



# St Lawrence Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 11 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023



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## OUR VALUE FOR THE TERM IS SERVICE

### Diary Dates

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Pop up Christmas jumper sale starts from 3.30pm
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Library bus
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Wreath making evening - Ye Horns Inn 7pm see below
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper day - Donations to Save the Children
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Community Christmas Mix from 7pm - Barton Village Hall - see below
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Nativity 6pm
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Nativity 2pm & 6pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS vision screening Christmas dinner day Community carol concert from 7pm - St Lawrence Church
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole school trip to the panto
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Closes - 1.30pm
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School Reopens

If you are concerned about any aspect of school life, we want to know about it as soon as possible. Don't delay, call today! Tel 01772 862664

### STARS OF THE WEEK - Joshua Pendlebury and Milo Eccles in Nursery

This week we have given EVERY pupil in school a star of the week certificate. Without exception, they have done themselves, their parents and the school proud during our inspection. We know that behaviour in school is exemplary and it was pleasing to have this confirmed by HMI and Ofsted. We are not able to share with you the outcome of our inspection until the report is published in around six weeks' time. However, we can share with you some of the very positive comments that the inspectors made about your children's behaviour and personal development:

- Pupils behave impeccably. They are polite, sincere, considerate and friendly.
- Pupils have the utmost respect for teachers and support staff.
- Pupils enjoy happy playtimes. They have a good range of high quality play equipment and staff are actively engaged in setting up games and activities for children.
- Pupils attitude to learning is very strong. Pupils work hard and have high expectations of themselves. They listen well and contribute to class discussions with confidence, energy and conviction.
- Adults in school help pupils to develop strength of character. They are resilient and confident. Pupils talk of being taken "safely and securely outside their comfort zone"
- Pupils know how to keep themselves safe and can articulate good mental health. They are able to talk about positive, healthy relationships.
- There is a plethora of out of school clubs and activities, including before school and during lunchtime. Staff go the extra mile to make sure every pupil is able to access an out of school club

**Headteachers Awards** - Ellie McLoughlin, Freya Hazeldine, Theo Haythornthwaite and Zachariah Forsyth

### MESSAGE FROM MR. CROOK:

Please could I say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped get children to and from sporting competitions. Your help is hugely appreciated - without it we couldn't do what we do! A huge thank you especially for these last few weeks with the traffic lights up - I know how much of a pain it's been - thanks so much!

**YEAR 6 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS** - All of Year 6 took part in the Sports Hall Athletics event at Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre at UCLAN last week. They all represented our school brilliantly and had a great time!

**JUDGE VISIT** - Last week, Year 6 was visited by a judge. Judge Alex Durance facilitated a very interesting discussion on the British legal system- its role in upholding the British value of Rule of Law. He also explained the skills and qualities needed for being a barrister or judge. Year 6 listened well and asked many questions.



**CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?** - We are on the lookout to partner up with a local care home to become pen pals with residents. We wondered if any of our parents or families have connections with care homes that would consider joining us? Please contact the school office if you can help.



**CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING EVENING - WEDNESDAY** PTFA are holding a wreath making evening on Wednesday 6th December from 7pm at Ye Horns Inn. Tickets are available on Parentpay costing £40 each and include all wreath making materials, delicious mince pies and mulled wine. This offer is in connection with Ye Horns Inn and The Flower Shop by Morgan and not to be missed so book now to avoid disappointment!! Gather your friends and family or come alone, either way you will have a wonderful time and everyone is welcome

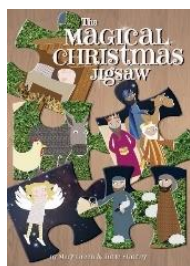
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY** - On Thursday 7th December thousands of people up and down the UK will start their day by pulling on a Christmas jumper for a great cause - to help create a brighter future for children. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper and donate £1 to this great cause. If you want further information log on to <https://christmasjumperday.org/>



**CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE** - With the above in mind, we will once again be holding a second hand Christmas Jumper sale from 3.30pm on Friday 1st Dec up to 6th Dec in the school playground priced at £3 per jumper. If you have an old Christmas jumper in good condition and would like to donate it to our sale please hand this in at the school office.



**CHRISTMAS MIX** - Tickets are now available for the Community Christmas Mix held by Barton Village Hall on Sunday 10th December from 7pm. Buffet served at 7.30pm, all proceeds to St Lawrence church. Tickets cost £18 each and are available to buy from Helen Lees on 01772 864946. Raffle to be drawn on the night.



**NATIVITY PERFORMANCES** - This year the Nativity performances will be -

- **Monday 11th December at 6pm**
- **Tuesday 12th December at 2pm and 6pm**

Tickets are available priced at £2 each and will be restricted to two tickets per family per performance. Tickets are not needed for siblings. As we are making a charge for tickets, we will not have our usual retiring collection. If any family requires additional tickets, please contact Mrs Higham by email at [bursar@st-lawrence.lanc.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-lawrence.lanc.sch.uk) who will allocate any unsold tickets on a first come, first served basis. Ticket sales will close on Wednesday 6th December.



**PANTO** - The PTFA have again very kindly paid for the whole school to go to watch the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk at The Lowther Pavilion in Lytham including admission, snack and juice box for the interval. The visit will take place on **Monday 18th December** and coaches will leave school for the performance **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL FOR 8.30AM on this day** - we will need to leave promptly at 8.45AM and will return at around 12.30pm, where the children will have a slightly later packed lunch - choice of sandwiches are

available to book on ParentPay now. As this trip has been funded by the PTFA we are asking parents to pay just £6 per child to cover the cost of transport - details are on ParentPay.

**PTFA Easy Fundraising ... Let's raise this Christmas!** We'd appreciate your help to use **easyfundraising** to raise money simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com), eBay, Boden, and M&S. There's no catch and it's effectively free to benefit the children of our school.

Every time you shop online we receive a donation to the school, registered as **Barton St Lawrence Primary PTFA**. It's for shopping for all sorts of things including your food shop, fashion & beauty products, Insurance, Travel & hotels, trips etc.

It's not long now to Christmas so please register and grab your Black Friday bargains. Please give it a go and encourage others to do so too:



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