# ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6th February 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. The last couple of weeks have whizzed by! Last week, we had the call on the Monday to let us know that we would be one of the first schools based on the new framework to have our Ofsted inspection over the next two days. I saw the best of our community coming together: staff, pupils, parents, governors and we are very grateful for all the support we were given. Thank you for the feedback on the parent questionnaires. As mentioned in a previous letter, the framework was only published 8 weeks ago and Ofsted no longer give one overall judgement and the new report cards show colour-coded grades for different areas. These are graded on a new scale: exceptional (blue); strong standard (dark green); expected standard (green); needs attention (orange); urgent improvement (red). Ofsted also tell you whether safeguarding responsibilities are 'met' or 'not met'. It is important to understand that the new grades can't be compared to the old ones: this is a different approach to inspection and a new way of reporting to you. Unlike the old "best fit" system, which allowed inspectors to award a grade based on the overall impression of a school (even if some criteria were not fully met), the "secure fit" model requires that every single standard within a grade must be met before it can be awarded. We hope to receive our draft report within 18 days of the inspection and we should be able to share the report with you 30 working days after the actual inspection.

"On behalf of the governors here at St Lawrence, I would like to say a big thank you and well done to Mrs Micklefield and all the staff for their hard work and professionalism during our recent Ofsted inspection. The staff are committed to creating and maintaining a safe, nurturing and ambitious learning environment for the children and their behaviour was impeccable throughout the inspection. An Ofsted inspection can be particularly stressful, so thank you also to the parents and carers who took time to send feedback and were there with a smile for the staff when dropping off your children. We can all be very proud of our school!" Paul Whitty, Chair of Governors.

Due to an incredible donation from Mr Fox and the company Mason UK Limited (Year 2 parent) there is no need for any more donations of loose parts for the playground. Mrs Brown is looking forward to working with the children and introducing these resources to them. Thank you to Mr Fox.

Larch Class have been out and about over the last couple of weeks. First, they enjoyed a trip to Co-op as part of our Fairtrade Fortnight celebration to look for items that were Fairtrade. They were so pleased to find lots of things including flowers, chocolate, ice cream, cotton buds and wine! Then this Tuesday, they visited Amery Hill for a Music workshop to complement their learning about the Carnival of the Animals. They loved using the instruments to compose and perform their own animal inspired music and it was lovely to have some ex-St Lawrence pupils helping out too.

We are very fortunate in Alton to have an Alton Arts Festival and as a school we are proud to be a part of their children's programme this year. It is a not-for-profit celebration of arts, creativity, and community. Attached with this newsletter is information about three fundraising events that are coming up. By supporting these events, you are helping to fund opportunities for our own pupils during Schools' Week (1st -5th June).

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care, Mrs Fiona Micklefield

**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES**

For this half term,
we are focusing on:

Epiphany
Compassion
Fair Trade
Light
Love

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PTA:

We've made it through January, and what better way to celebrate than with a school disco? The disco is happening on Wednesday 25th February, and tickets are available via your Classlist app. If you have more than one child in the school, please make sure you have added them to Classlist so you can book tickets. Don't forget to ask your child to submit their song requests!

I would also like to take this opportunity to say how amazing it was to hear so many stories from parents about how the St Lawrence community is enabling their children to thrive and develop when they were speaking to the Ofsted inspectors.

I hope you all have a good February.
Tony Reeves (PTA Chair)

**QR CODE FOR PTA EASY FUNDRAISING**

## ATTENDANCE w/c 26th Jan 2026

Year R – 92.33%
Year 1 – 96.9%
Year 2 – 89.67%
Year 3 – 95.94%
Year 4 – 95%
Year 5 – 96.47%
Year 6 – 89.38%

## CALPOL

If your child requires Calpol during the day, please can you bring some in for us to administer to them.

## ATTENDANCE w/c 2nd Feb 2026

Year R – 91.67%
Year 1 – 97.24%
Year 2 – 89.33%
Year 3 – 93.75%
Year 4 – 98.13%
Year 5 – 95.59%
Year 6 – 94.06%



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



## 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

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| 9 February | KS2 Dance Activity Club |
| 9 February | KS1 Tri-Golf Activity Club |
| 9 February | Board Games Activity Club |
| 10 February | Safer Internet Day – Whole School |
| 10 February | KS2 Football Activity Club |
| 10 February | KS1 Dance Activity Club |
| 11 February | KS2 Drama Activity Club |
| 11 February | KS1 Football Activity Club |
| 11 February | Lego Activity Club |
| 12 February | Larch Class – Zoolab Visiting |
| 12 February | KS1 Drama Activity Club |
| 12 February | KS2 Jag Tag Activity Club |
| 12 February | Art Activity Club |
| 13 February | Last day of term |
| 16 February – 20 February | Half Term |
| 23 February | KS2 Dance Activity Club |
| 23 February | KS1 Tri-Golf Activity Club |
| 23 February | Board Games Activity Club |
| 24 February | KS2 Football Activity Club |
| 24 February | KS1 Dance Activity Club |
| 25 February | KS2 Drama Activity Club |
| 25 February | KS1 Football Activity Club |
| 25 February | Lego Activity Club |
| 25 February | PTA Discos |
| 26 February | KS1 Drama Activity Club |
| 26 February | KS2 Jag Tag Activity Club |
| 26 February | Art Activity Club |

## Larch Class visiting Amery Hill School





## Fair Trade Fortnight – Larch Class visiting Co-op in Alton




FAIRTRADE



## Shared reading in Year R, Year 3 and Year 6





"I like being quiet with my buddy to listen to the book"

**Alessa (Year R)**

"I like reading because it is peaceful"
**Charlie (Year 3)**

"Shared reading means you get to hear other people's books and what they are about"
**Grace (Year 6)**