schools! We are so proud of our children and the work that our staff put in from the moment our children walk through the door here at St Lawrence. Thank you to everyone who played in their part in these spectacular results!

St Lawrence in the community

Willow Class decorated our tree for the Christmas Tree Festival at St Lawrence Church with beautiful decorations reminding us of our motto "Let your light shine." Also, if you are walking through Alton High Street, please stop and have a look at the wonderful Christmas pictures that Willow Class created in the window of Specsavers. Thank you to Mrs Rowland for organising both of these.









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Thank you to all of you for your generous donations following the nativity performances. We raised £354.64 for the school.

Inset Day

Please remember we have an Inset Day on 6th January; we will welcome our children and families back on Tuesday 7th January.

Attendance

Please can we remind you that it is really important your child is in school unless they are unwell or have a medical appointment. We do understand that particularly at this time of year, there are lots of illnesses going around but please be mindful of your child's attendance overall in the new year.

PE days for first half of Spring Term:

Monday	Year 1 & Year 6
Tuesday	Year 4 & Year R
Wednesday	Year 5
Thursday	Year 2
Friday	Year 3 swimming

Year 3 will be swimming on Fridays starting on 10th January.

Congratulations

Well done **EARTH** House on collecting the most amount of house points this term. This means that EVERYONE in **EARTH** House will have a non-school uniform day on **Wednesday 8th January**.

Congratulations also to the members of the All Stars Club for last week and this week:

Year R – Millie Year 1 - Ivan Year 2 - Annabel	Year 3 - Arthur Year 4 - Phoebe Hill Year 5 - Grace Year 6 - Zoe	Year R – Miles Year 1 - Alma Year 2 – Max Edwards	Year 3 - Seth Year 4 - Lexi Year 5 - Oliver Year 6 - Emee

A big congratulations to Miss Lancaster and her partner on the birth of their baby boy! Brody was born on 14th December and weighted 6lbs 11oz. We wish them all well as they get used to being a family of three!



Farewell

This term we say farewell to a couple of Teaching Assistants - Mrs Pittaras is relocating to be nearer to her mother, and Mrs Parker is retiring. We thank them for being a part of our school community and wish them well in their new adventures. Miss Stefan and Miss Sinar have already become a part of our St Lawrence family which is lovely to see.

Thank you

I wanted to finish this letter by thanking you all for your support and encouragement. Successful relationships are built on effective communication so please come and talk to me if there is anything you are worried about. It is always better to nip things in the bud than let them grow.

Thank you to the PTA and their amazing group of volunteers, we are so lucky to have you supporting us. Please think about joining them; they would love to see you. It has been wonderful to welcome new families to our St Lawrence family over this last term and I hope they already feel like a part of our St Lawrence family.

Thank you to all the children for their excellent behaviour, hard work and positivity; to the Governors for all their support and encouragement; and to all the staff who work so hard each and every day to do the absolute best for your children – academically and personally.

I hope that you can all take time this Christmas to be together and enjoy some rest and relaxation.
Take care,



Mrs Fiona Micklefield
Headteacher