

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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St Lawrence Church of England Primary School
'Achieving together + Learning for life'



Our Christian Value this term is: 'Friendship'.



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy term, with plenty of enjoyable events happening in school.

At the start of the term Gloucestershire County Council Bikeability team joined us to teach the year sixes children essential road safety skills. For the first year, the team also held learn to ride sessions, giving younger pupils an opportunity gain confidence and start cycling independently. The sessions were a success and all the children who took part were, by the end of their sessions, able to whiz around the playground with a fantastic grin on their faces!

At the end of April, the children involved in the school choir or music lessons travelled to Cheltenham to attend the Jazz Festival. They had a fantastic time listening to music with other local schools followed by a picnic in the park. The transport for this trip was generously funded by Lechlade Town Council, and we wish to express our thanks in providing this support.

The Year sixes took part in a K-Nex challenge earlier in the school year and Albie and Cody were selected to represent St Lawrence at the regional final. We are very proud of how hard they worked and would like to congratulate them on their efforts.

At the end of the term after working extremely hard during their SAT tests the Year 6 pupils headed off on their residential to the Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre in Lydney for three days. The children had a fantastic time taking part in several different outdoor activities and even enjoyed marshmallows over a rainy campfire!

For those who may not know, each year FOSLS generously gifts every class £100 to spend on extra resources—helping to enrich the children's learning in ways that standard school funding cannot cover.

This year, Kingfisher Class decided to spend their budget on the Mr Penguin book series, which they absolutely loved as their recent class reader. They also chose some beginner weaving and sewing kits to help develop their fine motor skills. We are so grateful for your continued support. Thank you so much, FOSLS!

Further to my message a couple of weeks ago, I can confirm that Mrs Cowan, our School Business Manager will be taking on a seconded position in our Academy Trust central finance team after half term. She will remain working with us for one day per week as a 'School Finance Partner' keeping continuity in place. Mrs Taylor will be taking on a new role as Office & Finance Administrator and will take over many of the day-to-day financial operations such as dealing with wrap around care, trips and childcare vouchers. Please continue to use the finance@ or admin@ email addresses as you do currently and the right person will pick up the right message. I wish Mrs Cowan every success in her new role and am sure she will be a great asset to her new schools as she is for us now.

As we approach the final term of the school year and the weather starts to improve, please may I remind you of the importance of applying suntan lotion and having a water bottle and a hat in school.

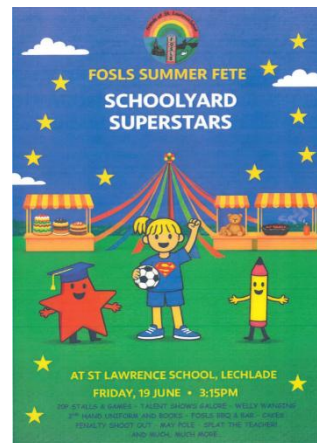
Wishing you all an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on 1st June.

Gordon Soutar (Head Teacher)

FOSLS Summer Fete – Friday 19th June, 3:15pm

We are looking forward to FOSLS Summer Fete – Schoolyard Superstars on Friday 19th June. There will be lots of fun to be had with 20p stalls & games, talent shows, welly wangling, penalty shoot outs, May pole, splat the teacher and much, much more. There will also be a 2nd hand uniform and book stalls, FOSLS BBQ & bar and cakes!

It will be a wonderful family fun afternoon so please come and support FOSLS and the school.



Book Donations Needed for the Summer Fete.

Our fantastic Year 5 Librarians are already hard at work preparing for their second book sale of the year, which will take place at the upcoming School Summer Fete!

To make it a success, they need your help. They are looking for donations of pre-loved books in good condition, suitable for Pre-school, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children.

Books will be sold for just 50p each, and every single penny raised will go directly toward buying exciting new texts for our school library.

The Year 5 team did an amazing job in the autumn term, raising a whopping £79.37-let's see if we can beat that total this summer!

Please drop any donations off at the school office. Thank you for your support!

(Please note the change of original advertised date due to Area sports taking place on the 26th June).

