

The School Journal



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

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Well done Fleur on completing your run in The Magic Flute. Click [here](#) for a snippet of Fleur on Newsround.

It's been lovely to see everyone back in school this week. I hope you all had a restful half term. A big thank you to Mr Camps for all his hard work over the break. The improved security and the new display boards in classrooms are already making a real difference.

Our orchestra will be attending the Remembrance Service at the church this weekend. I'm looking forward to seeing many of them there, representing the school and taking part in this important moment for the church and the village.

Thank you to Napton Events for a great bonfire and fireworks night, and to Southam College PTSA and St Lawrence PTA for their support. It was fantastic to see so many families from school there. Our Year 6 children also helped with the clean up on Thursday morning and got the litter pick done in no time.

You'll also notice some changes to the Tardis. It used to be our music room, but it will now be used as a space to support learning across all year groups, especially for children who sometimes find the classroom a bit tricky. With the outdoor space around it, we hope it becomes a place where children feel calm, supported and ready to learn. Don't worry though — we haven't lost our love of music. We now have a dedicated music room in another part of the school, all set up and ready to go.

Our Year 6 prefects also did a brilliant job representing the school when they visited Bishop Sophie at Long Itchington Primary School. We're very proud of them.

Thank you for another brilliant week, and I look forward to seeing you next week.

**Beth Hanna
Headteacher**

Today's Stars of the Week are:

**Reception - Leonard Year 1 - Izzy Year 2- Cecily
Year 3 - Krishaana Year 4 - Reina Year 5 - Megan Year 6 - Rose**

I know from their class teachers just how hard they have been working—consistently trying their very best and subsequently making great progress in their learning!

