

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER NO. 6
Friday 17th July 2025



St Lawrence Church of England Primary School
'Achieving together + Learning for life'



Our Christian Value this term is: 'Respect'

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally reached the end of what has been an incredibly busy school year! The children have worked hard and achieved so much. As a school, we have taken part in many sporting, musical and educational trips which the children have enjoyed and excelled at.

On a rather hot Friday afternoon, the FOSLS' fete took place. My thanks to all that were involved in the planning and preparation for the day as well as those who helped on stalls or came along to support the event. We also send our thanks to the local emergency services who also attended the event. It was a great afternoon of fun.

Yesterday we held our Leavers' Service to say goodbye to our leavers. Whilst this service is aimed predominantly at our leavers and their parents, all children in school attended for what is always a special time.

Over the years it has been wonderful to watch our current Year 6 children grow both physically and metaphorically. They are an amazing group of children with so many different skills and attributes between them. As they embark on their next stage of education, I wish each one of them well and trust that the experiences they have received at St Lawrence will help to enable them to meet the challenges to come. Our very best wishes to them all.

We bid a fond farewell to Mrs Cinnamond, who has provided care and support for so many children. We wish her every success in her new role.

Congratulations to Miss Warner who is getting married next Friday. On her return she will take on her new name of Mrs Earby.

As we approach the summer holidays, I trust that every family can spend some quality time together and gets the chance to switch off from the daily hustle and bustle wherever you may be; near or far. Wishing all a safe and enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing most again in September.

Gordon Soutar, Headteacher

A reminder that school finishes at 1:30pm on Friday 17th July.

School will finish at 1:30pm, there will be no after school club provision.

Belongings

At the end of term, please make sure that your child takes home all their belongings. This includes any musical instruments that you own or are hiring for lessons at school.

School Lunches

Please make sure that you have paid for all school lunches for KS2 up to and including Friday 17th July. Any balance left on leavers' meals accounts will be transferred to siblings or refunded. Other pupils' balances will be carried forward to September. Thank you.

A copy of the standard menu is available on the school website <https://www.stlawrencelechlade.co.uk/school-meals/>

September term start

School starts with one Inset Day for staff only on 1st September. Children in Years 1-6 return on Wednesday 2nd September and our Reception class begin on Thursday 3rd September.

A copy of the term dates for the year is available on the school website <https://www.stlawrencelechlade.co.uk/term-dates/> or a hard copy is always available by request in the school office.

Class Structure for 2026-2027

Year Group	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistant(s)
Reception (EYFS)/ Year One Puffin	Mrs Pavlidou	Mrs Harrison-Williams
Year One/Two kingfisher	Miss Honeyborne	Mrs Gooding
Year Two/Three Kestrel	Mrs Bailey, Mrs Earby (Fri)	Mrs Ryan
Year Four Heron	Mrs Bird (3 days), Mrs Earby (Mon/Tue)	*
Year Five Owl	Mrs McConnell	*
Year Six Kite	Mrs Howard & Mrs Stevens	*

In addition to the class-based roles Mrs Shippey will continue with Nurture support.

Mrs Stevens will continue in her role as SENCo

Mrs Bull, Mrs Bagley-rimes, Miss Handy & Mrs Harris will continue to work 1 to 1 alongside additional class support.

On non-class teaching days Mrs Earby carries out her Deputy Headteacher leadership roles.

Teaching Assistants to be announced September for Year 4,5,6.

School uniform

Please refer to the school website for school uniform requirements; <https://www.stlawrencelechlade.co.uk/school-uniform/> a link to the school uniform provider can also be found on the page.

School lunches

If you know that your child is going to be late in school because of a medical appointment or for any other reason and you want to order a school lunch, please email, or phone the school office by 9:20am that morning. School lunch orders are taken by the class teacher at morning registration and passed to the kitchen by 9:30am. If your child comes into school later and hasn't ordered a lunch in advance, the kitchen staff might not be able to accommodate the late order (in this case you will be asked to provide a packed lunch), or the choice will be limited to whatever the kitchen can offer. Alternatively, you can tell the class teacher the previous day if you know in advance that your child is going to be in school later the following morning.

