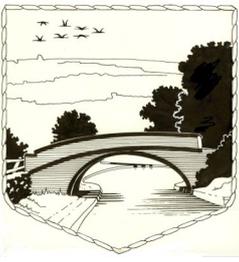


The School Journal



**ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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Friday 19th September 2025



This week has been full of wonderful learning and creativity across the whole school. In Little Lawrences, the children were inspired by The Dot, exploring mark-making, colour and shape, while in Reception the focus has been on listening skills, phonics, and imaginative games outside. Year 1 impressed us with their descriptive language, place value work and autumn walk, and Year 2 brought corridors to life with their Mondrian collages as they explored celebrations, stories, and science investigations. Year 3 have been fascinated by The Street Beneath My Feet, learning about the layers of the Earth and how fossils are formed, while Year 4 have been strengthening their writing with expanded noun phrases, tackling 4-digit subtraction, and researching rivers. In Year 5, children have been creating suspenseful writing, investigating biomes, and observing plant reproduction, and Year 6 have impressed with their persuasive writing on kelp forests, their work on integers and negative numbers, and thoughtful reflections on the self and soul in RE. What makes me most proud is listening to our children talk with such joy, confidence and pride about their learning and about all the things they love at St Lawrence – they remind us every day that we really are a STAR school. Talking of Stars, [To listen to our CWR broadcasts click here.](#) I look forward to another week in which we can all soar together,

Mrs Beth Hanna—Headteacher

Today's Stars of the Week are:

Reception - Ilijah **Year 1** - Oliver **Year 2** -
Cara
Year 3 - Barney **Year 4** - Reuben **Year 5** -
Emily
Year 6 - Florrie

We are so proud of all your hard work! It wonderful for the whole school to hear what great role models you are in your conduct around school and your effort in your classrooms!

Well done to our children who received external awards this week: Daizy, Alexander, Jack and Barney. It is so wonderful to see the fantastic things you are doing alongside being amazing pupils at our school!



We had a brilliant cross-country session at the Napton Sports field on Monday night. The children really enjoyed having so much space to practise their running!



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Little Lawrences: Our story of the week has been *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds; about a girl who discovers her artist talent! Using the story as our focus the children have been able to mark making using a range of materials, how to support development of their creative thinking skills. This story has also led to conversations about the 2D shape a circle and provided opportunities to discuss similarities in colour and size. We also said Happy Birthday to Imogen and Indy who both turned 4!!

Reception : This week in Reception class the children have been mastering the art of sitting and listening whilst on the carpet! They have been lots of lovely phonics and independent drawing and have enjoyed daily gross motor activities outside including inventing beanbag games and acting out stories. We are so proud of the progress they are already making.

Year 1: This week Year 1 have been super busy! In English, we've been learning all about adjectives and having fun describing things in lots of different ways. We've also been practising saying our sentences out loud to check they make sense. In maths, the children have continued their work on place value, exploring how numbers can be written in words and working out one more and one less. We also enjoyed a lovely autumn walk around the school grounds, spotting seasonal changes and matching autumn colours to colour palettes. Year 1 have been amazing, they're really showing what a brilliant KS1 class they are!

Year 2: It has been another busy week in Year 2. In RE we have been looking at different moments and celebrations in our lives and the key rites of passage for both Christians and other religions. In English we have been looking at our book, *The Secret Sky Garden* in more detail. We have been discussing our ideas and describing the characters. We have continued with place value in maths, counted in ones and tens and used number lines. In science, we had fun investigating the ways that materials can be changed by squashing, stretching and squeezing. We were delighted with the way our collages inspired by Mondrian lit up the corridor. We continue to look at colour in our art lessons. Hope the weather is good for the weekend and you all enjoy a well earned rest.



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Year 3: Year 3 have had a brilliant week this week! In English, we have been exploring a new text, *The Street Beneath my Feet*. This text ties in perfectly with our topic work and has an unusual layout as it opens out to show the different layers of the earth. In our topic lesson, we have been learning about the layers of the earth in more detail, we learnt about the crust, mantle, outer core and inner core. We found out that the centre of the earth is the same temperature as the surface of the sun! In maths, we have been working on place value within 1000. We have been practising how to add 100, 10 and 1 more to a given number within 1000. In science, we learnt how fossils are formed too. Overall, it has been an incredibly busy week full of lots of hard work. You are all super stars!