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

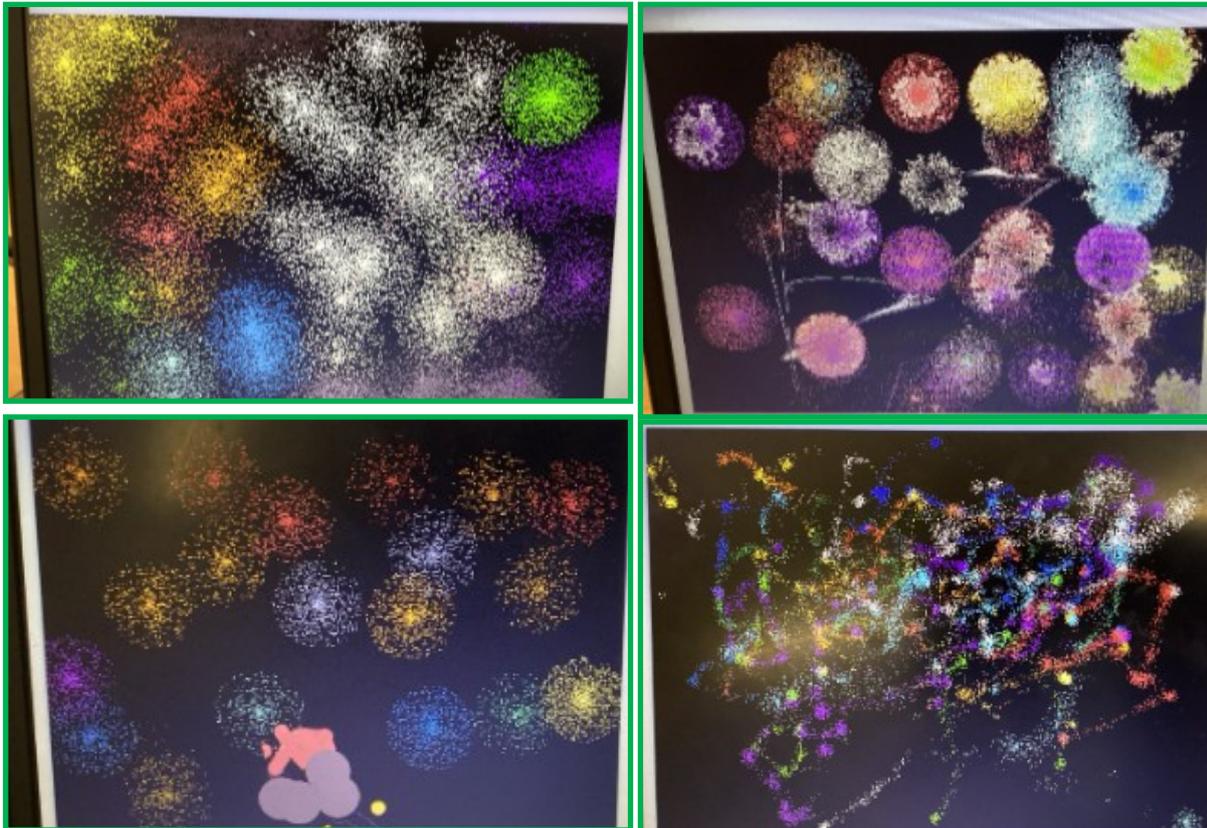


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Little Lawrences: We hope everyone had a great half term break. On Monday we enjoyed listening to what the children had done and it was lovely to see all of the children keen to listen to each other. This week we have focused on learning Nursey Rhymes and using these to recognise and gain an understanding of number names. Hattie created a song about 5 Baby sharks' she asked the adults to be the sharks and counted down from 5 as the sharks swam away - learning about the concept of one less! On Bonfire Day we created fireworks using chalk and groos motor movements; Phoebe and Indy used their fingers to create smoke manipulating the chalk to develop a different effect and Tommy proudly draw a love heart. This week the children are once again showing a keen interest in mark making, Jacob wrote his name for the first time in preschool and Finley drew a brilliant pump-kin. We are so proud!! This week we welcomed Brooklyn and Tommy to our class!!

Reception : It has been so lovely to welcome all of the children back this week and they have all shared the lovely things they did during the holiday with the class. This week in Reception class we have been learning all about Bonfire night! We have learnt firework safety tips and have created some beautiful firework pictures in oil pastel and some super bonfire collages. The children have enjoyed matching dot patterns and numbers and have talked and written some great sentences about their experiences. In their free play they have been doing lots of dressing up and then retelling fairytales. They have also enjoyed playing 'firefighters' in PE!

Year 1: What a wonderful first week back we've had in Year 1! The children have been so thoughtful and respectful as we learned about Remembrance Day. They wrote beautiful descriptions of poppy fields and created stunning poppy artwork to show their understanding and care. In maths, we became "maths detectives," working hard to solve addition problems and explain our thinking. We also began our new RE topic, learning about the Creation Story and discovering what happened on each of the seven days. It's been a fantastic start to the half term, the children have been an absolute joy, and we are so proud of them all.

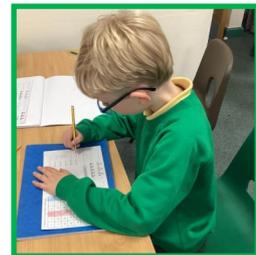


These are firework pictures created by Year1 during their computing lesson this week!

Year 2: It was lovely to welcome back such an enthusiastic class this week. We have quickly got back into the swing of things. In RE we got creative as we made candle images to learn about the candle as a symbol in different religions. In Science, we were problem solving as we tried to decide the best material for a waterproof hat for a teddy. We worked hard testing, observing and recording as we tried to find waterproof materials by dripping water from a pipette. Topic and English lessons combined as we looked deeper into the Great Fire of London. We were all really interested to learn more about Samuel Pepys and found it very funny to learn that he buried his cheese to keep it safe. Another busy week for Year 2!



Year 3: It has been a fabulous first week back in year 3. We have been focusing a lot of our learning around volcanoes. The class have shown so much curiosity to learn which has been amazing to see. They have been asking some thoughtful questions to understand even more. In English, we have been learning about figurative language to describe volcanos and written a class poem together. We will be writing our own poems next week. In maths, we have been learning how to add and subtract two numbers (no exchange) using column method. Next week, we will begin looking at exchanging in this method. In science, we started our new topic, forces. We learnt about push and pull forces and identified them in everyday scenarios. In topic, we looked at volcanoes in Yellowstone and Iceland. In RE, we learnt about the story of Noah's Ark, recognising key details. It has been a great first week back, well done year 3!



