

The School Journal

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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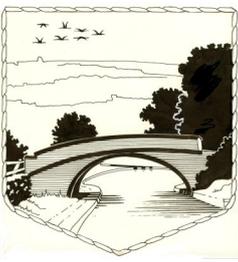
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Friday 21st November 2025



We have had a wonderful week in school. Our netball team played brilliantly and won 10-7 against Long Itchington Primary School. The whole team showed great effort and teamwork. Mrs. Monk was very proud to watch them play so well, and we are grateful to Mrs. Hiscox for supporting the netball club and for helping with the match on Wednesday. We also had great excitement across the school as 154 children took part in the Speed Stacking World Record attempt. Each child completed 30 minutes of speed stacking and it was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm. Miss Shepherd was very pleased to see so many children take part and enjoy the challenge.

A highlight of the week was a visit from a puppy in training to become a medical alert dog. Year 1 and Year 5 were delighted to meet this amazing animal, who will eventually support one of our pupils. It was a special experience for everyone. Alongside these events, there has been excellent learning happening throughout the school. Children have been exploring volcanoes and the work of geologists, and asking thoughtful questions in RE about what makes a person. It has been a busy, exciting and very positive week.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday for another week where we can all soar together. **Beth Hanna, Head teacher**

Rosie W (Y6) launched her Kindness Box in assembly today. Any one across the school can nominate someone else in school for a kindness award. Nominations will be on a rolling 2 weeks and the kindest people will be celebrated in the awards assembly.

Today's Stars of the Week are:

Reception - Tiife
Year 1 - Aiden
Year 2 - Annabelle
Year 3 - Aria
Year 4 - Heidi
Year 5 - Otis
Year 6 - Tim

Keep up the good work!



Well done to our

Bronze certificate winners: Autumn, Kaisan, Maybel, Alyssa, Barnaby, Khloe-May, Jonas, Dylan and Archie.
And to our raffle ticket winners: Eli, Jack B and Rosie W.



And well done to our pupils celebrating their extra-curricular activities this week: Wilfred, Imogen, Zachary and Maisie for horse riding, the very helpful Finley Matthews-Jones for being Beaver of the Week and Matilda for swimming.



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Little Lawrences: This week in Little Lawrences we have been focusing on developing curiosity. Through a junk model activity the children used different materials and connecting resources; this helps develop problem solving skills and critical thinking and Gracie and Imogen created the most amazing structures. Archie has been joining the reception children in the home corner; taking care of the babies by carefully moving them around the unit and negotiating space. Aria and Noah have built new friendships; and they are included story telling in their play as they became police officers. A great week for story telling and imaginative play!

Reception : This week in Reception we have been reading traditional fairy tales, starting with Little Red Riding Hood. The children have chosen what she would have put in her basket to take to Granny's house and have labelled their choices. They have also enjoyed comparing quantities, finding more than and fewer than and helping the 3 bears prepare for a picnic with an equal number of items. Some of the children have acted out familiar stories and others have sequenced them on storyboards. In RE we explored symbols that represent different faiths and have continued our theme of 'belonging'..

Year 1: This week in Year 1, we have been really diving into the story Lila and the Secret of Rain and thinking carefully about how the characters are feeling at different moments in the tale. The children's writing has been truly impressive, they are making fantastic progress and showing so much creativity. In phonics, we've been learning alternative spellings and had great fun with our sound hunts! In maths, the children have been using number lines and crossing out to help them subtract with confidence. As part of our topic work, Year 1 have also created some beautiful Maasai jewellery, showing wonderful care and creativity. It has been a lovely and busy week of learning!

Year 2: Another busy week for Year 2. We really enjoyed looking at a variety of traditional tales and learning about their features. With London in mind still, we then began to look at the folk tale of Dick Whittington in more detail. After making our own little puppets we prepared our own scenes helping us to become more familiar with the story. In science, the children demonstrated great understanding of the need to 'reduce, reuse and recycle'. We created some very persuasive and informative posters to help remind other pupils to recycle in school. On Thursday, there was a real buzz of excitement as we joined in with the cup stacking world record attempt. It was great to see the children playing their part. Well done Year 2 - I think you will all need a rest at the weekend!