Year 4 have been working so hard this week! They have learned about contrasting conjunctions and expanded noun phrases in English, and have used these to create some superb sentences based on our class book! In maths, we have been focusing on subtraction, and are currently working with 4 digits and exchanges! In RE we discussed how organising in heels based on your worldview can have very diverse consequences. In topic they spent time writing up their research into fact files on various rivers. Have a brilliant weekend, stay safe and rest up! We are well into the first half-term now!

Year 5: This week, we looked at how the author Hannah Gold builds up suspense for the arrival of the bear. We talked about how writers can 'toy' with their readers, keeping them guessing and making us wait for the big reveal. We looked at the use of sensory details and 'show not tell'. Then, we had a go at writing our own piece of suspense writing, based on a short clip from *The Jungle Book*. It was wonderful to see the children applying what they've learnt to their own writing. Learning from what we read and using it in our writing is the best way of improving! Miss Todd was equally impressed by the way the children applied their reading retrieval skills to this week's topic lesson. They raced against the clock to retrieve facts about the world's major biomes. In science, we looked at asexual reproduction in plants. We will be keeping an eye on our spider plantlets, bulbs and tubers to see if they grow. Fingers crossed! We continued with our work on sea shanties in Music, looked at the different types of communication in PSHE, practised our handwriting and came up with some fantastic noun phrases in English towards the end of the week. Well done, Year 5!

Year 6 have progressed well and our learning is moving at pace. In Reading we used our explored a character's changing emotions and looked to justify ideas with evidence, which led to some thoughtful discussion and a few brave performances. In English we worked on modal verbs and adverbs to show possibility, rewriting lines from the book and learning how to edit effectively. We then looked at building a bank of mighty modals for persuasive sentences about the Giant Kelp forests. We have also planned a letter with audience and purpose in mind, organised information under clear headings, and edited for cohesion by experimenting with adverbials. In Maths we compared and ordered integers, rounded any integer, and tackled negative numbers before the end of block quiz, and yes, commas and placeholders mostly behaved. Topic took us into more extreme weather where expert groups presented findings and the class voted on a weather league table with firm opinions. In RE we considered the self and the idea of a soul across different worldviews, creating portraits that showed both the physical and the inner self. Overall, a busy and satisfying week, with just enough laughter to keep us steady.



Thank you so much to the **Chapman family** for sending in all these lovely apples for our school to share. They will be out on the playground for children to have a snack or for you to take home to create something scrumptious! (I've taken a bag full to make apple pie!)



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Please note that these dates are subject to change as required but we will give as much notice as is possible. Further details and timings for events will be confirmed nearer each date. This is not an exhaustive list:

Friday 26th September: Y4 Cake sale
Friday 03rd October: Y3 Cake sale
Tuesday 07th October: Harvest Church Assembly—parents/carers welcome
Wednesday 08th October: Y5 and Y6 Author visit to school
Wednesday 08th October: PTA Autumn Games
Thursday 09th October: Fire Service to visit Y1 and Y5
Thursday 09th October: Y3 trip to Cross Hands Quarry
Thursday 09th October: PTA AGM in school hall 8pm—all welcome
Friday 10th October: Y2 Cake sale
Wednesday 15th October: Parents Evening 15:30 to 18:00 (1 of 2)
Friday 17th October: Quiet assembly—no music/singing
Friday 17th October: Y1 Cake sale
Sunday 19th October: Napton 10k and 2.5k run
Tuesday 21st October: Reception to Y6 immunisations
Wednesday 22nd October: Parents Evening 15:30 to 18:00 (2 of 2)
Wednesday 22nd October: LLs and Reception Open Morning (1 of 2)
Friday 24th October: Reception Cake Sale

*As the weather cools down, the PTA will be trialing **Hot Chocolate Fridays** — a cosy treat to warm up the end of the week! These will temporarily replace cake sales.*

