

The School Journal



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

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It has been another truly inspiring week across the school, with every class showing such enthusiasm, creativity and determination in their learning. From our youngest children in Little Lawrence's exploring snakes and building playdough beanstalks, to Reception celebrating teamwork and bird watching, through to our older pupils deepening their knowledge in science, geography, literature and beyond, the breadth of experiences on offer this week has been wonderful to see.

I have been especially impressed with how each year group has challenged themselves: Year 2 thinking carefully about materials and their uses, Year 3 producing detailed non-chronological reports, Year 4 exploring volcanoes and climate zones, Year 5 developing their narrative writing and musical rhythms, and Year 6 immersing themselves in *The Tempest* and tackling complex mathematical concepts with perseverance. The joy and pride in their achievements are clear to see, and it is a privilege to celebrate this learning as a school community.

We are also delighted to announce the appointment of our Year 6 prefects, who were selected following nominations from school staff. Congratulations to Bryn, Violet, Oscar and Rose – we know you will lead by example and make us very proud in your new roles.

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and to our children for their continued energy, kindness and curiosity. As ever, we are grateful to our families for their support at home in helping our pupils to flourish.

Well done everyone on another fantastic week – I am already looking forward to what the next will bring!

Mrs Beth Hanna, Headteacher



Today's Stars of the Week are:

Reception - Laurel Year 1 - Evelyn Year 2- Violet

Year 3 - Archie Year 4 - Harry Year 5 - Neve Year 6 - Evelyn

You are shining examples to our whole school—**congratulations!**

**Well done to our other award winner, including
Bronze Team Point Certificates!**

We celebrate rugby, swimming, basketball, eco projects and beavers!



**St Lawrence Year 6 Prefects!
Bryn, Oscar, Rose, Violet**

Congratulations to you all, we know that you will represent the school fantastically and we are all so proud to see you presented with your prefect badges!

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Little Lawrences's learning this week has taken on many aspects. Noah has been teaching Carole and Maria all about Anaconda's; something we are both scared off! This led to the children wanting to learn more about where anacondas live. We watched a clip about the Amazon to find out. Delilah and Imogen made their own snakes using materials and eyes and they watched movement through their snakes as they moved them around the room. Our story of the week has been 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and encouraging hand grip development the children were challenged to create a beanstalk out of play doh, strong enough to hold a small world person - Indy was fantastic at this and Hattie used the tubs to lean her beanstalk on. This week we also welcomed Florance to our class and all adults were so pleased with how everyone has made her feel welcome!

Reception class started the week with a great celebration having collectively filled up their bean jar. This meant that they all enjoyed sharing cookies and doughnuts as a treat for working together and following the class rules. Well done Reception! They have shown a great interest in the natural world, particularly bird watching and have been making bird feeders and looking out for common garden birds in the outside area. In addition to all of this, they have been exploring circles, cylinders and spheres inspired by the conkers that they have been counting and rolling.

Year 2 started the week by investigating marriage ceremonies in different religions. We were so impressed with the children's knowledge. We started our new book all about Katie in London. We are looking forward to finding out about her adventures. In science, we examined objects in the playground to discuss why they are made of different materials. We decided we wouldn't want a wobbly fence or a window we couldn't see through so the materials were just right. Well done everyone, have a great weekend.

Mrs Foxwell was very proud of Autumn this week. She was finding the flute a bit tricky but instead of giving up on music, she said she would like to try the recorder. And what a fantastic start she has made. Well done Autumn (and Monkey!)



Our Reception children were very proud to show off their Bronze Awards after assembly today.



Reception were delighted to celebrate Marion's birthday with her this week. Happy Birthday Marion!

Year 3 have been working so hard on their non-chronological reports about what is under our feet. They have organised their writing into subheadings, included factual language and even diagrams and drawings to illustrate this. I have been so impressed with their hard work and focus! In maths, we have finished our unit of learning on place value. We have been practising counting to 1000 in 50s, as well as comparing and ordering 3 digit numbers. In topic, we have been thinking like architects and designing earthquake proof buildings. We will be building and testing these structures too! Well done for another fantastic week year 3!

