

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER NO. 4
Friday 27th March 2026



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



Our Christian Value this term is: 'Forgiveness'.

Dear Parents and Carers,



The last term has been filled with lots of exciting events. As you can see from the photo above the Choir had a fantastic time at Young Voices (along with 3000 other children!). On a slightly smaller scale, our musicians, choir and drama pupils took part in a music and drama evening in school, allowing parents and carers to celebrate the children's achievements and progress. We are very proud of each child that stood up and performed and are thankful to the tuition provided by the music and drama teachers. If your child would like to start either music or drama lessons, please either contact the school office or visit the website where contact details for the providers can be found.

The swimming team did a fantastic job at the School Swimming Gala on Wednesday, retaining the trophy by finishing 1st in the Cirencester District! At the District Cross country event six children qualified for the County event and, in turn, Lewis qualified for Nationals. I would like to take this opportunity to praise all children involved and to thank the staff for arranging these activities and parents for supporting them with transport.

Kestrel class presented a class worship on our Christian value of the term, forgiveness. The class were a real credit to themselves and staff. Due to the building works in the Church, this week we enjoyed a lovely Easter service in school, supported by our wonderful Open the Book team.

After the Easter break Mrs Pavlidou will be joining us teaching Puffin class. Mrs Pavlidou has worked extensively within the Early Years and Key Stage One sector for many years and joins us with rich experience and a real enthusiasm for education. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Loly who has stepped in to teach Kestrel class and a special thank you to Mrs Bailey-Candlish who has done an amazing job teaching Puffin class this term. She will return to Kestrels after the break Mon-Thurs with Miss Warner retaining Fridays.

We are very much looking forward to the Easter holidays and then picking things up again for a successful summer term. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter,

Gordon Soutar (Head Teacher)

Red Nose Day – Friday 20st March

The children had a very enjoyable Red Nose Day, the staff were very impressed with all the different hair styles, they truly were crazy! Thank you for the donations of cake, between the non-school uniform donations, cake and colouring competition we raised just over £400 for Comic Relief. Thank you so much for your support.

Month of the Military Child – Friday 17th April

To celebrate Month of the Military Child the children are welcome to wear something purple, e.g. a purple t-shirt, hairband, or socks on Friday 17th April. Please do not feel you have to buy anything to support this activity, children are also welcome to attend in non-school uniform. No monetary donation is required.

We would like to invite all military parents to join our Celebration Worship in their uniform at 2.45pm on Friday 17th April.

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

The school will be closed for May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 4th May. We hope you enjoy the long weekend.

Term 5 Clubs

Clubs will recommence w/c 20th April 2026.

| Club | Day | Time | Year groups |
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| Athletics | Monday | 3:15-4:00pm | 3-6 |
| Explorers | Thursday | 3:15-4:00pm | 1-6 |
| Nature | Thursday | 3:15-4:00pm | 5-6 |

Athletics club will be available to book from Monday 13th April at 7pm.

Explorers and Nature club will continue as before without any need to sign up again.

Last Day of term – Friday 22nd May

Please note that on the last day of term before May half term holiday is Friday 22nd May. School finishes at 3:15pm.

For any children taking part in Dodgeball club with Matt, this will run from 3:30-4:30 that day.

Big Top' Holiday Bible Club: Save the date! - Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th August

St Lawrence Church warmly invite all primary-age children to attend this year's circus-themed summer holiday club. Taking place on Monday 24th - Wednesday 26th August, 9:15 am-12 noon, in Lechlade Memorial Hall.

An energetic and fun mix of Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, group work and general silliness! All completely free! Registration will open after May half term holiday. Please see Mrs Cinnamon (Yr 5) with any questions.

Uniform

Please can all pupils be in the correct uniform

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| School Uniform list <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey pinafore dress, skirt or grey long or short 'dress trousers'• Pale blue polo shirt• Royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan• Grey or blue tights, grey or white socks• Bookbag for schoolbooks and homework Optional <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pale blue check cotton/polyester dresses for summer• Blue school coat with a fleece lining• Sun hats for the summer | Footwear <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black or navy smart shoes. No open sandals (for safety reasons)• Reception children to preferably keep a spare pair of wellies in school PE Uniform (only to be worn on PE days) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Royal blue t-shirt• Navy blue shorts or skort• Royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan• Comfortable trainers |
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Spare trainers

Please can all the children have a spare pair of trainers in school to use on the school field during break times.

Parked cars

Please can all children be kept away from the parked cars while waiting for school gates to be opened both in the morning and afternoon.

Routine Medical Appointments

Wherever possible, please keep routine doctors, dentist and optician appointments outside of school time.

Absence due to sickness

If your child is unable to attend school please telephone the office on 01367 252 356 or email on admin@st-lawrence.dgat.org.uk before 9am.

Request for Leave during term time

If you need to request leave during term time, please complete the Request for leave during term time form. Copies of the form can be printed from the website <https://www.stlawrencelechlade.co.uk/absence-forms/> or hard copies can be found in the school foyer.

School Meal cost

From the 1st April 2026 the cost of a school meal (provided by Caterlink) increased to £2.95.

School Meal ordering

School meals need to be ordered by 9.30am, if your child is going to arrive at school after this time and would like a school meal please contact the office to submit your child(s) chosen meal before 9.30am.

Dates for your Diary

| Date | Activity |
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| Friday 27 th March | Last Day of term 4. School finishes at 1.30pm |
| Monday 13 th April | First Day of term 5 |
| Friday 17 th April | Month of Military – wear purple |
| w/c 20 th April | Kite Bikeability course Learn to ride course (Kestrel & Heron class) |
| Thursday 30 th April | Cheltenham Jazz festival |
| Friday 1 st May | Heron trip to Coleshill |
| Monday 4th May | Bank holiday Monday, School closed. |
| Friday 8 th May | Puffin trip to Coleshill |
| w/c 11 th May | KS2 SATS week (No holiday or medical appointment please) |
| Monday 18 th – Wednesday 20 th May | Kite residential trip |
| Friday 22 nd May | Last Day of term 5. School finishes at 3.15pm |
| Monday 1 st June | First Day of term 6 |
| Thursday 11 th June | Kite leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral |
| Thursday 18 th June | District Sport at Farmor's |
| Friday 19 th June | FOSLS Summer Fete |
| Friday 26 th June | Area Sports at Kingshill School |
| Tuesday 30 th June | Y1&2 visit to Kelmscott Manor |
| Monday 6 th July | Kite trip to Coleshill |
| Wednesday 8 th July | Heron trip to Roman Caerleon |
| Thursday 16 th July | Leavers service at 2pm. |
| Friday 17 th July | Owl trip to RIAT Last Day of term 6. School finishes at 1:30pm |
| Monday 20 th July | Inset Day – staff only in school |
| Tuesday 1 st September | Inset Day – staff only in school |
| Wednesday 2 nd September | First Day of term 1 (Year 1-6). |

Reception & Y1: Puffin, Y1 & Y2: Kingfisher, Y3: Kestrel, Y4: Heron, Y5: Owl, Y6: Kite