Year 3: This week, Year 3 have been learning about the famous volcanologist Katia Krafft. We explored some of the incredible photos and film she captured of volcanoes and learnt about her remarkable bravery in getting so close to danger. In English, we have been identifying the features of diary writing, as we will be using Katia Krafft as inspiration for our own diary entries next week. In maths, we have been using the column method to add and subtract, as well as learning how to estimate answers by rounding and how to use inverse operations to check our work. In science, we investigated which materials are magnetic and in RE we reflected on the message Christians take from the story of Noah's Ark and what it teaches about God. Overall, it has been a busy and exciting week. Well done for working so hard!



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Year 4: This week in Year 4 has been full of exciting learning! In English, the children explored subordinating conjunctions and clauses, using them confidently in their writing. Our R.E. lessons sparked thoughtful debates about the concept of personhood, especially when discussing highly intelligent animals such as Koko the gorilla. Year 4 also impressed us by taking part in the national England Rocks times table competition, achieving brilliant results. In computing, the class began learning how to layer sound using multi-track audio editing, showing great creativity. To top it all off, their Samba dancing skills in P.E. have been nothing short of amazing! As the weather turns colder, please remember to bring coats and other warm items next week so everyone can stay comfortable during playtimes and outdoor learning.

Year 5: The highlight of Y5's week was our participation in the speed-stacking world record on Wednesday! We had to stack cups for thirty minutes without stopping, which is quite a long time, but Year 5 managed it brilliantly with the help of some motivational music and lots of smiles, laughter and encouragement of one another! Mrs Merrick absolutely loved watching them stack their cups so quickly, competently and creatively. We've continued our work with fractions, recapped on parenthesis and learned about how to use brackets in a sentence. Year 5 have also come up with a fantastic set of their own class rules, in the context of our RE study about the Ten Commandments. Well done - we're so proud of our lovely pupils!



Year 6: We have been fully absorbed in Holes this week as we reach the final chapters. The flashbacks have revealed more about the Yelnats curse and the connections between past and present, and we are now seeing a genuine friendship developing between Stanley and Zero. The class is brimming with predictions about how it will all end. In English, we have explored how Louis Sachar presents different forms of justice and fairness in the story, discussing whether every character truly gets what they deserve. Pupils worked in groups to analyse actions, consequences and moral choices before writing thoughtful paragraphs about how justice can take many forms. In Maths, we have been busy adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers, finding common denominators and simplifying results, with a few lightbulb moments when it all clicked. In Science, we continued our work on classification by grouping and sorting plants using a classification key and identifying similarities and differences between flowering and non-flowering species. The week has been purposeful and engaging, and as we near the end of Holes, there is plenty of excitement about what the final few pages will reveal.



Miss Gibbs will be getting married next week and will return to us as Mrs. Dunbar. We all wish Emma and Kyle a wonderful wedding day and a relaxing honeymoon.



As this was our first school netball match for most of the team, there was some nervousness when we arrived at Long Itchington school on Wednesday evening. But those nerves soon settled and the team confidently found their rhythm. Quick passing meant the team got the ball to the attackers and St Lawrence took an early lead which we held on to for the whole game. Accurate shooting throughout the game secured a 10 - 7 win. Well done to all the netballers for their enthusiasm, team work and determination on a particularly cold evening. Thank you to all the parents and supporters for getting the children there and cheering them all on. Well done Emily G, Florence, Neve, Willow, Lexi, Laurel, Penny, Emily H, Rosie W and Ralpie.



Mrs Foxwell writes: *Alyssa and Catherine have impressed me this week with their practice and both girls are trying hard to fill up their practice star charts hoping to get a treat once it is completed. They gave a lovely performance of Phoebe in her Petticoat to Louise in the office, a lovely chilly Thursday morning treat. Well done girls!*



Mrs. Foxwell writes: *Archie is simply a SUPERSTAR! He is working so hard with his clarinet and practising before and after school nearly every day. He is progressing really well as a result and even wrote his own song this week. Archie can't wait to play with the school orchestra and it has been a delight to see him working so hard. WELL DONE ARCHIE!*



Thank you to all the children and staff who dressed up in colours and spots for Children in Need and gave their change so generously. **We raised over £300.**



