ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27th February 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you had a good half term break. It is lovely to see the mornings getting lighter now!

I have now received the draft Ofsted report so once this has been sent back, we will wait for Ofsted to let us know when we can share it with you.

Before half term, Miss Panther organised a whole school Safer Internet Day with this year's theme being 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. Throughout the day, pupils across the school took part in a range of engaging activities to help them understand what AI is and how to use it responsibly including participating in a live lesson where they explored the benefits and potential risks of AI. The pupils also buddied up to take part in a fun and informative AI quiz, working together to test their knowledge.

Our Year 1 children (Oak Class) had an amazing time at Amery Hill when they visited the music department. They became composers for the morning, helping to set the story of Pip the Puppy to music. They explored lots of different instruments and then finished the story by composing pieces for Pip playing in the rain, splashing in the bath and finally settling down for bed. They used glockenspiels, keyboards and percussion to create their unique parts of the story. Thank you so much to Ms Worwood and Amery Hill School for having us!

I, along with our two Church Council Reps, Harvey and Layla, hosted the Alton Cluster Church Council meeting just before the half term break. As a group, two Year 6 reps from all the local Church of England primary schools meet up once a term. This time, we welcomed Sue Bowen, who is the Diocese of Winchester Schools' Advisor. She ran a session where we looked at our school values and then created some individual art work. The session gave time for the children from different schools to talk to each other and to find out about some of our common school values. The next meeting will be at St Mary's Bentworth in the summer term.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the school discos for the children. A great time was had by all and there were a lot of amazing dancers out there!

Next week, we are excited about celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March with a range of fun activities. We also look forward to the now legendary "decorate a door" competition that brings out the competitive nature of all the school staff and children! 😊 The children can come to school in pyjamas this day (please make sure they wear outdoor shoes rather than slippers) and bring in a cuddly toy and their favourite book. At home, they can also decorate a box or take part in the extreme reading challenge. Please don't forget Family Time on that day 2.30-3.00pm, it will be lovely to see you!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. 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:

We had a brilliant school disco on Wednesday evening! A huge thank you to all parents for supporting this event, and an equally huge thank you to all the PTA volunteers who made this event possible. It was so lovely to see the children - and the teachers - throwing some shapes on the dancefloor!

Our next event is the Easter Cafe and Raffle on Friday 20th March. Raffle tickets are now on sale, you can purchase them from the school office and at the school gates at dropoff. And lastly, don't forget you can raise money for the PTA every time you shop online by scanning the Easy Fundraising QR code on this newsletter. Have a restful and relaxing weekend.

Tony Reeves (PTA Chair)

QR CODE FOR PTA EASY FUNDRAISING

ATTENDANCE w/c 9th Feb 2026

Year R – 98.33%
Year 1 – 95.86%
Year 2 – 90.67%
Year 3 – 87.42%
Year 4 – 99.69%
Year 5 – 89.41%
Year 6 – 96.25%

ALL STARS CLUB w/c 9th Feb 2026

Year R - Lucas
Year 1 - Stan
Year 2 - Aisling
Year 3 - Nancy
Year 4 - Harriet
Year 5 - Orla
Year 6 - Lottie

ATTENDANCE w/c 23rd Feb 2026

Year R – 96.67%
Year 1 – 98.62%
Year 2 – 96.67%
Year 3 – 96.88%
Year 4 – 96.88%
Year 5 – 98.82%
Year 6 – 92.81%



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

Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name

ALL STARS CLUB w/c 23rd Feb 2026

Year R - Rose
Year 1 - Otis
Year 2 - Felicity
Year 3 - Albert
Year 4 - Finn
Year 5 - Izzy
Year 6 - Esben

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

2 March	Larch – Seacity Museum
2 March	KS2 Dance Activity Club
2 March	KS1 Tri-Golf Activity Club
2 March	Board Games Activity Club
3 March	Oak – Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
3 March	Maple – Inventors and Makers Workshop
3 March	KS2 Football Activity Club
3 March	KS1 Dance Activity Club
4 March	Mill Farm Cottage – Visiting Willow
4 March	KS2 Drama Activity Club
4 March	KS1 Football Activity Club
4 March	Lego Activity Club
5 March	World Book Day
5 March	Family Time (Reading)
5 March	KS1 Drama Club
5 March	KS2 Jag Tag Club
5 March	Art Activity Club
9 March	KS2 Dance Activity Club
9 March	KS1 Tri-Golf Activity Club
9 March	Board Games Activity Club
10 March	KS2 Football Activity Club
10 March	KS1 Dance Activity Club
11 March	KS2 Drama Activity Club
11 March	KS1 Football Activity Club
11 March	Lego Activity Club
12 March	PTA Non School Uniform Day – Easter Raffle

Oak Class visiting Amery Hill music department





Beech Class cooking cheese twists





St Lawrence hosting the Alton Church Council reps and Sue Bowen from the Winchester Diocese