Year 4: This week, Year 4 have been planning, drafting and writing some lovely week diaries about their half term holiday, both real and imagined. In maths, the class created some excellent bar charts based on our research on child height. In RE we looked at the 5 pillars of Islam and how these contribute to peace within the religious group. In PE we had our first session on dance and developed some spy themed performances. They were amazing! In DT, the children examined some interactive story books, with a view to making their own.

Year 5: This week, our exploration of The Last Bear led us to the topic of Climate Change, a key theme of the book. We used this to develop our understanding of cause and effect and how we can use adverbials to express these. We also considered how writers justify their points using different types of evidence. In maths, we enjoyed completing a problem solving activity to deepen our understanding of factors, primes, square numbers and cube numbers - using a couple of songs too! In music, we started looking at gospel and spiritual songs, and did some fantastic three-part singing. Meanwhile, we began our science unit on Properties and Changes of Material.

Year 6: Year 6 continue to make great progress across the curriculum. In Reading, our class book Holes has really taken hold, with recent chapters prompting lively discussion and plenty of detective work. Who exactly is Madame Zeroni? Why is Zero so quiet? And what could the Warden possibly want with all those holes? Vocabulary, inference and prediction have been at the heart of our sessions, as we dig deeper into Louis Sachar's world. In English, we have used retrieval and inference to explore Stanley's character, written newspaper bulletins about his arrest, stepped into his thoughts through hot seating and letters home, and refined our writing for tone and purpose. Maths has focused on common multiples, BIDMAS and the all-important long division method, aided by the now infamous "Long Division Style" song. Further consolidation can be found on Google Classroom for anyone wishing to perfect their steps. In Topic/Computing, we designed websites about Storm Daniel, as well as the causes and impacts of drought around the world, linking to our flooding studies. Finally, a big thank you to all Y6 for helping with the firework litter pick; your enthusiasm and teamwork made light work of a rather muddy task.

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Bonfire Night Clean Up Photos:



So many of our children, staff and friends of the school attended the bonfire event on Wednesday night. Year 6 then did a fantastic job of helping with the clean-up on Thursday morning. With litter pickers, black sacks and gloves they cleared the field in no time at all! Well done Year 6!



Meeting the Bishop:

We were very fortunate to be invited to the visit of Bishop Sophie to Long Itchington Primary School on Wednesday this week. Our Year 6 Prefects (Rose, Violet, Bryn and Oscar) were accompanied Mrs Jan Sanchez, Governor. Afterward the assembly, the children were invited to enjoy tea and cake with Bishop Sophie, Reverence Andy and some of the Long Itchington staff and pupils. A huge thank you to Long Itchington Primary School for welcoming us and to Mrs Sanchez for accompanying the children. We hope to arrange a reciprocal visit for Long Itchington pupils to St Lawrence's in the near future.



Music messages from Mrs Foxwell: Imogen has worked really hard on her flute over half term and has put 10 stars on her practice star chart. She can now play lots of notes and is loving being part of flute group. Keep up the fantastic work Imogen!



Penny, in Year 5, is very proud that her pony, Marsh Walk on By, has been nominated for the British Showing World Awards as Native Pony of the Year. If you would like to support her in this please follow the link below and vote for Marsh Walk on By.

<https://www.showingworldonline.co.uk/awards/awards-vote/>



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The Week Ahead - w/c 10th November 2025

Mr Delaney will be running the Primary Mathematics Challenge between 10th and 24th November. 10 children from Y5/Y6 are chosen to take part in school. This is an annual event. More details can be found [here](#).

Monday 10th November 2025

- “Top of the Rock” music tutors will be taking our assembly this morning. If any parents are interested in guitar or drum lessons for their child, you are very welcome to join us at 09:30.
- A group of our Y5 children have been invited to take part in a Dodgeball event at Newbold Comyn leaving school at 12:15. Good luck all of you!
- Hymn practice with the whole school is on Monday every week. Members of the orchestra should bring their instruments to school on Mondays, there is no need to come into school early. Mrs Merrick will collect children from class after morning registration. This week's hymn practice will be at 09:05.
- Lisa Foxwell will be teaching piano and wind instruments today in the Music Room.
- **Lisa Foxwell's Flute group will meet in the hall at 10:30.**