SPEED STACKING WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

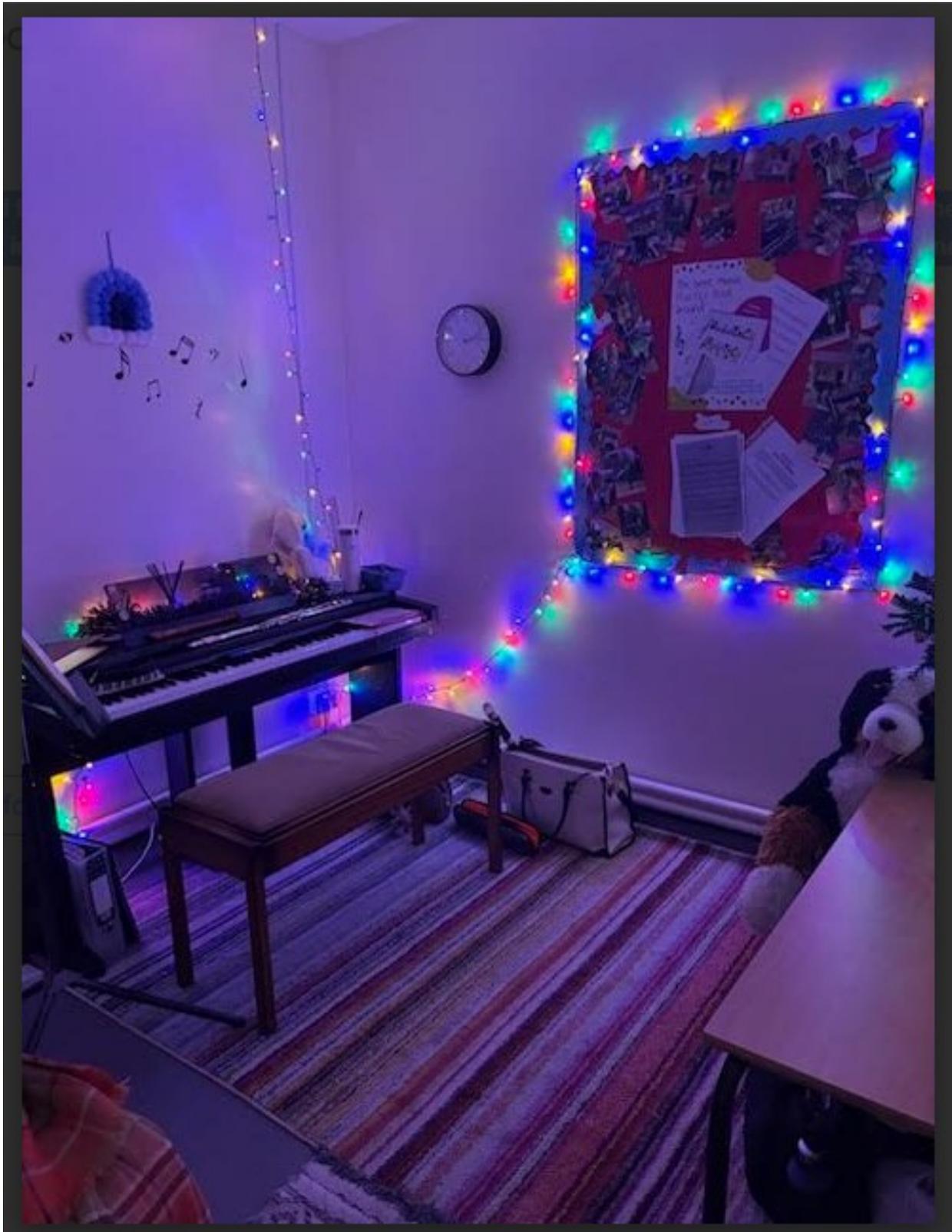
This week we took part in the Speed Stacking World Record attempt in class. To be counted in the record, each child had to complete 30 minutes of speed stacking and it was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm. Miss Shepherd was very pleased to see so many children take part and enjoy the challenge. 154 of our children managed the 30 minutes of speed stacking. Fingers crossed the world record was beaten. Watch this space!



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OUR NEW MUSIC ROOM

Mrs Foxwell writes: *Our new music room is now looking fabulous, cosy and festive with some lovely fairy lights to brighten up the room. Children are enjoying their lessons and staff have been commenting how lovely it is to hear the progress children are making. Ralph is loving being in the actual school instead of being out in cold! The music room Christmas Tree has made it's way out of the box so if anyone would like to make a decoration for it, please do!*



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The Week Ahead - w/c 24th November 2025

Monday 24th November 2025

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's Flute group will meet in the hall at 10:30.

