



Re-set, re-adjust, re-focus, re-start... as many times as you need to

5th Jan 2024

Happy New Year to you all!

We hope you had a fantastic Christmas filled with joy and laughter. Now that the holidays are over, it's time to get back into the swing of things at St Lawrence C of E Primary School.

As we kick off the new year, we have lots of exciting things planned for the term. From special assemblies to fun-filled learning activities, there's never a dull moment at St Lawrence C of E Primary School. Make sure to keep an eye out for updates and announcements in our regular newsletters, as well as on our school website.

We use School PING to communicate a lot with families so please make sure your access is working. Do call the office if you need help.

Retirement News

Mrs Freak is retiring! Can you believe it?

Mrs Freak has been an incredible member of our school community, working every day as a member of our lunchtime team for the last 32 years. We are all going to miss her so much. We thought you would like to know that Mrs Freak's last day will be next Friday 12th January, we are sure you will want to join us in wishing her well on her retirement. Of course, we will send photographs of goodbyes next week after we have all congratulated her on her amazing career and incredible dedication to the children who have travelled through St Lawrence with her over the years.

Bikeability

Those children in Year 5 who have signed up for Bikeability will be completing their course on 22nd and 23rd January (Group 1) and 24th and 26th January (Group 2). Please check that your child's bike is in good working order and that they have weather appropriate clothes and a helmet.

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CELEBRATING EACH OTHER, AND THE JOURNEY WE ARE ON

School Application Deadline

It has been a pleasure to show so many wonderful prospective families around St Lawrence over the last couple of months during our Open Mornings, Open Evenings and individual visits. You have all been super visitors – we loved sharing the work of our school with you. Please remember the deadline for applications for a school place for any child who will start Reception next September is **January 15th 2024**. All applications must be made through this link:

<https://educationportal.essex.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en>

If you or anyone you know have any questions, even if you are not looking for a place at St Lawrence, please feel free to give us a call – we will happily answer any queries that you have. Anyone is still very welcome to come and look around the school.

PLEASE DO NOT MISS THE DEADLINE AND DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL US IF YOU NEED HELP

PE Days

Just like last term children can wear their PE kit (black tracksuit bottoms, school PE shirt, school sweatshirt/cardigan and trainers) to school on their class PE days.

Some classes have changed their PE days for this half term, so do check below.

Foundation – Wednesday
Year 1 – Tuesday and Friday
Year 2 – Wednesday and Friday
Year 3 – Wednesday and Friday
Year 4 Circles – Wednesday and Friday
Year 4 Squares – Thursday and Friday
Year 5 – Wednesday and Friday
Year 6 – Monday and Wednesday

Wraparound Care

If you need childcare before (8 – 8.45 a.m.) or after school (3.15 – 5.45 p.m.) then we may be able to help. We have a few places in our super wraparound care facility. Call or e-mail the office for more information.

Save the date (advanced notice)...

Essex Local Authority will be running their Local Offer Roadshows for parents/carers who have children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) later this term.

The event for the North East Area will be on **Wednesday 13th March** at **Colchester United Football Stadium**.

You do not need any diagnosis to go along and get help at a roadshow. You may:

- be new to SEND and unsure what help is available
- feel your child needs help or have questions about the support they already receive
- want to find out what support there is for you as a parent or carer
- not be sure what support you might need

There are many different professionals who can help you under one roof. This includes local support groups, education professionals, health teams and social care teams.

You will be able to:

- access support and information
- understand the different services available
- find out about support available in schools
- find out about local support, such as parent groups
- meet other carers and parents

You can drop in when it's convenient for you, without booking. Groups and teams will have their own stalls. You can explore the different stalls, ask questions and have a cuppa. Quieter areas for discussion will also be available.

Use this link for more information:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>

The school is registered under the Data Protection Act for holding personal data. The school has a duty to protect this information and keep it up to date. The school is required to share some of the data with the Local Authority and with the DfE. It is parental responsibility to ensure that their details and that of other contacts held on their child's records are correct and up to date.