Tuesday 11th November 2025

- Year 4 will have their class brass lesson today with Mrs Pugh in the hall. This will be for an hour every Tuesday for the whole of the academic year.
- Year 3 will have their 9th swimming lesson today. There will be 12 lessons in total. The coach departs at 09:30 for a 10:00 lesson at Southam Leisure Centre.
- Year 5 will be walking up to the War Memorial
- Lisa Foxwell will be teaching piano and wind instruments today in the Music Room.
- Mrs Pugh will be teaching her individual and group brass lessons in the hall
- Alex Sinessi will be teaching his guitar lessons today in the Sensory Room.

Wednesday 12th November 2025

- Whole school assembly at 09:30 led by Mrs Hanna in the hall.
- Alex Sinessi will be teaching his guitar lessons today in the Sensory Room
- Lisa (AM) and Seb (PM) Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room
- A group of children from our Netball club have been invited to take part in a league match at Kingsley School leaving at 14:30/14:45 for a 15:30 start. Good Luck all of you!

Thursday 13th November 2025

- Ms Benson will be taking violin lessons in the Sensory Room
- Jacob Tanner will be in school taking drum lessons in Room 11.
- Lisa Foxwell will be teaching piano and wind instruments today in the Music Room.
- **Lisa Foxwell's quartet group will meet in the hall at TBC**

Friday 14th November 2025

- Today we are supporting Children in Need. Children are invited to wear bright / spotty clothes. Please bring in any spare change to cover our Pudsey picture.



- This morning is our orchestra rehearsal in the hall. Please remember to send instruments into school with children for an 08.45 practice in the hall before celebration assembly.
- We are having a celebration assembly as normal today at 09.05am in the hall, everyone is welcome. Please drop extra curricular awards and certificates into the office for presentation in assembly.
- **Lisa Foxwell's recorder group will meet in the hall at 10:30**
- Hot Chocolate will be sold on the playground after school on Fridays for the remainder of the term.

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Other Notices - w/c 10th November 2025

Parking

There was an incident earlier this week where 2 cars collided during a parking manoeuvre.

A reminder that the Victory Club kindly allows the school patrons use of their car park (front and rear) for parking during school drop off and pick up. Please make use of this facility. Recently, we have had parents parking across the staff car park entrance, on bends and on double yellow lines in an attempt to be within only a few steps of the school gate. This is both dangerous and inconsiderate.

The disabled space outside the staff car park gate is for use by those displaying a Blue Badge AND only for when they have the child registered for the Blue Badge travelling with them. Please do not misuse this space which is vital for some families.

We only ask that everyone parks sensibly and respectfully to avoid us having to ask the police to do patrols again at drop off and pick up.

Smart Watches

A reminder that smart watches with photographic or video capabilities are not permitted to be worn by children in school. Where these watches are identified in school, they will be stored safely in the office until you can collect.

Lunches

We are about to enter Week 1 on the [Educaterers Lunch Menu](#). Please indicate your child's meal arrangements on School Money for the following day by the midnight cut off. Lunches can be booked days/weeks in advance. If you are having issues with School Money, please email the office with your child's lunch order and I will look into the issue this week. Where a child does not have a lunch ordered, they will be allocated a jacket potato.

Clubs

After school clubs are up and running. If you would still like to sign up for a club please do so [here](#). We have spaces in the majority of clubs. (but not Rosie's sewing club or Mrs George's colouring club) Also, if you have a burning desire to run a club or get involved, please get in touch.

Uniform: A reminder of our [uniform policy](#). Please ensure children bring their PE kit into school on their PE day/s. **PE days are:**

- Reception: Monday PM and Thursday AM
- Year 1: Wednesday PM (plus forest school kit for Fridays)
- Year 2: Tuesday PM and Friday AM
- Year 3: Monday PM and Thursday PM (plus swimming kit for Wednesday mornings)
- Year 4: Wednesday AM and Thursday PM
- Year 5: Wednesday PM and Friday PM
- Year 6: Tuesday PM and Friday PM

AM sessions are taken by the class teacher. PM sessions are taken by George Funnell (Coventry rugby coach)

School start/end time: A reminder that all children, unless previously agreed, **should be on the school site by 08:55** to avoid a late mark being entered into the register. Parents/carers should be on the playground (or outside Y1) for collection by 15:15 for KS1 and 15:20 for KS2.

