ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,
Now that we are in December, preparations in school are underway for Christmas. It is such a delight to walk around the school when I'm showing prospective Year R parents around and I can hear singing coming from lots of different places! The stage is now up in the hall so that Key Stage 1 can practise their nativity which is not that far away! Key Stage 2 are going to start putting actions with the songs and that means that they have sung so well we feel we can push them even more! The staff and children have put so much work into both the Nativity and Cantata. I hope you will be able to come to enjoy seeing your children in their performance.

I also want to say thank you to the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who have offered to help me form a St Lawrence Christmas Choir so that we can perform with the Amery Hill choir at their carol service. This means that those children are giving up two evenings in one week to sing to an audience as the Amery Hill Carol Service is on Monday 16th December at 6pm and then the next night when we have our performance of One Bright Star on Tuesday 17th December at 6pm. Both are in St Lawrence Church.

Willow Class had a very exciting afternoon on Monday when Inspector Bancroft from the MET Police came to visit. He is also a Dad in Willow Class and we were so grateful that he gave up his day off to come and visit us. Mrs Nettle said, "The children had the opportunity to ask lots of questions, they tried on all the different police hats and even had the chance to sit in the police van. The children had a great time pushing the button to turn the lights on and at the end we heard the siren, it was very loud!"

Last Thursday, I hosted the Alton Cluster Church Council with our two Year 6 representatives, Jack Hills and Mackenzie Nurse. Each Church of England Primary School has two reps and once a half term, we meet to discuss different issues and how we can help in some way. The children talk in groups, pray together, listen to a worship song and play a game. This year, the Church Council are focusing on local wildlife, looked at the Creation story and thought about all the different types of wildlife we see in our local areas across Alton and the surrounding villages. Thank you Jack and Mackenzie for helping to organise our session and for being so welcoming to all the other schools.

Sycamore Class had a wonderful experience this week with a visit from the Spring Dance Company. They explored the story of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and absolutely loved all the dance and drama it inspired. The children's interpretations were excellent; they definitely know the text deeply.

Hawthorn Class spent the day at Fishbourne Roman Palace this Thursday, they had a fantastic day and impressed the guide with all their knowledge of Roman Britain.
I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Take care, Fiona Micklefield

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES
For this half term, we are focusing on:

- Saints
- Remembrance
- Transformation
- Advent
- Incarnation (Christmas)



Key Stage 1 enjoying looking at their new picture books!

Year 3 and 4 excited about their new titles!





Year 5 and 6 have a set of brand new books to share (some are so new they are still in hardback!)



THANK YOU!
A big thank you to Bob Booker and the Resident's Association for purchasing 30 brand new books for each year group to share in their classrooms. They total £150 and we are very grateful for all of them. We love reading at St Lawrence! 😊

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MESSAGE FROM THE PTA:

A massive thank you to everyone who donated items for the Christmas hampers. We were blown away by your generosity. Some of you may have noticed that we didn't do the rainbow raffle we have previously done and we hope that this has made it easier for you not having to buy a particular colour. We have also been able to make up more hampers as we have not been restricted by the colours. There are 14 hampers of various sizes to be won. Raffle tickets are available via the office, your PTA rep and at various days on the school gate. The Christmas Cafe is on **Friday 13th December** straight after school in the hall. This year as well as the cafe and the raffle draw, there will also be a children's lucky dip and an adult tombola. We also have a few school tea towels left that will be on sale as well.

Please can any cake donations (**nut free**) be brought into school at drop off on 13th December.

Thanks as always for your continued support.

