

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER NO. 1
Friday 5th September 2025



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



Our Christian Value this term is: 'Generosity'

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer holiday. It has been lovely to have the children back; our first week has passed very smoothly and we are enjoying hearing about the many activities the children have taken part in during the summer break. We have welcomed our 16 new reception children into school, who have made a brilliant start and seem to be lapping up the learning opportunities they have been introduced to. I offer a warm welcome to all our new families and trust you will soon feel part of our school family.

We pride ourselves on being an 'open door' school meaning we are happy to talk with parents about concerns or issues as soon as they may arise. Quick messages can be given to staff members at the start of the day or via the school office. If you need a longer chat, the end of the school day is probably easier. Feel free to make an appointment via the office or catch your child's teacher at home time.

I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and the experiences and opportunities it will bring for all.

At the start of the week, I refreshed the children's understanding of our school vision. It is printed below for your own familiarisation, as a school we are guided by this in all we do.

***Achieving together + Learning for life:* Our shared vision is to be a joyful and loving school community; rooted in clear Christian values, where every child participates, celebrates achievement and cares for the people and world around them.**

Gordon Soutar (Head Teacher)

Meeting your child's teacher

Our Meet the Teacher event is on the **1st October**, starting at the end of the school day each teacher will hold three consecutive 20 minute sessions in their classrooms so parents can meet their child(s) teacher and learn class routines.

Our first formal parents' evenings of the year will take place on **Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th November**. Bookings for the parents' evening will be available online nearer the time.

In the meantime, you may like to introduce yourself less formally. Please do pop in and see your child's teacher after school one day at least to say 'hello' and for a connection to be made.

New Parent Welcome Meeting

Mr Soutar & Mrs Shippey would like to invite any new parents (reception or other year groups) to a short welcome meeting on Friday 3rd October at 2:15pm. Please do join us in the hall for a chat and a cuppa! Following this meeting everyone is also welcome to join us for Celebration Worship, which will be at 2:45pm.

Class names

This years class names are as below:

| Year group | Class name | Class Teacher |
|------------|------------|--|
| R/1 | Puffin | Miss Ellis |
| 1/2 | Kingfisher | Miss Honeyborne |
| 3 | Kestrel | Mrs Bailey-Candlish & Miss Warner |
| 4 | Heron | Mrs Stevens, Miss Warner & Mrs McConnell |
| 5 | Owl | Mr Palmer |
| 6 | Kite | Mrs Howard |

Travel near school

Wharf Lane is a public highway and as such we do not have permission to fully close the road at any time. We would though ask our own parents not to drive up to the school at drop off and pick up times please. Early drop offs for breakfast club or later pick ups for afterschool club is permitted but we would ask that all pick ups from school activity clubs follow the same 'no driving' rule. This is to provide safety for our pupils, particularly when larger numbers of children may be leaving the premises. Please could parents ensure this message is clearly conveyed to any grandparents etc. who may be collecting your child.

End of the school day

Please do not allow your children to play on the school play equipment at the end of the school day.

PE kit and school uniform

Children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on days when they have a PE lesson. We will endeavour to message parents in good time if changes to usual days take place and particularly when a class has our sports coach on a rota basis. On non-PE days, please could you ensure your child is wearing full school uniform including school shoes not trainers.

It is our school policy to only allow simple stud earrings as jewellery worn in school. A wristwatch may be worn but this will need to be removed for PE (this includes Fitbit).

Morning Snack

Morning snack time will take place in the classroom at 10am followed by a lesson and then a playtime at 11am. KS1 children are provided with a snack but if your KS2 child would like a healthy snack please provide them with one. Please remember we are a nut free school.

Y3 Swimming

Swimming lesson for children in Year 3 will commence on the 9th September.

School Photographer – Date to be confirmed

The Love Photography photographer will visit school in October or November to take individual photos of pupils and also a joint photo with siblings already at School. If you would like a group photograph taken with younger pre-school siblings, please come to the school hall at 8.30am.

After School Activity Clubs

After school clubs will be starting week commencing 15th September. Booking is via Arbor and will be available from 3:45pm on Monday 8th September. The table below lists the clubs that are available.

| Club | Day | Year groups |
|--------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Art Club | Monday | 3 - 6 |
| Tag Rugby | Monday | 3 - 6 |
| Multi-skills sport | Monday | 1 & 2 |
| Choir | Tuesday | 3 - 6 |
| Explorers | Thursday | 1 - 6 |

Please note, all clubs will finish at 4pm.

Dodgeball is due to commence on Friday 12th September and is open to pupils in Years Y3-6.

Sign up & payment is online through Essential Skills Coaching (ESC) host site <https://bookwhen.com/escuk>.

Advance notification of road, footway closure on the High Street and Thames Street

Footway resurfacing will take place between 6 – 22nd October 2025 between the hours of 8am and 4pm. Work involves resurfacing of the footway; however, work will be done to one side at a time to ensure that pedestrian access is maintained using the opposite footway at all times.

Road Closure Thames Street will be closed between 6th - 8th and the 20th - 22nd October for the duration as stated above.

Dates for your Diary

| Date | Activity |
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| Tuesday 9 th September | Kingfisher Coleshill trip Kestrel Swimming lessons commence |
| Monday 15 th September | Kite WW2 trip to Coleshill |
| Wednesday 17 th September | Owl Coleshill trip |
| Monday 22 nd September | 9:15am Harvest Service at St Lawrence (Parents invited) |
| Wednesday 24 th September | Kestrel Coleshill trip |
| Tuesday 30 th September | Y6 trip to Steam |
| Wednesday 1 st October | Meet the teacher |
| Friday 3 rd October | New parent Welcome Meeting, 2:15pm |
| w/c 6 th October | Start of assessment fortnight |
| Thursday 16 th October | Kite Class worship, 9.15pm |
| Thursday 23rd October | Last day of term 1, 3:15pm finish |
| Friday 24 th October | Inset Day – staff only in school |
| Monday 3rd November | First day of term 2 |
| Thursday 6 th November | 9:15am -12pm Open Morning for prospective parents |
| Tuesday 11 th November | Nasal Flu Immunisations, Reception – Year 6 Parents' Evening, 3:30-6:00pm |
| Thursday 13 th November | Parents' Evening, 3:30-6:00pm |
| Friday 19th December | Last day of term 2. School finishes at 1.30pm |
| Monday 6th January | First day of term 3 |