Year 4 have finished producing some lovely factual texts on volcanoes and started a sensory description of being present at an eruption. They worked on composing number up to 2000 using place value, and looked at different names for numbers. In topic, they investigated the different climate zones of the Earth, and looked at the equator, tropics and poles. In RE we considered biblical perspectives on reconciliation and forgiveness, focusing on the teachings of Jesus. In computing, they answered the question 'What is the Internet made of?' and navigated to different websites to make note of the different types of content visible.

Year 5 have continued their work on narrative writing, this week looking at how we can vary sentences using different openers and incorporating long and short sentences. All the while, we are focusing on making sure every sentence has a main clause and we are remembering the nuts and bolts of our punctuation. We are working hard on our joins too, taking care to form and position letters correctly. We are putting all of this into practice as we write our own version of April's encounter with Bear. I can't wait to see the finished, edited versions! In maths, we worked on mental strategies for addition and subtraction and did a recap of decimal number bonds ready for the upcoming maths world cup. Meanwhile, in science, we looked at the life cycle of birds and compared them to mammals. In Music, we added some cup rhythms to accompany our sea shanty singing, and we've written some beautiful poems about creation in RE!

Year 6 have been delving deeper into The Tempest as a playscript, linking it closely with our English lessons. Act 2 has been our focus as we read, listened and watched the action unfold, before tackling comprehension tasks such as examining a newspaper report and analysing a synopsis of the play. In English we moved into dialogue, using the present perfect tense to ask and answer questions and even role-playing a missing scene where Miranda attempts to persuade Prospero to let her love Ferdinand. From this, children created conversations and drafted their own playscripts, now showcased on Google Classroom, including stage directions, relative clauses and implied pronouns to capture character and action. Maths has kept us engaged with common multiples, divisibility rules, primes up to 100, square and cube numbers (helped along by a timely Numberblocks clip) and long multiplication problems, with plenty of perseverance and the occasional sigh of triumph when everything worked out. In RE we considered some ultimate questions about life and death, including the Zoroastrian idea of the Chinvat Bridge, and created mind maps of our own questions. Home learning continues through Google Classroom, set on Monday and due the following Monday. You will by now have received a letter with all details and logins, and as ever if anything is unclear do get in touch as the door is always open.



Recorder group, led by Mrs Foxwell, were sounding wonderful this morning when Mrs Evans' was passing through the hall. She was so impressed she felt she had to take a picture for the journal to celebrate their joy and enthusiasm.

Mrs Foxwell writes

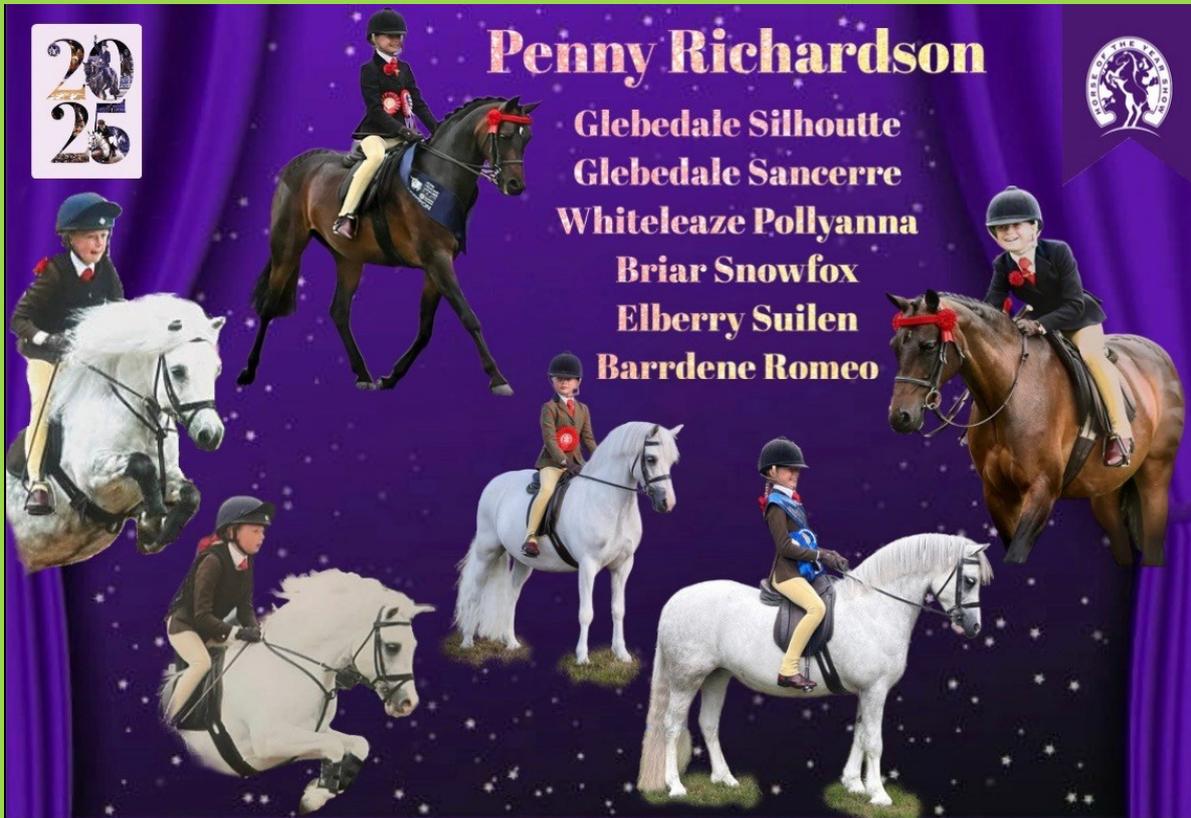
"Neve has done exceptionally well with her flute this week showing real determination to succeed and to improve her skills. She is practising at home and her hard work is really paying off. Well done Neve! "