Kate - PTA Chair

QR CODE FOR PTA EASY FUNDRAISING

ATTENDANCE
w/c 25 Nov 2024

Year R – 94.93%
Year 1 – 92.33%
Year 2 – 99.31%
Year 3 – 93.56%
Year 4 – 97.06%
Year 5 – 97.78%
Year 6 – 98.28%

ATTENDANCE
w/c 2 Dec 2024

Year R – 93.1%
Year 1 – 96.67%
Year 2 – 92.07%
Year 3 – 95.63%
Year 4 – 97.35%
Year 5 – 95.48%
Year 6 – 94.64%

ALL STARS
w/c 25 Nov 2024

YR - Ella
Y1 - Zach
Y2 - Henry
Y3 - Evan
Y4 - Sienna
Y5 - Lottie
Y6 - Eleanor

ALL STARS
w/c 2 Dec 2024

YR – Matilda
Y1 – Miles
Y2 – Margaret
Y3 – Solomiia
Y4 – Kasper-Jack
Y5 – Emma
Y6 - Ben

REMINDERS

9 December	HMS Guitar Lessons
9 December	KS2 Dance Activity Club
9 December	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
10 December	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
10 December	Maple – Visiting St Lawrence Church
10 December	Family Time
10 December	KS2 Football Activity Club
10 December	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
11 December	Woodwind Music Lessons
11 December	KS1 Nativity Performance
11 December	KS2 Drama Activity Club
11 December	KS1 Football Activity Club
12 December	Violin Lessons – Library
12 December	KS1 Nativity Performance
12 December	Larch – Dance (Main Hall)
12 December	KS1 Dance Activity Club
12 December	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
12 December	KS1 Nativity Performance
13 December	Sycamore – Swimming
13 December	Christmas – PTA Café & Christmas Raffle (Main Hall)
16 December	HMS Guitar Lessons
16 December	KS2 Dance Activity Club
16 December	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
17 December	KS2 Football Activity Club
17 December	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
17 December	KS2 Cantata – St Lawrence Church
18 December	Woodwind Music Lessons
18 December	Christmas Lunch
18 December	KS2 Drama Activity Club
18 December	KS1 Football Activity Club
19 December	Violin Lessons – Library
19 December	Larch – Dance (Main Hall)
19 December	KS1 Dance Activity Club
19 December	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
19 December	Class Christmas Parties – Hall
20 December	End of Term Service – St Lawrence Church
20 December	Children can be collected after the service (approx. 2.30pm) Afterschool Club will be running as usual.

COMMUNITY & PARISH INFORMATION

7th- 8th December - Christmas Tree Festival @ St Lawrence Church – all welcome!

Available to anyone without referral:

Alton Community Cupboard: Open on:

Monday 12pm-1pm.
Tuesday 7pm-8pm.
Wednesday 12pm-1pm.
Thursday 7pm-8pm.
Friday 12pm-1pm.
Saturday 12.30pm-1.30pm (excluding market Saturdays).

Alton Clothes Bank: Open Tues 9.30am-11.00am, St. Mary`s Church

GLOW – a group for Key Stage 2 children in St Lawrence Church every Thursday afternoon 3.15-4.15pm

Messy Church – Alton Methodist Church (1st Saturday of the month at Alton Methodist Church)

Collective Worships - All welcome - Thursday mornings in St Lawrence Church 9.00-9.30am

Teddies – A toddler group on a Monday morning in term time in the church for free play, activities, music, stories and prayer. 9.30-10.30 but someone is there in the church from 9.00am.

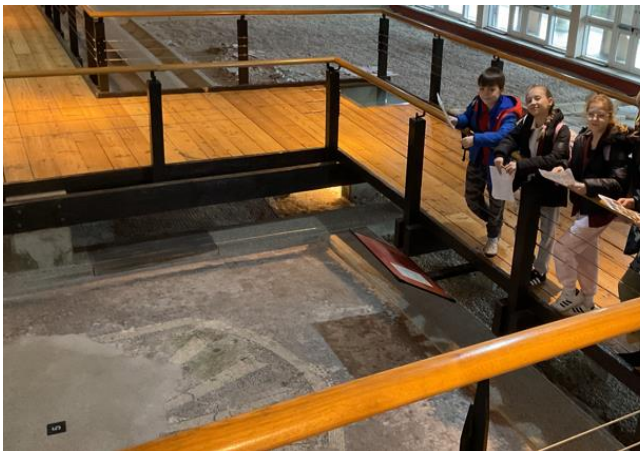
YEAR 5 WITH THE SPRING DANCE COMPANY







YEAR 6 VISITING FISHBOURNE ROMAN PALACE







YEAR R WITH INSPECTOR BANCROFT