Tuesday 25th 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 11th 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.

Everyone active have got their Water Safety Week. Please send children with their PJ's to see what it feels like wearing clothes in the water.

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.

A group of Y5/Y6 boys will be playing an away football match at Long itchington School

Wednesday 26th 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

Seb Foxwell will be teaching piano this afternoon in the Music Room

Thursday 27th November 2025

Ms Benson will be taking violin lessons from 11:20 in the Sensory Room

Jacob Tanner will be in school taking drum lessons in Room 11.

Lisa Foxwell's quartet group will meet in the hall at TBC

Friday 28th November 2025

Spirituality Day

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 24th November 2025

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 3 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. 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

Monday 24th November: Out of the Ark Assembly
Tuesday 25th November : Y5/Y6 Long Itchington Away match
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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★ Larks n Owls Club ★



★ Menu



Week Commencing 24th November

Monday

**Hot Dog and
Tortilla Chips**



Tuesday

**Fish Fingers,
Mash and Veg**



Wednesday

Chilli with Pasta



Thursday

**Sausage Pasta
Bake**



Friday

**Jacket Potato
with Beans and Cheese**



If the meal on offer in Owls is not something your child will eat, please send them with a small snack to tide them over until collection. Their snack will be eaten

Larks n Owls Club - good food, good fun, good friends!

MUSIC LESSONS FOR CHILDREN



PIANO AND WIND INSTRUMENTS

Lisa and Seb Foxwell
lisafoxwell23@gmail.com



DRUM AND GUITAR

Top of The Rock
josh@topoftherocktuition.com

BRASS AND VIOLIN

Warwickshire Music
MelanieCotton@warwickshire.gov.uk



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**ST LAWRENCE PTA
FESTIVE FUN
SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER
3PM TO 6PM AT SCHOOL**

- ★ Santa's Grotto
- ★ Sleigh rides & games
- ★ Teddy tombola
- ★ School choir and orchestra
- ★ Grand hamper raffle
- ★ Mulled wine & hot chocolate
- ★ Minced pies & hotdogs

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

In aid of St Lawrence Primary School PTA

Festive Fun!

How to book a visit to Santa's Grotto

- Go to the Shop tab in School Money.
- Select your grotto tickets and check out as usual.
- Tickets £6 each or £13 for 3+ sibling group
- We'll confirm your exact time a few days beforehand.

Limited places - priority given to younger children

Ticket includes a visit to Santa in his grotto, a quality gift, and reindeer food

3pm - 6pm at St Lawrence Primary School

Saturday
6th
DEC

TEDDY TOMBOLA

PLEASE DONATE YOUR PRE-LOVED TEDDIES FOR THE FESTIVE FUN TEDDY TOMBOLA

DONATE THEM AT SCHOOL OFFICE 27/11 TILL 05/12

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Santa's Grotto

Raffle

Christmas Fair

Local Craft Stalls

Tare the Robot

Face Painting

Games

Saturday
6th Dec 2025
10am-12:30

Free Entry

St James Church, Southam, CV47 0JF

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

TILBROOK FARM CHRISTMAS VEHICLE RUN

£10 per vehicle
£5 per child
All proceeds split between the 3 charities.
Raffle tickets available!

Chipping Warden Kindergarten
Forest School

St Lawrence Primary School

sladelaysfarm@aol.com
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

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=wwXlfr>

FACE November Timetable
All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

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

NEW SLOTS AVAILABLE!

FOR MUSIC LESSONS AT YOUR SCHOOL, WITH TOP OF THE ROCK TUITION...

We are delighted to be back at St Lawrence C of E Primary School and are very happy to have some new slots available for Drums and Guitar Lessons!

For more information, and to register your interest, email us via the email address below...

These places are limited and offered out on a first come first served basis, so dont delay!

josh@topoftherocktuition.com
@topoftherocktuition
www.topoftherocktuition.com

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Tuesday 23rd December

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Stratford Concert Band

Christmas Concert 2025

This year with the

Dene Singers

We do hope you can join us for fun and festive sounds
of the season.
Perfect for family and friends alike.

Ettington Community Centre
Saturday 13th December at 7.30pm.

Adults £10, Children under 16 Free.
Tickets will be available from members of the band in advance
Or on the door which opens at 7.00pm.
(Cash or card.)

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