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Congratulations and Good Luck to Penny Richardson.

Penny has done an outstanding job to qualify six ponies for the world's biggest horse show.
Well done Penny! We are all so proud of you.



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DONATION**

7TH OCTOBER 2025

HARVEST GIFTS COULD INCLUDE:



Tins
Packets
Toiletries



Non-perishables
Fruit and veg



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PLEASE BRING INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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

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Wednesday 8th October 2025

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for your school too!



The school's Harvest festival is on Tuesday 07th October 2025 at 09:45. Everyone is welcome. The below poster is for the St Lawrence Church's own Harvest Festival on Sunday.



Napton Harvest Festival

10.30am Sunday 5th October
St Lawrence Church

"Bring a Tin"
All Harvest produce going to
Southam Foodbank

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RECEPTION & LITTLE LAWRENCE OPEN MORNINGS

 Wednesday 22 October 2025

 Wednesday 5 November 2025

Tours available at:

 09:30

 10:15

 11:15

Come and see what makes St Lawrence a warm, inspiring place for children to learn and grow.



To book your place, please contact the school office:

01926 812447

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

ANNOUNCEMENT



Exciting news for the Napton community! A brand new Rainbows group is set to launch in January 2026. Designed for young girls to explore, learn, and have fun, this engaging program will take place on Mondays from 5 PM to 6 PM during term time. Rainbows is a fantastic opportunity for girls to make new friends, develop valuable skills, and embark on exciting adventures in a supportive environment. If you're interested in enrolling your child or need more information about the program, please reach out via email at naptonrainbows@gmail.com. Don't miss out on this wonderful chance for your child to be part of a vibrant community!

MATHS WORLD CUP

AUTUMN 1.1

We have launched the first round of this year's Maths World Cup! This whole-school challenge is designed to help children build fluency and confidence with key number facts through short, fun activities in class.



Reception – Saying numbers from 0 to 5 and back again.

Year 1 – Recognising and writing numbers 1–10 in numerals and words.

Year 2 – Number bonds for each number to 20.

Year 3 – Number bonds to 100.

Year 4 – Multiples of 1000 and 25.

Years 5 and 6 – Number bonds with one and two decimal places between 1 and 10.

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9

Competitions will take place near the end of each half-term. Children will work in their house teams to earn points, with the emphasis on effort, teamwork, and celebrating progress. Regular practice at home really helps, so please encourage your child to have a go.

LET'S SEE WHICH HOUSE WILL TOP THE LEADERBOARD THIS HALF TERM!

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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

Fancy Dress Competition!

Beautiful and Scenic Route



Running Village

Dogs Welcome!

NEW FOR THIS YEAR!
2.5km Race

SIGN UP NOW!

Chip Timings!



Medal for every entrant



Join us for the BCAN

RETRO-FIT EVENT

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 10AM-1PM

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL LIBRARY ROOM

Could your home become healthier and cheaper to run? Come and find out about using new technologies in existing homes from people who have done it.

