

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER NO. 2
Thursday 23rd October 2025



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



Our Christian Value this term is: 'Generosity'

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the end of our first half term of the school year. It has been a really 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 kingfisher, Kestrel and Owl classes 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 in the beautiful St Lawrence Church. As a result of your donations, we sent a large van full of produce to the Swindon Foodbank who were extremely grateful for the gifts to share within our community.

We have had a good number of sporting fixtures over the past few weeks, and I am really pleased that so many different children have been able to take part. It is an aim of ours that every single child will represent the school in one sport or other before they leave and we are well on our way to achieving that this year. My thanks to the staff team who often give up their own time for this.

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 3rd 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 2026 on **Thursday 6th 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 either Tuesday 11th (3:30-6:00pm) or Thursday 13th 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 10.30am on Monday 3rd November (1st day back). Where a second appointment for separated parents is essential, please contact the school office who will be able to book that for you individually.

Christmas Appeal

This year the school would like to support the Salvation Army's Christmas appeal. The Salvation Army in partnership with the Round Table in Cirencester provide Christmas presents and food parcels for children in Cirencester and the surrounding areas who would otherwise have very little under the Christmas tree. After half term we will send out more information regarding the donation of gifts. But if you would like to get ahead in the half term break, gifts should be suitable for children between 0-16years, be new and in the original packaging. Thank you for your support.

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 located 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.

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.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity
Thursday 23rd October	Last day of term 1, school finishes at 3:15pm
Friday 24 th October	Inset Day – staff only in school
Friday 31 st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Monday 3rd November	First day of term 2 Parents evening booking available on Arbor from 10:30am
Tuesday 4 th November	Kestrel Swimming lessons recommence
Wednesday 5 th November	Kite WW2 Coleshill trip
Thursday 6 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents; 9:15 -11:45am
Monday 10 th November	Kestrel Class trip to Stonehenge
Tuesday 11 th November	Nasal Flu Immunisation, Whole School Parents' Evening, 3:30-6:00pm
Thursday 13 th November	Parents' Evening, 3:30-6:00pm
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need FOSLS Disco
w/c 17 th November	My Happy Mind week
Wednesday 3 rd December	Choir singing at the Hillier Garden Centre
Thursday 4 th December	Owl Class worship, 9:15am in the school hall
Thursday 11 th December	Librarian Book Sale
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
Thursday 15 th January	Closing date for Reception 2026 Primary School applications
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
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