



# The School Journal



**ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**Friday 5th September 2025**



**Thank you Napton Cycle Ride  
which raised a total of £2,774  
which means that the School PTA  
will receive £1,387. We are so  
grateful for the support we receive  
from village events!**

Dear families and friends of St Lawrence,

It has been so lovely to see all the children back in school this week, and to welcome a few new faces to our school community too. I've really enjoyed spending time in every classroom and seeing how quickly the children have settled back into school life – there has been such a lovely buzz of learning, laughter and friendship around the building. We are all very excited about the year ahead and can't wait for the many activities and experiences planned for the children; we'll be sharing key dates with you very soon so you can pop them in your diaries. I'm also incredibly proud of our wonderful staff team, who worked so hard over the summer to make sure everything was ready for the children's return. As always, our school ethos of "Nurture, Together, Soar" is at the heart of everything we do, and I know this is going to be a fantastic year for us all.

**Mrs Beth Hanna - Headteacher**

Today's Stars of the Week are: LL - Phoebe, REC - Wilfy, Y1 - William Y2 - Barney Y3 - Matthew Y4 - Arlo Y5 - Luke Y6 - Bryn

Well done to all of you for your fantastic work, kindness and demonstrating friendship during the first week of term - you have exemplified our vision of nurturing each other, working together and soaring in our achievements.

Well done to our other award winners this week: Agnes, Leonard, Ollie, Daniel, Rupert, Riley, Carter, Millie and Penny. It is wonderful to learn about your endeavours and hard work outside of school.

Congratulations to Penny for receiving her Recorder Croup Captain Badge and to Sophie who received her Headteacher Merit—both from the end of last term.



A big **thank you** to Rebecca and Mr Camps for their amazing work over the summer to make sure the school was ready for us all to come back.

We would also like to say a **massive welcome** to Mrs Merrick to our teaching team and to George Funnell as our dedicated sports coach. We hope you have enjoyed your first week!

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**Little Lawrences:** This week we have welcomed 11 new children to our class and welcomed back those children who are continuing their learning journey with us. The adults are so proud of how all the children have settled; overcoming worries and working together to form new friendships. This week we have used resources and played games to support developing confidence, with the familiarity that ensures we are all happy and safe in pre-school. Lunchtimes have been moved back into the Early Years unit, with all the children working together to prepare the table, hand out drinks and be responsible for their own belongings. A fantastic first week!

**Reception** have had a wonderful first week at school! They amazed us with their confidence and have all thrown themselves into the continuous provision activities, playing together and learning the new routines. We have done lots of singing and movement, and the children have loved discovering objects from Mrs George's mystery bag, using language to describe the objects inside it. Well done Reception class, you are all superstars!

**Year 1** have had a wonderful first week back and have settled beautifully into their new class. We enjoyed sharing *The Everywhere Bear* by Julia Donaldson and produced some fantastic pieces of writing inspired by the story. In maths, we sorted different objects and explored how to organise them in different ways. We also began our new topic by thinking carefully about where we live. A real highlight was our first Forest School session, where we had great fun hunting for bugs, building houses for the *Everywhere Bear*, and exploring the area together. I am already so proud of how well the children have started the year and the enthusiasm they have shown in everything we have done.

**Year 2** have impressed us all with the way they have settled into the new school year. We have been discussing our feelings and ways to regulate these to be ready to work. We have had some great fun trying different brain breaks. In maths we are working with numbers to 100 and enjoyed representing these in a variety of different ways. We have already started our science topic on everyday materials. We were able to identify lots of materials in the classroom and we are looking forward to learning all about their properties. Well done Year 2 we are looking forward to having even more fun next week!



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**Year 3** have had an absolutely fantastic start to the year! We have been so impressed by their focus and hard work as we settle into the new school year. In PSHE this week, we have reminded ourselves of rules and expectations at school and the reason we have them - to keep everyone safe and able to learn. We also thought about other places that rules are important too, like swimming pools and train stations. In English, we have started reading a book called *How to be a Lion* by Ed Vere. We have been gathering adjectives and writing a character description about the main character, Leonard. In maths, we have started our topic on place value, we have been representing numbers to 100 using base 10 (year 3 were superstars at this!). Well done for a fantastic first week year 3, we are so impressed with you all!

