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| **St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School****Newsletter**Friday 28th February |
| ***‘****Developing our gifts and talents for the good of all’*

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| **It’s good to be green!****Our target for this academic year is 96%.****Our attendance for this week was 92.2% please try to get your children to school on time every day. Thank you to everyone who made a huge effort to get children into school on time and smartly dressed in their uniform. Congratulations to Mr Gibson’s class who achieved 100% attendance this week.**Green (G) = 97%+, Amber (A) = 95% or 96%, Red (R) = Less than 95%

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| **Reception:%** **96%** | **1S%****97.6%** | **2S:%****91.2%** | **3S:%****95%** | **4S:%****99.2%** | **5S:%****95.2%** | **6S:%****95%** | **Whole School** |
| **1L:%****99.2%** | **2L:%****92.6%** | **3L:%****97.2%** | **4L:%****97.6%** | **5L:%****97.1%** | **6L:%****95.4%** | **96%** |

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| **Attendance**We want all the children to attend school every day ensuring that they maximise their learning. Please help us to achieve this target by getting your child into school each day, on time. EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!!Our Year 6, Year 4 and Year 1 children sit tests this year, so it is vitally important that they attend every day. We ask that parents do not book holidays during the following periods below due to testing. Year 6 SATs testing: Week beginning 12th May 2025 (they also have mock tests the week before beginning 5th May 2025)Year 4 Times Tables testing: Week beginning 9th June 2025Year 1 Phonics testing: Week beginning 9th June 2025 |
| **Attendance Competition**This half term we will be holding competitions between the classes to compete against each other to win the Champions league Easter Egg Cup or the Europa league attendance cup, to further encourage 100% attendance. All classes including Nursery will be in the competition.  |
|  **Value of the Month**During the month of March, we will be learning about responsibility. We will be learning what it means to be responsible and thinking about what we can take responsibility for. |
| **Kirkby Child**Lots of our children have shown different values over the past few weeks. They have been nominated by their teachers as winners of our Kirkby Child certificates. The agreed set of values for all schools in Kirkby are: \*Respectful \*Honest and truthful \*Positive attitude \*Resilient \*Confident \*Good communicator \*Polite \*Committed and hardworking \* Aspirational and ambitiousWell done to the following children who have won certificates this week: Nursery – Sydnee Taylor (confidence)Reception – Nicolas Oliviera Placedino (polite)1S – Renesmee Slade (polite and truthful)1L – Emilia Richardson (Polite)2S – Rosie Atkinson (resilient)2L – Cleo Christie Scotland (good communicator)3S – Nelly O’Brien (polite)3L – Nancy Lovett (positive attitude)4S – James Dunne (committed and hardworking)4L – Hayzel Townsend (aspirational and ambitious)5S – Laura Concha Veroni (positive and kind)5L – Valentina Reid (positive attitude)6S – Lola Howarth6L – |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**Stars of the Week**Nursery – Jospeh FlynnReception – Taylor Sullivan1S – Elia Caulfield 1L – Iris McGorianC:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png2S Gabriel Dawkins 2L – Faith Bruen3S – Flynn Anderson 3L – Leah Carey4S – Chloe McGorian 4L – Marcie Horrocks5S – Luis DaSilva 5L – Nancy Jones6S – Charlie Taylor 6L – |
| C:\Users\carrollsj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R1W79MWH\Award_star_(gold)[1].png**English and Maths Stars of the Week** Reception – English: Carter Coyle Maths: Axel Gordon1S – English: Sienna Smith Maths: Bobby Baines  1L – English: Skylah Smylie Maths: Carter Thompson2S – English: Lacey-Mae Croxford Maths: Caleb Townsend 2L – English Harlen Farrell Maths: Annie McNamara3S – English: Tilly Payne Maths: Esme Evans 3L – English: Kadi Gibbons Maths: Leo Hackney 4S – English: Lewis Slade Maths: Harry McGrath 4L – English: Lois Martin Maths: Monica Dempsey 5S – English: Freddie Stevenson Maths: Elijah Greenhalgh 5L – English: Alyssa Mawdsley Maths:Jamie Dumbell6S – English: Mason Ward Maths: Lilly Dean 6L – English: Maths:  |
| **Football Success**Congratulations to our Year 4 footballers who won two tournaments this week. They will now progress to the Merseyside final at Finch Farm on 30th April. They played brilliantly and deserved every success. |