Medicines in school

Where possible medicines should be given at home. For example, if your child needs a course of medicine that is to be taken three times a day, it can be given before school, immediately after school and before bedtime.

If there is an occasion when your child needs to be given medicine during the school day, you may come to school yourself at lunchtime, if possible, or send in a relative or friend.

Alternatively, a member of staff may agree to give medicine to your child. In this instance, we will require you to complete a 'record of Medicine Administered to an individual child' form which includes details of the medication being taken, the dosage and time to be administered. The medicine should be given into the school office for safe storage during the school day and not kept by the pupil.

Year 3 swimming

Swimming lessons have been provisionally booked for Autumn and Spring term at the leisure centre in Highworth. Lesson will start on Thursday 24th September, we will be asking for a parental contribution towards the cost of this.

Dogs around school

Please be reminded that no dogs should be brought into the school grounds at drop off or pick up time. Please be mindful of others if you are leaving dogs on railings etc or standing with them as some children do find that difficult.

Wraparound care

Both breakfast club and after school club session are available to book for the first 3 weeks of the term via Arbor.

Please note that for new reception children who are joining us in September; wraparound provision will not be available to them until w/c 21st September, when they are in full-time attendance.

Sunday 6 th September 2026 7pm	For period (21 st September 2026 – 18 th December 2026)
Sunday 6 th December 2026 7pm	For period (5 th June 2027 – 25 th March 2027)
Sunday 14 th March 2027 7pm	For period (12 th April 2027 - 20 th July 2027)

After School Activity clubs for the autumn term

Details of clubs for the autumn terms will be sent home as soon as possible in September when we return to school. It is envisaged that most clubs will start during week commencing 14th September.

Instrument tuition during school hours

Guitar, Ukelele, Trumpet, cornet, piano and drumming lessons are available from Mr Jim Bateman, please contact him on jim@batemanmusic.co.uk or 07902 208483.

Mrs Lyndsay Batman also offers Guitar lessons, her contact details are lyndsay@batemanmusic.co.uk.

Music lessons are suitable for children in Y1/2 upwards. Instruments are available to hire from the Colwell Arts centre in Gloucester.

Speech and Drama tuition during school hours

Lesson on speech and drama are available from Mrs Lindsey Leadley, please contact her on admin@musicalmania.co.uk or 07766 762934

Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term 6. School finishes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 1 st September	Inset Day (No pupils in school)
Wednesday 2 nd September	First day of term 1 for pupils in Years 1-6
Thursday 4 th September	First day of term for new Reception pupils 1:30pm Finish
Friday 5 th September	Year 5 trip to Coleshill
Thursday 24 th September	Year 3 swimming sessions begin
Tuesday 30 th September	Year 6 trip to Steam
Friday 2 nd October	Nurture welcome meeting for new parents 2:00pm
Thursday 22 nd October	Last Day of term 1
Friday 23 rd October	Inset Day (No pupils in school)
Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October	Half term
Monday 2 nd November	First day of term 2
Tuesday 10 th November	Nasal Flu vaccination
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term 2
Monday 21 st December - Friday 1 st January	Christmas Break
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day (No pupils in school)
Tuesday 5 th January	First day of term 3
Friday 12 th February	Last day of term 3
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February	Half term
Monday 22 nd February	Inset Day (No pupils in school)
Tuesday 23 rd February	First day of term 4
Thursday 25 th March	Last day of term 4
Friday 26 th March	Bank Holiday (No pupils in school)
Monday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April	Easter Break
Monday 12 th April	First day of term 5
Monday 3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday (No pupils in school)
Friday 28 th May	Last day of term 5
Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June	Half term
Monday 7 th June	First day of term 6
Tuesday 20 th July	Last day of term 6