



# St Lawrence Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 6 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023



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## OUR VALUE FOR THE TERM IS SERVICE

### Diary Dates

Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Juniors movie night - details below
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School re-opens
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Year 6 to the Tower wood residential trip
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Year 5 Pizza making trip at Pizza Express
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Bonfire - Barton Village hall - details to follow
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance service - St Lawrence's Church 10.30am
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Library bus
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Fayre - Barton village hall
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 1 trip to Judges Lodgings - details to follow
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Library bus
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Nativity 6pm - details to follow
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Nativity 2pm & 6pm - details to follow
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Community carol concert - details to follow
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole school trip to the panto - details to follow

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



**Star of the week** - Noah Charnley and Jordan Chan in Nursery, Aaria Singh, Adam Witkowski and Jasper Wilson in Reception, Monty Pilling and Sophie Maughan in Year 1, Hunter Sutcliffe and Alice Pendlebury in Year 2, Oscar Charnley, Daniel Kopyl and Henry Smith in Year 3, Harriet Everest and Matilda Forsyth in Year 4, Harry Williamson and Hannah Baron in Year 5, Joe Swindlehurst and Minnie Charnley in Year 6

**Headteachers Award** - Harper Logan, Nancy Lawson and Theo Haythornthwaite



Congratulations to Eva Karran, Grace Lonergan, Mollie Killeen & Ruby McCarthy who have all achieved a new status on TTRockstars.

Special mention to Safin Quasem who has achieved the ultimate status of ROCK HERO. A huge well done to Safin.



Harper Logan has achieved his Bronze award for Reading. Well done Harper!



**POPPIES** - We have official poppies, wristbands and various poppy items for sale in the main reception. You are welcome to come and have a look and make a donation in the collection box. All money goes to Royal British legion.

**NUTS AND GRAPES** - This is a reminder that children should **not bring any nuts and grapes** in to school and if your child is bringing cherry tomatoes, then these **must be cut in half lengthways** as they are a choking hazard. This includes nut based spread and chocolate/ snack bars.

**500 WORDS STORY WRITING COMPETITION** – 500 words is the UK's most successful writing competition and is open for 5-11 year olds. There are two categories one for age 5-7 year olds and one for 8 – 11 year olds. Stories are to be submitted on the website by the 10th November. This is a fantastic opportunity for young writers- see the website for more details: [www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words)



Mrs Sharp will be more than happy to help any children with their stories and would love to read them! Children can find her at lunchtimes between now and the 10th November if they would like to share them or ask for any advice.



**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY- YEAR 6 CHURCH PRESENTATION** – Sunday 12th November marks Remembrance Sunday and we would like to invite everyone to come and join us in St Lawrence Church for the service at 10.30am. As usual, the Kings Royal Hussars will be in attendance and a bugler will sound the last post following a two minute silence at 11:00. This is always a very moving service and it is a privilege to open our church to the military who are always so grateful of the

children's support. Year 6 are to have an important role in the very special church service at St Lawrence's. To honour this, and as part of our learning in our WW2 topic, Year 6 will be presenting to the congregation, which will include members of the military and our local community. We would love to see as many of our Year 6 children there as possible. Year 6 should be in church by 10:15 please. The military will be in uniform and we request that children attending the service are also in full school uniform please.

**Message from the NHS** – Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. Please check your child is up to date with their vaccinations.

**PTFA** - We need YOU! PTFA are raising vital funds to improve the pathway from the Barton Manor entrance across the field before it becomes impassable. As this is now a matter of urgency we are looking for donations by way of a pledge to help us. We will of course be continuing our exciting child focused events alongside this plea. Any donation welcome, if you are able to help, through ParentPay please. Please watch the PTFA video some children have made to help our cause using the link below!

<https://www.st-lawrence.lancs.sch.uk/page/ptfa/92190>

**POP UP BREW STOP!** – Thank you to those who stopped at the pop up brew stop this morning; it was lovely to see you. As you could see with the huge puddles and very muddy path every little helps in the PTFA mission to widen our path!! The Pop up brew stop will be running on Friday mornings in the outdoor classroom on the field by the Barton Manor gates from 08:45 to 09:00. Drinks are priced at £1.50 cash only. There will be tea. Coffee and hot chocolate. Please note this is for adults only and, for safety reasons, we ask that you grab your brew on your way out of school.



**PTFA MOVIE NIGHTS** – The infant movie night went so well last night and we would like to thank all helpers. The children had a wonderful time and it worked so well being split between Infants and Juniors.

