



# NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 13

December 5th 2025

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



## Mr. Crook's message

What an incredible week we've had in school! One of the absolute highlights was our very first E.Y.F.S. Nativity play - and what a triumph it was! The children were simply outstanding; every single one of them shone like a star on stage. Their confidence, enthusiasm and joy were a delight to see and they told the Christmas story so beautifully. It was heartwarming to look out and see so many proud mummys, daddys, and grandparents smiling and cheering them on. The atmosphere was magical and it truly felt like a special moment for our school community. A huge thank you goes to Ms. Lonsdale, Miss Harvey, Mrs. Roddam, Mr. Mitchell and Sue Shaw for their creativity, dedication and countless hours of preparation. From costumes and props to rehearsals and music, they worked tirelessly to make this event such a success. This was a team effort in every sense and I couldn't be prouder of what they achieved. Elsewhere this week, Year 1 enjoyed a fascinating visit to Judges' Lodgings and Year 5 led a thoughtful and inspiring Class Worship in church. I was especially proud to receive this feedback from one of our parishioners: *"I never cease to be amazed at what each class brings to Church each week."* To round off the week, our gymnastics team represented the school brilliantly at a competition - well done to all involved!

## Upcoming Dates

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Children's Service in Church from 10am

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Whole school to 'The Snow Queen,' The Dukes in Lancaster

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Library bus  
KSI Nativity in Church 6pm

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** – KSI Nativity in Church 6pm

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Jumper Day  
Year 5/6 Christmas Party at The Flower Bowl

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – EYFS / KSI Christmas party in school

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** - 9.30am Nursery nativity  
Year 3/4 Christmas Party at Billy Bobs  
Community Carol Concert in Church 6.30pm

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – P.T.F.A. The Grinch Breakfast – details on ParentPay  
Winter Wonderland – Details to follow  
Christmas Dinner Day  
Nursery Christmas Party

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – School closes at 1.30pm

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec**– Lessons and Carols service - 10am in St Lawrence's Church

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christingle Service 4pm in St Lawrence's Church

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026** – School Reopens

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Messy Church

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y4 Forest Schools afternoon

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Children's Service at St. Lawrence Church – 10am All welcome

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y6 Class Worship at St Lawrence Church 9.15am

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y4 Residential trip meeting for Parents 5.30pm

### **Stars of the Week**

**Nursery** – Elizabeth and Margot  
**E.Y.F.S.** – Korey, Alfie and Noah  
**Year 1** – Omar, Noah and Tom  
**Year 2** – Freddie and Eesa  
**Year 3** – Layth and Layton  
**Year 4** – Tiana and James  
**Year 5** – Raymond and Thomas  
**Year 6** – Willem and Muhammad

### **Headteacher's Award**

Yuvraaj in Year 4 and Lilly in Year 6

**Times Tables Awards;** Well done to James and Nicole in Year 4 who have completed all of their times tables. Well done both.

Huge congratulations to Sean and Muhammad in year 6 who have achieved the ultimate status of Rock Hero on TTRockstars.

Well done also to Charlotte, Willem, Freddie, Fred and Seth in Year 6, Freddie, Miles and Sophie in Year 4, Charlie Sm. in Year 3 and Xander in Year 2 who have all achieved a new status on TTRockstars.

**Reading Award;** James in Year 4 & Archie in Year 2

### **PARKING - ⚠ Near Miss Outside School – A Serious Reminder ⚠**


**Today, we experienced a near miss incident on the pavement outside school that could have resulted in a serious injury. Please can we remind everyone that road safety is everyone's responsibility. We urge all parents, carers and drivers to exercise extreme caution when dropping off or collecting children. Please do not stop in unsafe areas including the yellow zig zags AT ANY TIME, and always remain alert. Safety must come first - no convenience or rush is worth risking a life. Let's work together to ensure our school remains a safe environment for everyone. Your vigilance can prevent a serious incident.**

### **Proposed Admissions Arrangements for September 2027**

The Governing Board of St. Lawrence Church of England Primary School is currently consulting on the proposed admission arrangements for September 2027. The proposed admission arrangements can be viewed on the school website in the 'Admissions' section under the 'Key Information' tab. Alternatively, if you would like to receive a paper copy of the proposals, please contact the school office. The policy has been updated to place children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission as number 2 in our criteria. Any comments on the proposals should be sent, via email, to Richard Crook, Headteacher at [head@st-lawrence.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-lawrence.lancs.sch.uk). The consultation opens today - Friday 7th November 2025 and closes on Friday 19th December 2025 and written comments must be received by this time.

### **✦ Nativity performances –**

- **KSI (Year 1 & 2)** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in Church  
All tickets have been given out now so please check your child's bag if you have not yet received them.
- **Nursery** – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in Nursery  
Tickets are free but are limited to 2 tickets per family. Please contact Sue Greenhalgh with any queries.

 **The Snow Queen, Lancaster** – **MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> December** - The P.T.F.A. have again very kindly paid for the whole school to go to watch a Christmas show which this year is – The Snow Queen at The Dukes in Lancaster. **The Coaches will leave school for the performance at 9am, please ensure your child is in school for 8.45am on this day as we will need to leave promptly.** We 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 P.T.F.A. we are asking parents to pay just £7.50 per child to cover the cost of transport – details are on ParentPay.

### **Christmas Card Competition – Spread Some Festive Cheer!**

This Christmas, we'd love our pupils to help share joy with our local community! We are inviting all children to design and create a Christmas card that will be sent to our neighbours in Barton, especially those living on Jepps Avenue.

Here's what to do:

- Use any media you like – be as creative as you wish!
- Write your card and address it to:  
“Neighbours of St Lawrence School”
- Post your finished card in the red post box located in the school office. We will deliver the card for you after the winners have been decided.

Prizes will be awarded for the best design in KS1 and KS2 so let your imagination sparkle! Deadline for entries: Friday 12th December. Let's make this festive season extra special for our community. We can't wait to see your wonderful creations.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Join thousands across the UK in spreading festive cheer and making a real difference! On **Thursday 11th December**, we're inviting all children to wear their favourite Christmas jumper and donate £1 on Parentpay to Save the Children. It's a simple way to have fun and support an amazing cause. Every pound counts! For more details and ideas, visit: [christmasjumperday.org](http://christmasjumperday.org)

**Community charity work** – Last weekend Yuvraaj in Year 4 chose to spend his entire weekend supporting his dad with a charitable project for families in need over the festive period. Together, they visited multiple supermarkets and purchased over 4.000 essential items to donate. He even travelled to the Temple to help deliver the donations, working hard right to the end. What a lovely and inspirational thing to do. Well done Yuvraaj!

