



The School Journal



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Dear families and friends of St Lawrence,

It has rained and rained and rained this week. We have managed to get the children outside as much as possible in between the deluges. However, Year 3 were blessed to have the glorious sunshine for their trip to the quarry on Thursday. I hear they had a fantastic time exploring the rocks, hunting for fossils and learning about the different fossils that they might find. Well done to all of Year 3 for your excellent behaviour on the trip and representing St Lawrence so well. In the rest of the school we have been having a focus on Maths this week, with Mr Delaney and myself taking some lessons in KS2 to really understand how our children are learning. We have both been so impressed by the enthusiasm of all the classes we have been to see and how engaged the children are with learning new skills and knowledge. We have been making our final preparations this week for our Harvest service, with Fiona working hard with the orchestra in rehearsals and the whole school in hymn practice to ensure we really are raising the roof of the church. The displays in the hall are currently in the process of being changed, to reflect the season and show our thankfulness for the food we eat. Well done to everyone of our pupils for a wonderful week of learning, I look forward to next week!

Mrs Beth Hanna



Harvest Festival is on Tuesday 1st October! We would be really grateful for any donations of non-perishable food (tins or packets are ideal) on **Monday 30th September**: please bring all items to the school office and they will be donated to the Coventry Foodbank with whom we have an ongoing link. Thank you in anticipation of your support!

This Week's Awards

Congratulations to today's Stars of the Week: William (Rec), William (Y1), Alyssa (Y2), Evie (Y3), Josh (Y4), Hugo (Y5) and Oliver (Y6). Very well done to all the pupils who were given extra-curricular awards, raffle ticket prizes and team point certificates this morning, and a big thank you to Alexander, Ora and Billie-Jo for their beautiful musical performances!



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This week we became 'colour scientists' as the children in **Little Lawrences** explored mixing colours. Using the primary colours, the children held group discussions about what the new colour would be. They then extended this new knowledge in the classroom as they used different materials and tools to mix the colours together. This not only provided opportunities to learn about change but also strengthened our turn taking and language skills - embedding the need for good manners.



This week in **Reception** class, we explored wheat and how it is harvested. The children enjoyed listening to and then retelling the story of the Little Red Hen and many of the children then helped to make some bread. Unsurprisingly, they all wanted to help us to 'eat' the bread' just like in the story! The children have also made some beautiful Harvest themed paintings and collages which will be displayed in the hall. We were amazed and delighted by their creativity!

This week, **Year 1** have been learning about characters and how we can describe them in our English work. We have been working hard to remember our capital letters and full stops too! We love our story 'The Lion Inside' and we are looking forward to writing our own adventures next week! In maths, we have been counting backwards through songs and have been recording our knowledge inside rockets! In science, we have begun to work on seasons, discussing what is different about each and what we might see. We have also begun to look at the signs of autumn at Forest School. In our RE we have talked about kindness and the 'Golden Rule' that Christians follow. This has shown us all how very kind the children in Year 1 are!



Year 2 have really been getting into their stride this week, showing us just how good they are at listening carefully and working well with each other. We continued looking closely at place value in maths, using part-whole models to demonstrate what we know. The children retold the story of The Secret Sky Garden, showing a very good understanding of the story. They were very pleased that Funni finally found a friend. We continued our trip around London, finding out lots of new facts. The children were shocked by how many people lived in London. We had lots and lots of fun with paint this week, learning to colour mix to make beautiful Harvest

pictures. Well done Year 2, we are so proud of all you have achieved this week.

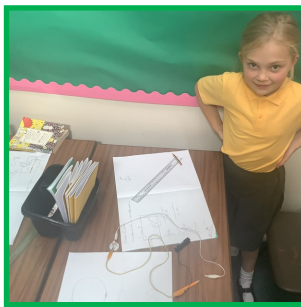
Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Cross Hands Quarry on Thursday and the weather was much better than expected! Many thanks to Miss Todd and Mrs Monk for organising such a wonderful day and to all the staff who accompanied the class.



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It may be only a few weeks into **Year 3** but I suspect it is a week that may remain as a highlight of the year for many! Our intrepid gang of fossil hunters certainly came back with an impressive haul to add to their collections. The weather stayed dry....but I suspect even rain couldn't have dampened our enthusiasm. The children showed off their learning about fossils and displayed their eagle-eyed observation skills as we searched for brachiopods, bivalves and echinoids. We are so proud of them. Elsewhere, we made number lines up to 1000 in pairs and practised placing numbers on them. We learned about prepositions and started writing introductions to our texts about the ground beneath our feet.



What a soggy old week it has been! **Year 4** have done some superb maths work this week, and were lucky enough to have a great lesson on ordering numbers with our maths lead, Mr Delaney! I am very much looking forward to starting the NCETM's Mastering Number programme next week, which I am sure will prove to be a great boon to the pupils' multiplicative reasoning skills. I have distributed TTRS logins, and encourage all Year 4 pupils to log on and get competing in some fun games as much as possible! In English, we have been using our skills in character and setting description to put together an alternative opening for 'The Barnabus Project', and these are coming along nicely. Year 4 created some excellent artwork for the hall, themed around the Autumn harvest (although I'm sure I spied some bananas and a watermelon or two in there). We also had a great lesson on creating simple circuits, using both ourselves (and a tiny robot) and electronic components, which was excellent fun.



Guten Tag Freunde, sprecht ihr Deutsch? Good Day Friends, do you speak German? **Year 5** is continuing to develop awareness and confidence in using greetings and numbers in German - thank you to Elise for her immense patience and guidance in supporting us with it. In Maths, we've further explored counting backwards and forwards through zero and using negative numbers in context, remembering that zero is a number and negative 7 is warmer than negative 8... Whereas in PSHE and RE, we've been exploring ways of dispelling negativity and promoting positivity, and this has enhanced our discussions on spirituality- an appreciation and cherishing of what is awesome and wonderful, good, joyful, truthful, and beautiful, and in relationships with ourselves and others, of what is generous, creative and loving. We explored how people's spirits are seen in acts of courage and perseverance, in dealing with setbacks and praise, in endeavour and enquiry... This linked well with our poems and prayers on harvest, its producers and distributors, biomes (Topic) and with our preparations for our Harvest Festival next Tuesday. To further celebrate harvest time, we practised our weaving skills with raffia and made mini baskets to hold samples of harvested produce. *Sei glücklich!*



Year 6 have had such a busy week! This week, in English, we have been using the passive voice to describe scenes, exploring characters through role-play, and summarising key events and messages from stories. In Maths, alongside regular flashbacks to reinforce prior learning, we moved through more Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division by, covering common factors, common multiples, rules of divisibility, and identifying prime numbers up to 100. In computing, we were introduced to the concept of packets and explored how data, including text, images, video, and audio, is transferred across the internet. We also examined the two main components of a packet: the header and the data payload. In Art, we completed individual watercolour compositions of cross-sections of fruit or vegetables, which are now proudly displayed for the harvest festival in the main hall - do come see! To get to the final pieces, we practised nine different techniques to achieve a variety of effects, including wet on wet, wet on dry, dark to light, blotting, resist, blending, graded washes, glazing, and layering. These techniques helped enhance our final pieces, making them ready for display.



This is the next PTA event! All families have been emailed details about **Autumn Games**.

NAPTON ST LAWRENCE PTA

AUTUMN GAMES

WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER

STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5PM

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Upcoming PTA

Events

Save the Date
Wreath Making
28th November

PTA AGM
10th October
8pm School
Hall All
Welcome

October Events

Autumn Games 16th October

Napton 10K 19th October



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