Class Structure next year

We have 24 children joining our reception year group in September. We will therefore be having a straight reception class. The current Puffin & Kingfisher classes will move up as they are to create a mixed Year One/Two and a mixed Year two/Three class. Years Four, Five & Six will remain as discrete year groups as they are now. Details regarding teachers and assistants will be provided after half term.

Sports Day – Monday 29th June

Advanced notice that we intend on holding our traditional sports day on the afternoon of 29th June. Parents are invited to attend the event from 1:30pm on the school field. A selection of traditional primary school races will take place involving all children Reception – Year 6. (Reserve date 10th July)

Last Day of term – Friday 17th July

Please note that on the last day of term (Friday 17th July) school finishes at 1:30pm.

New school uniform provider; Gooddies



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We have partnered with a new uniform provider; Gooddies. You are now able to choose between School Trends or Gooddies for your logoed items.

In the school office we have a range of Gooddies items you are welcome to look at to determine size you require. As a school we think the quality and price point is very good and we hope you like the new uniform.

Please take a look using either the QR code on the poster or going to www.gooddies.co.uk.

PE kit and school uniform

Children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on days when they have a PE lesson. We will endeavour to message parents in good time if changes to usual days take place and particularly when a class has our sports coach on a rota basis. On non-PE days, please could you

ensure your child is wearing full school uniform including school shoes not trainers.

It is our school policy to only allow simple stud earrings as jewellery worn in school. A wristwatch may be worn but this will need to be removed for PE (this includes Fitbit).

FOSLS 2nd Hand Uniform rail

The FOSLS team have set up rail of 2nd hand uniform in the school entrance foyer. Please place any donations in the FOSLS box mounted on the wall, suggested donation is £1 per item.

Social media posts

Parents/carers are asked not to post images (photos and videos) of pupils other than their own children on social media sites unless they have the permission of parents/carers of other children pictured. Please refer to the Social Media Policy located on the school website for further information.

Supporting the schools fundraising efforts

If you are having a sort out over the holidays please remember to bring your unwanted textiles to the bank located at the school gate to help raise funds for the school.



**Bring a bag to school
this term for our**

School Textile bank

Everything you donate raises
funds for our children.

- ✓ Clean clothing
- ✓ Pairs of shoes
- ✓ Bras
- ✓ Bags
- ✓ Belts

Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity
Friday 22nd May	Last day of term 5.
Monday 1st June	First day of term 6.
Wednesday 3 rd June	Reception 26/27 New Parent Welcome meeting at 2pm
Friday 5 th June	Y6 visit from Farmor's Head of Y7
Wednesday 10 th June	Y6 Burford Orientation Day
Thursday 11 th June	Y6 Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral.
Monday 15 th June	Dental survey for 5 year olds
Wednesday 17 th June	Reception 26/27 Picnic with Parents
Thursday 18 th June	District Sports.
Friday 19 th June	FOSLS Summer Fete.
Monday 22 nd June	Love Photography group/class photos
Wednesday 24 th June	Dr Bearchill's science workshop day (FOSLS experience day)
Thursday 25/26 th June	Burford Intake days
Friday 26 th June	Area Sports
Monday 29 th June	Sports Day (1.30pm).
Tuesday 30 th June	Reception Little City Role Play Y1/Y2 Trip to Kelmscott Manor
Tuesday 30 th June and Wednesday 1 st July	Y6 Farmor's Intake days.
Wednesday 1 st July	School move up morning.
Friday 3 rd July	Y6 Youth worker visit.
Monday 6 th July	Y6 trip to Coleshill.
Wednesday 8 th July	Y4 trip to Caerleon.
Friday 10 th July	Y6 Youth worker visit.
Tuesday 14 th July	Y5/6 Class Play at 6pm.
Thursday 16 th July	Y6 Leavers service – 2pm – leavers' parents welcome.
Friday 17th July	Last day of term 6. School finishes at 1:30pm.
Monday 20th July	Inset Day. No pupils in School.
Tuesday 1st September	Inset Day. No pupils in School.
Wednesday 2nd September	First day of Term 1 (Years 1-6).
Thursday 3 rd September	First day of Term 1 for Reception pupils (8.45am -12:00pm)