

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 2

September 12th 2025

Our value this half-term is **Service**



Mr. Crook's message

It's been a great week here at St Lawrence! We've kicked off our Forest School sessions today and Year I had an absolute ball today - muddy boots, big smiles (as you can see from the photo) and lots of learning in the great outdoors.

The Mad Science assembly was a real treat too - plenty of amazed expressions from the children as they got stuck into some brilliant experiments. It's lovely to see their curiosity come alive.

One of the highlights this week was Thursday's *Blessing of the School Bags*, led by Reverend Ian. It was a really special moment, bringing everyone together and setting a positive tone for the year ahead.

Next week's looking just as exciting! Year 6 are off to Robinwood for their residential - an adventure they won't forget and Year I will be leading their first class worship in Church on Tuesday at 9:15am. All Year I parents are invited to come along for tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards.

Upcoming Dates

Mon 15th Sep to Wed 17th Sep – Y6 to Robinwood

Tues 16th **Sept** – Year 1 class worship St Lawrence's Church 9.15am

Library bus

Thu 18th **Sep** – Messy Church from 3.45pm

Fri 19th Sep – E.Y.F.S. Forest Schools afternoon

Tue 23rd Sep – Whole school flu vaccinations

Thu 25th **Sep –** P.T.F.A. movie night – details to follow

Garstang Community Academy open evening 6pm – 8.30pm

Fri 26th Sep – Y2 Forest Schools afternoon

Sun 28th **Sep** – Harvest Festival Service at St. Lawrence Church – 10am – Year 2 & Year 4 to present

Fri 3rd Oct – Y3 Forest Schools afternoon

Sun 5th **Oct** – Children's service at St-Lawrence's Church 10am

Stars of the Week

Nursery – Kevin and Margot

E.Y.F.S. - Ted C and Ted B

Year I – Leo and Sidney

Year 2 – William and Fintan

Year 3 – Eleanor and Tasin

Year 4 – Pippa and Shayan

Year 5 – Alba and Safin

Year 6 - Yusuf and Ruby

Music Award;

E.Y.F.S. - Adam

Headteacher's Award

Emelia in E.Y.F.S, Alistair in Year I and Faye in Year 2

<u>Parking</u> – Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking at school and be aware that Green Drive is a private road so parking is for residents only. We appreciate it can be difficult finding places to park at times and our extended drop off does assist this but please be careful that you are not parking over a driveway or in a dangerous position for pedestrians **especially at the end of the road on the bends**. Please consider walking to school if you live locally.

<u>Flu Vaccinations</u> – If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link. https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/dc5478fa

The vaccinations will take place on the Tuesday 23/09/2025. The link will close on the 14/09/25. If your child has already had the flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please complete a 'No' to consent form. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 2 option 1

<u>Nuts, grapes and cherry tomatoes</u> – Please note that we are a **NUT FREE** school, this means there can be no nuts of any type or form in school. This includes if nuts are an ingredient in any product. Please think about this carefully when packing lunches. We also do not allow grapes or cherry tomatoes in school even when cut due to them being a choking hazard.

Class Worship – It is Year I Class Worship on Tuesday at 9.15am in St Lawrence's Church all parents are welcome to attend. There will be tea, Coffee and biscuits afterwards.

Harvest Festival Service - We will be holding a Harvest Festival service in St Lawrence's Church on Sunday 28th September at 10am. The service usually lasts around an hour. This year children in Years 2 and 4 will take part in the service with a short presentation and prayers. The whole school is welcome to attend the service and to bring gifts of tins or packets of food. The Rose Queen, Idunnu and her retinue will be in attendance and will help to receive gifts of food items from the children as they present them at the front of church. The food is then taken to the local food bank.

Governor's 100 club – Subscription costs just £15 per year, per member and a draw is made each month creating four winners - £5, £10, £15 and £25. An additional draw of £35 is made each quarter. If you would like to become a member, tickets can be purchased on ParentPay. As a church school, the governors have to fund 10% of the cost of any maintenance or building projects. The Governor's 100 Club helps to raise these funds so not only will you be in with a chance of winning a cash prize every month you will also be helping school. You've got to be in it to win it!

<u>Value of the half term</u> - This half term we will be focusing on the value of service and how doing small things to help one another can cause ripples through the community and create changes on a larger scale. In worship this week we shared the story of Tabitha (Acts 9:36-42) who was a kind woman who spent her time helping others. When Tabitha became sick, the people from the community she had served came together to help her. They called for Peter to pray for Tabitha. Her story shows us that when we help other people and expect nothing in return, we can create a community around ourselves who might serve us when we are in need. This week we are asking the children to try to help someone in a small way. This could be to hold open a door for someone, carry something for someone or pick something up that has been dropped. See if we can cause a ripple of kindness around our community.



<u>Sign Language - signs of the week -</u> As a few members of our school community occasionally use sign language to communicate, we thought it would be lovely to learn some signs as a school. This week the signs focus on greetings.