There is still time to book tickets for the Junior movie night on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 17:30 – 19:30. Tickets are available on ParentPay priced at £8 per child. This includes a hotdog, fruit,

drink and cookie. **Booking will close on Tuesday at 3pm.**



**BONFIRE NIGHT & FIREWORK DISPLAY** – **Saturday 4th November at Barton Village Hall.**

Food, sweets and drinks are available when gates open from 5.45pm, the fire is being lit from 6.15pm and the firework display will start at 6.45pm.

Entrance is payable in cash on the gate or in advance by debit or credit card through

Parentpay; £5 per adult and £2.50 per child. Courtesy of Barton Manor hotel Hot pot, Butter pie

and cake will be available to buy on the evening. We will also have hotdogs, drinks and stalls with toys and glitter tattoos!

We ask that you **DO NOT** bring Sparklers to this event due to the terms of our insurance please. This is always a fantastic evening; the fireworks are provided by Barton Grange and really are spectacular.

This is one of our biggest events and we are always in need of an extra pair of hands! If you are able to help in any way with parking/marshalling, selling toys or sweets, kitchen please let Ally Lawson or Louise Higham know.

**BAKE SALE** – Well done Nancy Lawson and Theo Haythornthwaite who made a whopping £150 with their bake sale this week. Money will go towards the much needed path extension on the field. They sold out in a record 17 minutes!! Well done to you both.





**FUNDRAISING FOR PARKINSON'S UK** - On 17th December Henry Dunkley in Year 6 and his mum will be taking part in the Aintree Racecourse 5k in support of Parkinson's UK. This is a fantastic charity and with his Grandad at the front of his determination to complete this challenge, we know he will do well. Between them their aim is to raise £500 which would fund a Parkinson's nurse for 25 hours. Good luck Henry, if you would like to

donate or to read more please use this link - [https://www.justgiving.com/page/henry-dunkley-1697030450328?utm\\_campaign=lc\\_frp\\_share\\_transaction\\_fundraiser\\_page\\_launched&utm\\_content=73e0038f-ee2e-43f8-a7fc-c2571f0b6510&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=postoffice&utm\\_term=1697031026445](https://www.justgiving.com/page/henry-dunkley-1697030450328?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched&utm_content=73e0038f-ee2e-43f8-a7fc-c2571f0b6510&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1697031026445)

**CAREERS WEEK** - Next week, we are going to hold a Career's Week in school for children in Years 5 and 6. This will be an opportunity to be inspired by adults in our community!

If you would be at all interested in speaking to Year 5 and 6 about your career path, or a career you had in the past, or are now pursuing, please contact the office with your availability.

**YOUNG VOICES CONCERT** - **Sing with a pop star!** There is still time to join the Young Voices Choir and sing with a star. They keep the singer a close secret until the day of the event and last year we were entertained by Heather Small. The concert is held annually, and Mrs Sharp is looking for 30 children to join her at the AO arena in Manchester on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024. This is open to children in Year 4, 5 & 6 but limited spaces so book now to avoid disappointment - this can be done on Parentpay. Rehearsals will take place every Thursday morning at 8am from 6<sup>th</sup> October. This is an incredible experience for those involved. Please see the attached parental flyer. Parents and family members/ friends will be able to purchase tickets to attend the concert at the AO arena. Every child will need a Young Voices t shirt which will be available for purchase (further info on tickets and t shirts to follow)



<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/for-parents>

### School Sport Report - September

We started off the year with victory at the KS2 multi skills competition. Children were tested on their throwing, catching and sprinting skills. Isaac, Harrison Raees, Zahra, Mollie and Izzy came back with gold medals. What a great start to the year!



The Year 5 and 6 boys went along to Play Football to take part in the Preston schools' football tournament. We took two teams along. Our first-team, captained by Theo, managed to get to the semi-finals. The team of Theo, Elliot, Gabriel, Zach, Alfie, Thomas & Jonas. Our second-team, captained by Noah and including Leo, Harper, Harrison, Dexter, Zaiyaan gave their all in their group games and thoroughly enjoyed every minute.

The hockey league began at the end of the month. Our team, captained by Nancy, won two and drew one of their first league matches, which puts us in a great position going into the next set of games. Well done to Nancy, Alfie, Jessica, Zachariah, Theo, Nathaniel, Ayaanah, Gabriel & Tilly for getting off to such a great start.



**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2024** - If your child has his or her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and 31 August 2024, you must apply for a primary school place before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. **You must apply for a place through Lancashire County Council even if you have already completed our own internal form.**

**Closing date for Secondary applications 31.10.23**

**Closing date for Primary applications 15.01.2024**

Online admissions are now open at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)