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October—HALF TERM

Wednesday 05th November: LLs and Reception Open Morning (2 of 2)
Wednesday 05th November: Village Bonfire Party
Thursday 05th November: Y6 Bonfire clear up
Friday 07th November: LLs and Reception War Memorial
Tuesday 11th November: Y5 War Memorial
Friday 14th November: Children in Need, bright/spotty clothes
Friday 28th November: Spirituality Day—whole school
Monday 01st December 2025: LLs and Reception Nativity
Tuesday 02nd December: Rec, Y1 & Y2 “Tiger Who Came To Tea” trip
Wednesday 03rd December: PTA Festive Jumper day
Friday 05th December: Quiet assembly—no music/singing
Friday 05th December: Y1 Dress Rehearsal for Nativity to school
Monday 08th December: Y1 Afternoon Nativity for parents
Tuesday 09th December: Y2 Dress Rehearsal for Nativity to school
Wednesday 10th December: Y2 Afternoon Nativity for parents
Thursday 11th December: Y2 Evening Nativity
Friday 12th December: Christmas Church Service
Wednesday 17th December: Christmas Dinner & Santa visit
Monday 22 December to Friday 02nd January 2026—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 05th January: INSET DAY

Wednesday 04th February: Parents Evening 15:30 to 18:00 (1 of 2)

Monday 09th February: Y6 Annual Health needs Assessment

Monday 09th February: Reception and Y6 Heights & Weights

Wednesday 11th February: Parents Evening 15:30 to 18:00 (2 of 2)

Thursday 12th February: Shakespeare experience day Y3 to Y6

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February: HALF TERM

Monday 02nd March: Poet visit to school

Thursday 05th March: World Book Day

Wednesday 11th March: PTA Mothers Day Afternoon Tea

Friday 20th March: Y3/Y4 Dress rehearsal to the school

Friday 20th March: PTA KS2 Disco

Monday 23rd March: Easter Church Service

Tuesday 24th March: Y3/Y4 Afternoon performance for parents

Wednesday 25th March: Y3/Y4 Evening performance for parents

Thursday 26th March: PTA Easter Bingo

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April—EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 13th April: INSET DAY

Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May: Y6 SATs

Monday 04th May: BANK HOLIDAY

Wednesday 20th May: Sports Day

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May: HALF TERM

Monday 01st June: INSET DAY

Tuesday 02nd to Friday 12th June: Phonics Screening and Y4 Multiplications check

Wednesday 03rd June: Reserve date for Sports Day

Monday 15th to Thursday 18th June: Y6 Bikeability

Wednesday 17th June: PTA Fathers Day breakfast

Thursday 18th June: Music Concert

Friday 19th June: Y5/Y6 dress rehearsal to the school

Tuesday 23rd June: Y5/Y6 Afternoon performance to parents

Wednesday 24th June: Y5/Y6 Evening performance to parents

Wednesday 01st to 03rd July: Y6 Pioneer Centre residential

Thursday 02nd July: SATs results published

Friday 03rd July: Festival Dress Up

Tuesday 07th July: Y4 Brass Performance to Parents

Wednesday 08th July: Whole school moving up day

Secondary school transition days 08/09 July

Friday 10th July: Reports sent out to parents—whole school

Monday 13th July: Leavers church service

Tuesday 14th July: Meet the teacher 3:30 to 4pm

Wednesday 15th July: PTA Summer Games

Friday 17th July: Head teachers merit and leavers assembly (**Last day of term**)

Monday 20th July: INSET DAY

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HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATION

7TH OCTOBER 2025

HARVEST GIFTS COULD INCLUDE:



**Tins
Packets
Toiletries**



Non-perishables

Fruit and veg



**ALL DONATIONS
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PLEASE BRING INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE



Autumn Games on 08th October and PTA AGM on 09th October:

NAPTON ST LAWRENCE PTA
AUTUMN GAMES
WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER
STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5PM

BUY NOW

£5 PER CHILD OR 3 FOR £12
PAY ON SCHOOL MONEY

LL aged children will need an adult to join them

TICKET DEADLINE - 5PM MONDAY 6TH OCT

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St Lawrence School Napton

PTA AGM INVITATION

Find out what the PTA has achieved and help shape the future!

9 OCTOBER **AT 8 PM**

SCHOOL HALL, FOLLOWED BY DRINKS IN THE VICTORY CLUB

Napton 10k and NEW 2.5k run on Sunday 19th October:

Get Ready To RUN!

