



# The School Journal



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

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**Friday 12th December 2025**



## What an amazing final week of term!

We were delighted to welcome a visit from Father Christmas, who delivered Christmas wishes, and a special visit from an elf who handed out candy canes to spread festive cheer.

Across the school, children have been busy making beautiful Christmas cards, enjoying festive films and taking part in some wonderfully fun games, helping to create a warm and joyful atmosphere throughout the week. Our Early Years children enjoyed some wonderful Christmas activities on Thursday. It was a fantastic day, full of fun for both the children and the adults involved.

It was an absolute pleasure to present Headteacher Awards today. I am incredibly proud of the hard work, kindness and maturity shown by our pupils, which were all recognised through these well-deserved merits. We are also pleased to announce the selection of our new Sports Leaders. Miss Shepherd is very much looking forward to working with them over the next two terms as they help to organise some exciting internal sporting events.

We bid a fond farewell to Aria Scott (Y3) who is moving to Southam Primary School and to Miss Ruby Goss who has been working in Y6 as a student teacher. We wish them both well for their future.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas holiday filled with love and laughter. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 6th January 2026!

**Mrs Bethan Hanna, Headteacher**



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## Head Teachers Merit Awards:    Year 6 Sports Leaders:

Reception - Keira & Hugo  
Year 1 - Martha B & George W  
Year 2— Violet & Alfred  
Year 3 - Lola & William G  
Year 4— Talitha & Joshua  
Year 5— Neve & Jaxon  
Year 6— Florrie & Hugo

Florrie            Thomas  
Olive             Ronnie  
Rosie             Alfie  
Elise              Jack W  
                       Jack B  
                       Tim

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## Little Lawrences:



**First Steps... Starting School**  
**APPLICATIONS TO APPLY 01 November 2025**  
**To 15 JANUARY 2026**

Parents & Carers of children living in Warwickshire applying for a Reception 2026 place at a Primary/Infant School.

**Deciding on a place to learn**

- Priority Area Schools – Which schools are in your local area
- Research your schools – Attend open days, ask to visit, Schools Website, Social Media
- Are your preferences practical, travel to and from school, after school clubs...
- Choose as many preferences as possible (6 in total)

**Useful Links on the Warwickshire County Council Website – School Admissions**

- I want help to decide a school for my child ([LINK](#))
  - On this page you will find Schools in your local area using the find a school app.
  - Schools Websites
  - School Guide
  - School Transport
  - How to make an Application
- The Process – Applying For a Primary/Infant School Place ([LINK](#))
  - **Applications to apply open 01 November 2025**
  - On this page you will find a full breakdown of dates and instructions of how and where to apply and what happens next.

For more information, please email your enquiry to - [admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk)

**Reception :** We are so proud of all the children in Reception class for completing their first whole term at school! They have worked so hard and their super progress reflects this. This week they have loved completing all sorts of christmas themed activities including making some delicious sparkly biscuits! They were VERY excited to meet Santa Claus whilst eating their Christmas dinners on Wednesday, and loved all of the special gifts he gave to the whole class to share. Our Christmas party day was great fun too and a huge thank you for the generous donations of party food that were sent in. We hope you all have a lovely relaxing Christmas together and return to school refreshed in January.

### Year 1:

**Year 2:** It is definitely beginning to look a lot like Christmas this week in Year 2! We have been sprinkling the magic and creativity, making and decorating our biscuits and our cards. We hope you managed to sample the goods and enjoyed, although they may have been too good to share! We are so proud of the way the Year 2 children have tackled their first term in Year 2. They are now showing us how mature and hardworking that they can be. Everyone has made good progress in their work. This was demonstrated in some lovely letters that they wrote this week and some fantastic work on symmetry in maths. Wednesday was a super day. The children all tucked into their Christmas lunches and Father Christmas came to visit. He brought the children some lovely presents for the classroom which we had great fun with in the afternoon. All the adults in Year 2 would like to say a massive Thank you for your kind and generous gifts and would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas break and a Happy New Year!

### Year 3;

### Year 4:

### Year 5:

**Year 6:** Year 6 have enjoyed a full and festive final week, finishing The Polar Express by watching the film and exploring how atmosphere is created differently on screen through lighting, music and camera work. We made careful notes and compared scenes thoughtfully, before writing their own missing scenes and diary entries that matched the tone and style of the story, showing strong control of description and character voice. English also included planning and writing polished pieces such as favourite moments and short Christmas speeches, all demonstrating how far their writing has come this term. Reading lessons focused on retrieval, inference and book talk, with chn confidently explaining ideas and supporting them with evidence. In Maths, we revised key arithmetic and fraction skills through problem solving, reasoning grids and a fractions 'Escape Room', proving that learning can still happen alongside a bit of festive fun. Art, design, music and drama were woven through the week with creative tasks including soundscapes and decorations linked to belief and hope. We ended the term calmly with games, stories and reflection. To all the children, Merry Christmas and well done. I am incredibly proud of you and the effort, kindness and resilience you show every day.

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# The Week Ahead - w/c 05th January 2026

**Monday 05th January 2026**

**INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN**

**NO EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS THIS WEEK**

The schedule for the Spring Term 2026 afterschool extra curricular clubs and the sign up form will be sent out w/c 5th January 2026. No clubs will run that first week back. Clubs will commence w/c 12th January 2026.

**Tuesday 06th January 2026**

Children return to school

09:30: 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.

**Wednesday 07th January 2026**

09:30: Whole school assembly in the hall led by Mrs Hanna

09:30: Improvers Swimming Lessons at Southam Leisure Centre. Spaces available, sign up [here](#).

**Thursday 08th January 2026**

**Friday 09th January 2026**

08:45 Orchestra rehearsal in the hall. Please remember to send instruments into school with children.

09:05 Celebration Assembly in the hall, everyone is welcome. Please drop extra curricular awards and certificates into the office for presentation in assembly.

## **MUSIC LESSONS WILL COMMENCE W/C 5TH JANUARY 2026 (FIRST WEEK BACK)**

**Monday:** Lisa Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room  
Lisa Foxwell's Flute group will meet in the Hall at 10:30

**Tuesday:** Lisa Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room  
Helen Pugh will be teaching brass in the Hall  
Alex Sinessi will be teaching guitar lessons today in the Sensory Room

**Wednesday:** Alex Sinessi will be teaching guitar lessons today in the Sensory Room  
Lisa Foxwell will be teaching in the morning in the Music Room  
Seb Foxwell will be teaching in the afternoon in the Music Room

**Thursday:** Emma 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

**Friday:** Lisa Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room  
Lisa Foxwell's Recorder group

# 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



## AT ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

After School Dance Club "Dance Fusion" with  
LoveBallet Dance Company



Thursdays 320PM – 420PM  
15<sup>th</sup> Jan – 26<sup>th</sup> March (10 weeks)

Dance Fusion is a vibrant fun dance class, mixing elements of Street Dance, Musical Theatre, Pop & Modern Dance. The club will run from Thursday.

Please book a place via Miss Lorraine  
Lorraine@loveballet.co.uk

Open to Reception to Yr 4 children

£85 for the term, transfer funds to LoveBallet Dance Company

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Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

## Active Kids at Christmas!



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for ages 5-11

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## Active Kids This Christmas!

Holiday Activities  
& Food Programme



Aylesford School  
Thomas Jolyffe Primary  
Bishop's Tachbrook Primary

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