| **World Book Day**We’re excited to be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 6th March!** This year, we’re focusing on the characters and stories children love most, encouraging them to celebrate the joy of reading for pleasure and share their favourite books with friends.If they’d like to, children can **dress up as a favourite book character or wear their pyjamas** to embrace the magic of bedtime stories! They should also bring in a favourite book of their choice to share and discuss in class.There will also be a special World Book Day lunch of chicken burger, smiley faces, beans and sandwich cake. This is free for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. For KS2 there is a charge of £1 for children who usually pay for school dinners.Children will receive a book voucher on the day which can be exchanged for a book. This year, Kirkby Library will be one of the places where the voucher can be exchanged.We look forward to a wonderful day of reading, storytelling, and book-loving fun!\***Please be aware that 5S will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March as they are swimming on 6th March** |
| **Parent’s Night**Spring Parent’s night will be held on Thursday 13th March. Appointments for this can be made from Monday 3rd March.  |
| **Year 6 Meeting for Parents**On Monday 3rd March at 4.30pm we will be holding a meeting for Year 6 parents. At this meeting we will go through preparations for Year 6 SATs including key dates. We will also provide information about the upcoming residential to Ormside. This meeting will provide valuable information, and we look forward to seeing you there. |
| **5S Swimming**5S will continue their swimming block this week. Children will need to bring their swimming kit,and a coat in to school Monday – Thursday. Children can wear PE kits on swimming days. | **Year 4 Computer Science Workshop** Year 4 will be working with the CLC on Wednesday 5th March. They will be exploring Computer Science. |
| **4S Collection of Children**Please can parents collect their children from the gate at the back of the school. Recently, parents have been collecting children from the line as children walk round which makes it hard for staff to keep track of who has collected the child. The safety of the children is our priority, and we need to ensure they go home with an appropriate adult. | **Cars Around School**We have had a number of complaints from local residents about driving, parking and litter around school. We ask that everybody is respectful of the local residents and keeps the area around our school safe. |
| **Breakfast and After School Club**Our Breakfast and After School Club is now full. If you need a place for your child, please get in touch with the school office and they will add you to the waiting list.Please note our opening hours and charges are as follows: \*Breakfast Club – 7.45am till 8.40am £4.00 \*After School Club – 3.15pm till 5.15pm £6.50Children must be pre booked to be given a place for either club. A minimum of two days must also be booked.  |
| **Year 4 Communion Preparation**There is a further meeting planned for parents and children who wish to celebrate their First Holy Communion. The meeting is on 11th March 4pm- 5pm at church. Father Sean will provide provisional First Holy Communion dates after the meeting.Father Sean has asked us to remind parents of the importance of attending one of the parish masses every weekend as part of their sacramental preparation. |
| **Year 5 Liturgy**On Thursday 6th March, Year 5 will have their year group Liturgy in the school hall at 9.15am.Parents are welcome to join us for  |
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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Year 3/4**Multi Sports Mr. Cushion **Year 6** Booster classes(Mr Grant, Mrs Hill, Mr Folksman, Mr Kenny, Mrs Barr, Mrs Middleham, Miss Green, Mrs Burns)3.15 – 4.15 | **Year 3/4**3.15pm Football Club(Mr Kenny/ Mr Folksman ) |  | **Year 6**Booster classes (Mrs Purchase)3.15 – 4.15**Year 3,4,5 and 6**ChoirMrs Faulkner and Mrs Murray3.15 – 4.15**Mini Vinnies** Mr Folksman3.15 – 4.15**Cricket Y5 and 6**Mr Grant3.15 – 4.15 |  |

**Dates for your diary**3rd March- Year 6 Parent’s meeting Sats and Ormside5th March – Year 4 Computer Science workshop with CLC6th March – Year 5 Liturgy (Parents welcome to attend)6th March – World Book Day10th March – 5L swimming block begins11th March – Communion meeting for Year 4 children and parents at church13th March – Year 2 Liturgy (Parents welcome to attend)13th March – Spring Parent’s night21st March – Comic Relief9th April – Easter Bingo 5pm10th April – School closes for Easter Holidays 2pm23rd April – School opens for summer term |
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| **To all our children and families… Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday.****Mrs Barr** **and all the staff of St Laurence’s School** |
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