Napton 10K

19th October 2025!

Medal for every entrant

Inclusive and Family-Friendly Event

NEW FOR THIS YEAR!
2.5km Race

SIGN UP NOW

Medal for every entrant! Lots of trophies to be won!

Sunday 19th October 2025

NAPTON 10K

Inclusive and Family-Friendly Event

Beautiful and Scenic Route

NEW FOR THIS YEAR!
2.5km Race

Running Village

Dogs Welcome!

Pace Makers

Chip Timings!

SIGN UP NOW!

Medal for every entrant

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MUSIC LESSONS: We are very fortunate to have access to music professionals who visit St Lawrence school. In addition to Lisa and Seb Foxwell's wind and piano lessons, we can also offer:

CHILDREN'S MUSIC LESSONS

At St Lawrence Primary School



BRASS & VIOLIN



GUITAR & DRUM



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in the school office

Stratford Sharing Stories



Events for Families

Box Office: 0333 666 3366
or online at stratfest.co.uk
All ticket prices include a booking fee

Please note:
Adults are also expected to buy a ticket to events unless otherwise stated

Thursday 30th Oct

Maz Evans
The Last Bard
£8.55 | 10.30am | Age 8+



Will is the last descendant of William Shakespeare, and he's accidentally summoned his characters to help with some neighbourly troubles. Comedy, tragedy, history: Will's world has it all... the superstar author Maz Evans is back with a new standalone story. Join her and find out more!

The Last Bard
Get Writing Workshop!
£10.69 | 2pm | Age 8+

Join Maz – the bestselling author of *Who Let the Gods Out* and new book *The Last Bard* – in an inspiring workshop for young writers. Dive into Shakespeare's wacky world and find out how to tell your story in five easy acts. Plus hear Maz read a snippet from her brand new story.

Thursday 30th Oct

Cat Weatherill
A Visit from Mother Goose
FREE | 2pm | Age 3+



Fire imaginations and get creative with a joyous introduction to the traditional fairy tale character of Mother Goose. Presented by storyteller Cat Weatherill, this hugely entertaining session will feature stories, nursery rhymes and puppets.

Please note that this event is at Stratford Library!



Friday 31st Oct

Ursula Jeakins
Craft Workshop:
Stationery and Bookmaking
£16.04 | 2-4pm | Age 11+

Make your own stunning notebooks and stationery using bookbinding techniques under the expert guidance of Ursula Jeakins. There'll be take-home kits available for purchase. Please note: sharp craft knives are used at the workshop. Instruction will be given but participants use them at their own risk. Ticket prices includes all materials



*Young people under 14 years can attend alone but a contact number for a responsible adult must be left. The Festival cannot be responsible for their care.

Saturday 1st November

Sammie Horton and Playbox
Spooky Halloween Theatre Workshop
£8.55 | 10.30am-12pm | Age 7+



Join the brilliant Playbox Theatre for an imaginative and action-packed workshop! Dive into spooky stories and ghostly tales through a blend of mime, movement, role play, and improvisation. This 90-minute session is perfect for boosting imagination, confidence, and creative energy.

Saturday 1st November

Spooky Drop In and Do Spooooky Halloween
FREE | 11am-12.30pm | Age 4-11



Join Becci Smith and get crafty with us this Halloween! With malevolent masks, petrifying puppets and creepy colouring to choose from. Drop in... if you dare!



Saturday 1st November

Thiago de Moraes
Comic Workshop
£10.69 | 12.30pm OR 2.30pm | Age 7+

In partnership with *The Phoenix* comic, join the brilliant comic illustrator as he shows you how to create your own characters so you can start to make your own characters and stories for your own comic.



In partnership with The Phoenix comic

Saturday 1st November

Sara Johnson
Children's Facepainting
FREE | 11am-12.30pm | Age 3+



Sara Johnson will transform you into something ghoulish and ghostly to terrify friends and family!

Saturday 1st November

Gaming Event
£10.69 | 5pm-6.30pm | Age 11-16*

Are you a budding young adventurer ready to slay? Come and play Dungeons & Dragons with our talented team of Dungeon Masters. Borrow some dice and a ready-made character from us and get stuck in! No experience necessary - we'll help you at the way.



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