ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed catching up with family and friends. After only a week, it seems like we are straight back into learning here at St Lawrence! We have had bread making happening in Year 6, creating batik bags in Year 5, learning the Ukulele in Year 4, being fascinated about rocks and fossils in Year 3, Year 2 have been writing new year's resolutions; we have had a visit from a Fairy Tales company for Year 1 and the children in Willow Class absolutely loved seeing the snow fall and created their very own snow crowns!

We are excited to welcome Mr Smith back to our St Lawrence family. He is teaching Year 3 and it feels like he has never been away!

Please do keep an eye on the list of dates as we have various things coming up with new clubs starting and Fair Trade Fortnight being celebrated in school over this half term. We are keen to achieve a Fair Trade Active Award for 2026 so all our activities will work towards collecting for this. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the first Family Time of the new year on **Thursday 22nd January 2.30-3.00pm** and this will have a Fair Trade theme for you to enjoy with your children.

We are always keen to hear about our children's acts of kindness and achievements out of school so starfish will continue to be sent home so that over this half term you can send one in to share your good news with us. We will celebrate these in our Collective Worships on a Friday with the whole school.

Online safety is an ever-increasing concern with our children and so for the last few years, Miss Panther has arranged an annual visit from Mr Phil Bagge who is a Computing Inspector / Advisor working for Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service and has a wealth of knowledge to share. He will be visiting the school on **Thursday 15th January** and will meet with the Year 5 and Year 6 classes. He will then run a special evening session for parents only online **7-8pm**. In these times of increasingly easy access to the internet through a range of devices, children having their own phones and various platforms that can be accessed readily, it is as important as ever to have an understanding of ways to support our children in the safe use of the internet and their mobile phones. This session will be informative and beneficial to parents of children of any age as having prior knowledge of this subject matter is so important, whatever age your children are. This will continue to be an annual event as the internet is an ever-changing world and as parents, we need to keep as up to date as possible.

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:

A very happy new year to you from the PTA! We're looking forward to a year of productive fundraising for the St Lawrence community, and we would love your help. Last summer, our stall at the Alton Lions' Pirates in the Park event raised over £400 and we're on the lookout for similar opportunities. We would love to hear your ideas and suggestions for fundraising activities that you would be happy to support.

Our first PTA meeting of the year takes place on Thursday 22nd January, and we would love you to join us. If you'd like to come along, please just let the office know and I'll be in touch. In the meantime, we hope you have a great start to 2026!

Tony Reeves, PTA Chair

QR CODE FOR PTA EASY FUNDRAISING

ATTENDANCE w/c 15th Dec 2025

Year R – 87.93%
Year 1 – 92.41%
Year 2 – 96.3%
Year 3 – 96.53%
Year 4 – 91.88%
Year 5 – 95.88%
Year 6 – 94.1%

ALL STARS CLUB w/c 15th Dec 2025

Year R - Milo
Year 1 – Logan
Year 2 – Charlie
Year 3 – Freddie
Year 4 - Freddie
Year 5 – Matilda
Year 6 – Lillyrose

ATTENDANCE w/c 5th Jan 2026

Year R – 95.24%
Year 1 – 98.03%
Year 2 – 95.71%
Year 3 – 95.09%
Year 4 – 94.2%
Year 5 – 100%
Year 6 – 95.31%

Ukulele concert

Maple Class will be holding a Ukulele concert for their families in the school hall on **Friday 13th February** at **2.50pm**. This will be an opportunity for them to share with you what they have learnt with Mr Smith during their music lessons this term.



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

12 January	KS2 Dance Activity Club
12 January	KS1 Tri-Golf Activity Club
12 January	Board Games Activity Club
13 January	KS2 Football Activity Club
13 January	KS1 Dance Activity Club
14 January	KS2 Drama Activity Club
14 January	KS1 Football Activity Club
14 January	Lego Activity Club
15 January	KS1 Drama Activity Club
15 January	KS2 Jag Tag Activity Club
15 January	Art Activity Club
15 January	Parents Online – Internet Safety Session
19 January – 30 January	Fairtrade Fortnight
19 January	KS2 Dance Activity Club
19 January	KS1 Tri-Golf Activity Club
19 January	Board Games Activity Club
20 January	KS2 Football Activity Club
20 January	KS1 Dance Activity Club
21 January	KS2 Drama Activity Club
21 January	KS1 Football Activity Club
21 January	Lego Activity Club
22 January	Family Time (Fair Trade)
22 January	KS1 Drama Activity Club
22 January	KS2 Jag Tag Activity Club
22 January	Art Activity Club
22 January	PTA Meeting
23 January	Beech Class Hindu Temple