**Year 4** have had an excellent first week. In English, they have been 'reading as readers' and making reasoned predictions about our class book - 'The Ever-changing Earth'. They are adapting well to their new routines, especially in Maths where they now do three different sessions per day! Year 4 have started learning about the water cycle, and also had a great P.E. lesson on hand-eye co-ordination. Have a good weekend Year 4 - well done!

**Year 5** It's been fantastic seeing Year 5 back in school and looking so smart in their shirts and ties. But it's not all about looking the part - they've also been showing such a great attitude to their learning and to school life. It certainly makes the whole Year 5 team feel very positive about the year ahead. In our English, we have been using the Pixar short film 'For the Birds' as a prompt for writing. We reminded ourselves about how to write and punctuate dialogue and how to use actions to add clues for our readers about how the birds are feeling. We also talked about the theme of the film and how important it is to be kind and accepting of each other in all our wonderful diversity. We used modal verbs to give advice to the birds about how to treat each other, and in maths we studied numbers up to 10,000 and 100,000. In topic, we started our Polar Exploration unit by recapping what we learnt in Year 3 and began to look at different climate zones. We did some rhythm work and singing in music, we learned about collaboration in PSHE, we started our Creation topic in RE, and we're looking forward to PE and computing this afternoon! What a great start to the year!

**Year 6** It is amazing to see all the children back, enthusiastic, keen and driven to succeed. A fantastic start. We've looked at what being in Y6 looks like, remembering our behaviours for learning and aiming to build a calm and productive atmosphere within our room. We have been exploring what makes us who we are and what matters most to us. In English, we have been sharpening our descriptive skills through work involving underwater sounds and textures before creating word banks, spotting noun phrases in texts and making our own collages inspired by Jeannie Baker. This linked directly to our Art, where PVA glue was deployed with enthusiasm to capture wet, rippling effects, and where children later wrote artists' blurbs for their own gallery pieces. In Maths, we have been revisiting place value, tackling numbers to one and ten million, partitioning, spotting mistakes and grappling with tricky placeholders. It has been impressive to see pupils challenge themselves with reasoning tasks and discuss where commas belong in such large numbers. Finally, in PE, our much-loved sessions with George have kept us active and smiling. More of the same!



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Family Advice - Communication - Education



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At St Lawrence we are very fortunate to have access to the FACE online courses (for free) courtesy of one of our parents. Courses cover, amongst other things:

- **Supporting a child with ADHD**
- **Autism – improving communication**
- **Defiance**
- **Anxiety based school avoidance**
- **Supporting Healthy Sleep**
- **Understanding Addictive behaviour – gaming, screens**

The code **SL210325** grants all St Lawrence parents and staff unlimited access to all FACE Parent Talks (usually £24 each) for the next 12 months. (to March 2026)

The talks are on a four-weekly rotation available as morning sessions (10:00-11:30) as well as the regular evening sessions (19:00-20:30).

The code cannot be used for any other FACE services or shared with parents or staff from other schools.

### **How to Use the Code:**

Visit the **PARENTS page** of the FACE website ([facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)) to view the 16 regular talks for parents.

Click through the booking calendar to find a date and time that suits you.

At the payment stage of booking, enter the code **SL210325** where it says **ADD PROMO CODE**. This will reduce the price from £24 to £0.

**\*\*Note:\*\*** Links to recordings of the talks are available for 48 hours after the session. If you cannot make a live session, book on and then email to request the recording link.

### **Important:**

Please avoid booking the FREE sessions for parents, as these are for parents from schools that have not purchased the discount code. They are shortened versions of the regular talks which you now have free access to. The code can only be used for Parent Talks and cannot be shared with parents from different schools. Improper use can result in immediate code



# It's school photo time!

## Wednesday 17th September 2025

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Email: [kate.meek@friendshipproject.co.uk](mailto:kate.meek@friendshipproject.co.uk) to book your space at the car boot,  
or to book a stall

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