ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27th March 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have a bumper edition this week as we have now received our final Ofsted report. Please read my accompanying letter and the report. Thank you for your support.

As part of their upcoming South America & Amazon Rainforest topic, Sycamore Class enjoyed a trip to Longleat where they took part in a workshop where they handled a python, stick insects and cockroaches. They also loved going on safari and seeing many other animals. They also witnessed the miracle of new life with nine chicks being born in Sycamore Class last week. (I think Maths and English lessons were interrupted a few times with the excitement of yet another beak appearing and a chick being born!) Lots of classes across the school enjoyed some time with the chicks – definitely creating some awe and wonder moments!

This last week has seen many of you come in to school or receive phone calls from your child's class teacher. I hope this has been both informative and useful. Working together is key to our children flourishing so thank you for taking the time to discuss your child's progress.

We recently celebrated our first Lawrence Day with the aim of raising £384 in order to cover the cost of an annual sponsorship for Lawrence. We had thought we may have to organise another fundraiser this year to reach this total, however amazingly, thanks to all your kindness and generosity, the day raised a brilliant £435.60! Thank you so much for your fantastic support! Anna Durante, one of our parents, works for the charity 'Compassion' and is going out to Ghana in the middle of April to meet Lawrence. We have bought stationery for her to take and gift to Lawrence and his school community and also one of our St Lawrence teddy bears so Lawrence can have one while we keep one here as a further link between us and Lawrence.

Our children are enjoying such fun playtimes at the moment, thanks to a generous donation from Mr Fox (a Y2 parent and his company) of planks, crates, tarpaulin and posts to use as creative play. Watching the children problem solve, share the equipment and use their imaginations and teamwork to create seesaws, obstacles course and dens is truly wonderful to see. After listening to feedback from some of our pupils, we have also bought new benches and basketball hoops which are being thoroughly enjoyed. Many thanks to our fantastic TAs for facilitating these activities, our great Year 6 play leaders for ensuring the equipment is set out and put away safely and especially to Mrs Brown, who has worked tremendously hard to co-ordinate everything!

Congratulations to Izzy, Phoebe and Xanthe who all took part in a swimathon last Saturday - they swam 1.5km in 36 minutes and so far have raised £264 for Cancer Research! They are already talking about entering next year and aiming for 5km! What an achievement, girls – we are so proud of you. 😊

Please can we remind you in preparation for the new term that jewellery is not allowed in school: no necklaces, bracelets and rings. Earrings must be stud earrings only and taped up or taken out for PE lessons due to health and safety reasons. I hope you all have a lovely Easter break. Take care, Mrs Fiona Micklefield

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES

For this half term, we are focusing on:
Lent
Respect
Hope
Holy Week
Easter



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MESSAGE FROM THE PTA:

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to all parents for your generous donations towards our Easter café and raffle. It was lovely to see so many of you at the café last Friday, and congratulations to everyone who won a fantastic hamper! Every penny raised at the event helps to pay for school trips and resources, and your support is very much appreciated.

Following the news that the PTA Committee members are stepping down at the end of the school year, please do contact me if you are interested in helping to shape the PTA from September. Myself and the team are very happy to meet you and explain what the roles involve - it you'd like to find out more, please just let the School Office know and they will give you my contact details. We'd love to hear from you!

Tony Reeves (PTA Chair)

QR CODE FOR PTA EASY FUNDRAISING

ATTENDANCE
w/c 16th March 2026

Year R – 90%
Year 1 – 94.83%
Year 2 – 93%
Year 3 – 95.48%
Year 4 – 97.19%
Year 5 – 95.88%
Year 6 – 86.88%

ALL STARS CLUB
w/c 16th March 2026

Year R - Lily
Year 1 - Willow
Year 2 - Nathan G
Year 3 - Jake
Year 4 - Cora
Year 5 - Addie
Year 6 - Harlow

ATTENDANCE
w/c 23rd March 2026

Year R – 90%
Year 1 – 98.08%
Year 2 – 92.96%
Year 3 – 97.49%
Year 4 – 95.83%
Year 5 – 94.44%
Year 6 – 92.68%



At St Lawrence CE Primary School, we are praying for our friend, Lawrence who lives in Ghana

Releasing children from poverty
Compassion
in Jesus' name

ALL STARS CLUB
w/c 23rd March 2026

Year R - Larissa
Year 1 - Lilly
Year 2 - Isabelle
Year 3 - Brae
Year 4 - Luna
Year 5 - George
Year 6 - Chloe

COMMUNITY & PARISH INFORMATION

Available to anyone without referral:

Alton Community Cupboard: Open on:

Monday 12pm-1pm.
Tuesday 7pm-8pm.
Wednesday 12pm-1pm.
Thursday 7pm-8pm.
Friday 12pm-1pm.
Saturday 12.30pm-1.30pm (excluding market Saturdays).

Alton Clothes Bank: Open Tues 9.30am-11.00am, St. Mary`s Church

GLOW – a group for Key Stage 2 children in St Lawrence Church every Thursday afternoon 3.15-4.15pm

Messy Church – Alton Methodist Church (1st Saturday of the month at Alton Methodist Church)

Collective Worships - All welcome - Thursday mornings in St Lawrence Church 9.00-9.30am

Teddies – A toddler group on a Monday morning in term time in the church for free play, activities, music, stories and prayer. 9.30-10.30 but someone is there in the church from 9.00am.

REMINDERS

14 April	Non Uniform Day Earth House
14 April	KS2 Football Activity Club
14 April	KS1 Dance Activity Club
15 April	KS2 Drama Activity Club
15 April	KS1 Football Activity Club
15 April	Lego Activity Club
16 April	KS1 Drama Activity Club
16 April	KS2 Dodgeball Activity Club
16 April	Art Activity Club
20 April	KS2 Dance Activity Club
20 April	KS1 Boccia Activity Club
20 April	Board Games Activity Club
21 April	Beech – St Lawrence Church
21 April	KS2 Football Activity Club
21 April	KS1 Dance Activity Club
22 April	KS2 Drama Activity Club
22 April	KS1 Football Activity Club
22 April	Lego Activity Club
23 April	KS1 Drama Activity Club
23 April	KS2 Dodgeball Activity Club
23 April	Art Activity Club
23 April	PTA Meeting
24 April	Family Time – (Art)
4 May	May Bank Holiday – No School
5 May	Sports Day at 12.00 p.m.
6 May	New Year R Information Evening
8 May	PTA Quiz

Chicks in Sycamore Class






Fun at Longleat




Loose parts fun at playtime




Our Swimathon swimmers!





