ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER NO. 2
Thursday 22nd October 2026



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

Our Christian Value this term is: 'Thankfulness'

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the end of our first half term of the school year. It has been a positive 8 weeks with our children embarking on great learning opportunities and demonstrating that they are keen to progress. We have been able to fit in a few trips during the term including Owl class visiting Coleshill to enrich the children's design and technology curriculum learning. Kite class visited the Steam Museum for a fun and informative day learning about WW2.

Our Harvest Festival service earlier in the term was a real highlight of the term for me, bringing the whole school together to give thanks for the food we have. As a result of your donations, we sent 2 cars full of produce to the Swindon Foodbank who were extremely grateful for the gifts to share within our community.

For your general awareness, I am currently providing some leadership support to Bibury Primary School as their Headteacher is signed off work for an extended period. Bibury are a very small school which is part of our Academy Trust. I am over there for around two half days per week to support the staff and families.

I do trust that all our families will have an enjoyable half term break, and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2nd November.

Gordon Soutar (Head Teacher)

'Open Morning'

We are holding an 'Open Morning' for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2027 on **Wed 4th November**, please drop in any time between 9:15 and 11:45am. The morning will give prospective parents the chance to have a tour around the school, meet the staff and speak with Mr Soutar, as well as have a cup of coffee and talk with existing pupils, parents and governors.

Parents Evenings

Our scheduled parents' evenings will take place **in person** on Wednesday 4th (3:30-6:00pm) and Thursday 5th November (3:30-6:00pm). A single appointment slot is available per child with their class teacher and will be available to book via Arbor. The booking system will open at 7pm on Sunday 18th October. Where a second appointment for separated parents is essential, please contact the school office who will be able to book that for you individually.

School hours and lateness

Please note that school day starts at 8:55am and finishes at 3:15pm.

In the morning the school gate opens at 8:45am and shuts at 8:55am. Children arriving after 8:55am will need to come through the main reception entrance.
The class registers close at 9:05am and after this time pupils will need to be signed in at reception. The pupil signing in forms are in the blue folder at the reception hatch. Children arriving after 9.20am will be listed as an unauthorised absence.

In the afternoon, the gate is opened at 3:10pm allowing parents to enter the school grounds to collect their child from their collection point at 3:15pm.

School lunches

If you know that your child is going to be late arriving at school because of a medical appointment or for any other reason and you want to order a school lunch, please phone or email the school office by 9:20am that morning with the lunch choice to be ordered, or tell the class teacher the previous day. If your child comes into school later and hasn't ordered a lunch in advance, the choice will be limited to whatever the kitchen can offer

We are a NUT FREE School

We have a No Nut policy in school - No nuts means that the following items should not be bought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Pesto (contains pine nuts)
- No Chocolate Spread sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts i.e. tracker bars
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nut
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts e.g. cherry Bakewell has almonds in

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/

Outside shoes

If your child would like to play on the school field during their lunch break, please provide an additional pair of shoes for outside play.

Young Leaders in Service Awards

The Lechlade Lions team invite pupils from Kestrel, Heron, Owl and Kite classes to take part in their Young Leaders in Service awards. If your child wishes to take part, please return the enrolment form as soon as possible.





FOSLS Committee

Name and Role	Child's Class
Katy Lamb (Chair)	Heron & Owl
Charlotte Bryant-Pope (Treasurer)	Kingfisher
Vicki Garthwaite (Co-Secretary)	Kite
Liz Wroe (Co-Secretary)	Kestrel
Claire Cromack (Committee Member)	Heron
Sam Harding (Committee Member)	Owl
Toni Sinclair (Committee Member)	Kingfisher
Steff Williams (Committee Member)	Heron & Kite

FOSLS Information

Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity
Thursday 22nd October	**Last day of term 1, school finishes at 3:15pm**
Friday 23rd October	Inset Day – staff only in school
Saturday 31st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Monday 2nd November	**First day of term 2**
Wednesday 4th November	Open Morning for prospective parents; 9:15 -11:45am
Wednesday 4th November	Parents Evening (3:30-6:00pm)
Thursday 5th November	Parents Evening (3:30-6:00pm)
Tuesday 10th November	Nasal Flu Immunisation, Whole School
Thursday 12th November	Love photography individual and siblings
Friday 13th November	Children In Need
Saturday 14th November	FOSLS Quiz night
Saturday 28th November	Light Up Lechlade
Monday 7th November	FOSLS Wreath making workshop
Wednesday 9th December	Choir singing at the Hillier Garden Centre 6pm
Friday 11th December	FOSLS Santa Dash and Christmas Raffle Draw
Tuesday 15th December	Puffin and Y1&2 Nativity: 10am performance to community/grandparents 6pm Performance to parents
Wednesday 16th December	School Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17th December	Kestrel Y3, Heron, Owl and Kite Carols in School 9am
Friday 18th December	**Last day of term 2. School finishes at 1:30pm**
Monday 4th January 2026	Inset Day – staff only in school
Tuesday 5th January	**First day of term 3**
Tuesday 12th January	FOSLS panto trip
Friday 15th January	Closing date for Reception 2026 Primary School applications
Friday 5th February	FOSLS Disco
Friday 12th February	School in a bag fundraiser
Friday 12th February	**Last Day of term 3. School finishes at 3:15pm**
Monday 22nd February	Inset Day – staff only in school
Tuesday 23rd February	**First Day of term 4**
Thursday 25th March	**Last Day of term 4. School finishes at 1:30pm**
Friday 26th March	**Good Friday (School Closed)**
Monday 12th April	**First Day of term 5**
w/c 19th April	Kite Bikeability course
Thursday 29th April	Cheltenham Jazz Festival
Monday 3rd May	**Bank holiday Monday, School closed.**
w/c 10th May	KS2 SATS week
Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th May	Kite residential trip
Friday 28th May	**Last Day of term 5. School finishes at 3.15pm**
Monday 7th June	**First Day of term 6**
Tuesday 20th July	**Last Day of term 6. School finishes at 1:30pm**
Wednesday 21st July	Inset Day – staff only in school