

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Friday 12th December 2025



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



Our Christian Value this term is: 'Compassion'

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head towards the end of term, we have lots to celebrate. Next week the infant classes perform their nativity 'Baubles'. The children have been rehearsing lots, and they are very much looking forward to performing to the rest of the school, (KS1: R, Y1, Y2) parents, grandparents and our community reader team. The KS2 classes will celebrate Christmas with their Carol concert at St Lawrence Church. If you are a parent of a KS2 class child (Y3,4,5,6), please join us at the Church at 9:15am on Thursday to celebrate.

The much anticipated school Christmas lunch is on Wednesday. If your child has not ordered a Christmas lunch, please remember to send them with a pack lunch from home as there will not be an alternative option available. Our final school activity will be on Thursday afternoon, when the whole school will come together in their family groups to make Christmas cards.

We would like to say thank you to the FOSLS team for all the hard work they put in throughout the year. This afternoon all the children will take part in a Santa Dash and hopefully you will be lucky in their Christmas raffle!

In the foyer of the school is a beautiful Christmas tree, I would like to Thank Hilliers Garden Centre for their generous donation.



I am sure you will join me in offering my sincere thanks to each and every staff member in school for their tireless work in school this term. Dealing with the daily needs of up to 30 children can be exhausting and they have earned the break threefold!

As we end this term, we will be saying goodbye to two of our teachers. My thanks and very best wishes to Mr Palmer and Miss Ellis for all they have done for the children of St Lawrence. When asked why teachers go into teaching, a frequent answer is 'to make a difference'. Both teachers have made a difference to so many children in so many ways. I do hope they settle quickly into their new roles. We also wish Ashleigh (Y6) and Jabob (Y4) well as they start their new schools and begin their new lives in Shropshire with Mum, Briella and, of course, Mr Palmer.

I do hope that all families can enjoy every part of the Christmas festivities, sharing time with family and friends and managing a little 'me time' along the way.

We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Wishing everyone connected to the school a Merry Christmas and a rewarding and Happy New Year.

Gordon Soutar (Head Teacher)



Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity
Friday 12 th December	FOSLS Santa Dash and Christmas Raffle Draw
Tuesday 16 th December	Puffin and Kingfisher Nativity: 10am performance to community/grandparents 6pm performance to parents
Wednesday 17 th December	School Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 18 th December	Kestrel, Heron, Owl and Kite Carols in St Lawrence Church; 9am
Friday 19th December	Last day of term 2. School finishes at 1:30pm
Monday 5 th January 2026	Inset Day – staff only in school
Tuesday 6th January	First day of term 3
Thursday 8 th January	Reception and Y6 height and weight (vision for reception) check
Monday 12 th January	Young Voices Concert
Wednesday 14 th January	Kestrel swimming lessons recommence
Thursday 15 th January	Closing date for Reception 2026 Primary School applications
Friday 16 th January	Kestrel Christingle service at Tewkesbury Cathedral
Friday 6 th February	FOSLS Disco
Friday 13th February	Last Day of term 3. School finishes at 3:15pm
Monday 23 rd February	Inset Day – staff only in school
Tuesday 24th February	First Day of term 4
Monday 2 nd March	Secondary school place allocation day
Friday 27th March	Last Day of term 4. School finishes at 1:30pm
Monday 13th April	First Day of term 5
w/c 20 th April	Kite Bikeability course
Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday Monday, School closed.
w/c 11 th May	KS2 SATS week
Monday 18 th – Wednesday 20 th May	Kite residential trip
Friday 22nd May	Last Day of term 5. School finishes at 3.15pm
Monday 1st June	First Day of term 6
Friday 17th July	Last Day of term 6. School finishes at 1:30pm
Monday 20 th July	Inset Day – staff only in school