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Diary Dates 2025/2026

Wednesday 19th November: [Speed Stacking World Record Attempt](#)

Monday 24th November: Out of the Ark Assembly

Friday 28th November: Spirituality Day—whole school

Monday 01st December 2025: LLs and Reception Nativity for parents/carers

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/carers

Tuesday 09th December: Y2 Dress Rehearsal for Nativity to school

Wednesday 10th December: Y2 Afternoon Nativity for parents/carers

Thursday 11th December: Y2 Evening Nativity for parents/carers

Friday 12th December: Christmas Church Service—all welcome

Wednesday 17th December: Christmas Dinner & visit by Santa

Friday 20th December: Head Teachers Merit Assembly (Last day of term)

Monday 23rd Dec to Friday 02 Jan CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

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

Friday 27th March: Head Teachers Merit Assembly (Last day of term)

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/carers

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

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/carers

Wednesday 08th July: Whole school moving up day

Weds 08th & Thursday 09th July: Secondary school transition days

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

Monday 13th July: Leavers church service

Tuesday 14th July: Meet the teacher 15:30 to 16:00

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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from 7th November

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAYS



Hot Chocolate - £1.50



add cream &
Marshmallows 50p



Cookies - £1

FROM 7TH NOVEMBER RIGHT UP TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, THE PTA ARE SWITCHING UP CAKE SALES FOR HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAYS.

This will still be supporting and raising money for an individual year group each week.

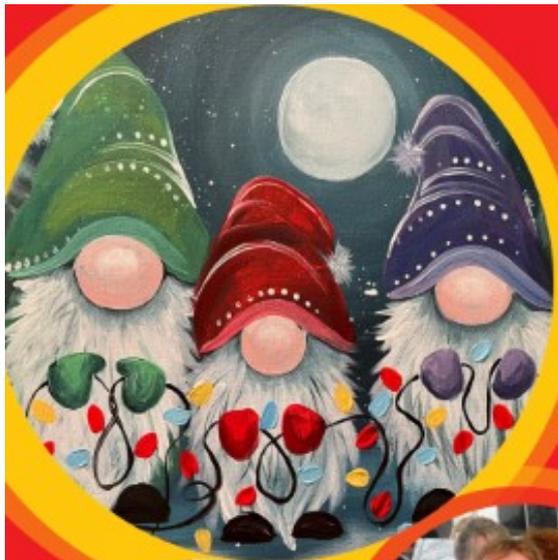
St. Lawrence Primary School, Napton

We are very fortunate to have FREE access to the FACE online session. All parents and carers of St Lawrence School pupils are welcome to book. Visit the PARENTS page of the FACE website (facefamilyadvice.co.uk) 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.

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">November Timetable</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£24 each or FREE with School Membership</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)</p>	
Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD kids & Homework	13 Nov 7-8pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm

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MATHS WORLD CUP

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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.

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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We are delighted that the Tilbrook Farm Christmas Vehicle Run have chosen St Lawrence School as one of the beneficiaries of their fund raising. Abbie Taylor (Year 1 and LLs Mum) will be selling raffle tickets and there will be a book of raffle tickets on the table outside the office window. They are looking for raffle prizes if anyone is able to donate. <https://www.facebook.com/share/1AGvE3ESWT/?mibextid=wwXIfr>



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£10 per vehicle

£5 per child

All proceeds split between the 3 charities.

Raffle tickets available!



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07768623888 - Vicki

14th December
2025

Arrivals from
4pm, vehicles
leaving at 5pm.

Children's toddle
waddle starting at
3.30pm

A short route for the
little ones!

**Woodford Halse Football Club,
Byfield Road,
NN11 3QS**

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A message from the Richardson Family: "Penny's Pony, Marsh Walk on By, has been nominated for the British Showing World Awards as Native Pony of the Year. We would be so grateful if you could vote and share the link. Voting closes on 11th November. The awards are at the end of November. It is the last section on the link." https://www.showingworldonline.co.uk/awards/awards-vote/#gf_51



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