ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so close to the end of the school year now! Maple Class had the best day out at Royal Victoria Country Park in the sunshine. The children took part in a seashore safari where they found several oysters. We also helped the environment by collecting nurdles which are small plastic pellets which have sadly ended up on the beach. All the children were so inspired by the day, and Miss Panther even heard the children talking about how they would go back to the beach to collect more nurdles to help protect the planet. Willow Class loved exploring the woodlands and became nature detectives and pirates hunting for treasure, then went on the train ride looking out for the letters of the alphabet. They also had fun in the sand and water before lunch and then afterwards, explored fairy and dinosaur land. It was so much fun! Lastly, they went on the snakes and ladders game.

It is at this point in the year where we like to remind you of the expectations for school uniform etc before you go out to buy everything. Please remember our school uniform policy is as follows:

- grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress (unbranded)
- white shirt or polo shirt (unbranded)
- white, grey or black socks; grey or black tights
- maroon sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo (St Lawrence branded)
- sensible black shoes. (unbranded)
- long hair should be tied back
- small stud earrings are the only jewellery to be work to school
- school fleeces may be worn only as a coat at playtimes
- no nail varnish
- no smart watches (for safeguarding reasons)

PE kit is:

- black shorts
- polo shirt in house colour with school logo (St Lawrence branded) or plain t shirt in house colour (unbranded)
- plain black leggings/jogging bottoms (for the Winter months)
- plain black hoodie (unbranded) or a school jumper
- trainers
- hair should be tied back
- small stud earrings should be taken out for PE or tape supplied to cover them

Our Health and Safety inspectors have noticed increasingly large water bottles coming into school. Please ensure your child brings to school an average sized bottle in September which can be stored sensibly with the other thirty water bottles we have in the classrooms. Thank you for your co-operation.

At St Lawrence, we are committed to ensuring our children are safe online and as part of this (alongside local primary schools) are encouraging families to consider the benefits of delaying smartphone use for children while at primary school. Research and expert advice highlight growing concerns about the impact of smartphones on children's mental health, sleep and social development. By promoting a smart-phone free environment, we aim to protect children's well-being and help them enjoy a childhood full of real-world play, face to face friendships and healthy habits. We encourage open conversations around this topic and are here to support families in making informed choices that prioritise children's safety and development. As an alternative to smartphones, some families are choosing to provide their children with simple mobile phones that allow calls and texts but do not have access to the internet, apps or social media. These phones support independence and safety without the distractions and pressures that often come with smartphones. We are keen to work with our local primary and secondary schools. I do understand that this is an ideal and that some of you may have already purchased phones for your children or be doing this as your children approach Year 5 and 6. The most important thing is that if any phone is brought into school, we will continue our policy where your child's name needs to be on the register in the office and that the phone is always handed in to the office in the morning and collected at the end of the day. Thank you for your co-operation.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy some sunshine!

Take care,

Mrs Fiona Micklefield

VACANCY AT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Do you know of anyone who would like to help run our After School Club together with other members of our staff? We are looking for someone willing to work 3 afternoons (Tues, Wed, Fri if possible) 3.15-5.45pm. If anyone is interested, please call the school office on 01420 84400 for more information.

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01420 84400
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MESSAGE FROM THE PTA:

It was wonderful to see so many families at the Summer Fair two weeks ago. Hopefully you managed to see KS1 and KS2 dance club perform as well as Year 4 singing their songs from Night at the Musicals. I am delighted to share that we made a fabulous profit of **£2,792.01!** Last Wednesday was the ever popular after school disco and all the children in attendance were giving it their all on the dance floor. Those are now the final events of this academic year and also my last as PTA Chair. I am not sure where the last four years have gone but it's been amazing to be part of a such a great team of volunteers without whom we wouldn't be able to put on the events we do. Thanks,

Kate (PTA Chair)

QR CODE FOR PTA EASY FUNDRAISING

ATTENDANCE
w/c 30th June 2025

Year R – 95.71%
Year 1 – 99.33%
Year 2 – 98.28%
Year 3 – 96.88%
Year 4 – 98.82%
Year 5 – 96.88%
Year 6 – 96.9%

ALL STARS CLUB
w/c 30th June 2025

Year R – Archibald
Year 1 – Bena
Year 2 – Josie
Year 3 – Finn
Year 4 – Phoebe B
Year 5 – Arthur
Year 6 – Summer

ATTENDANCE
w/c 7th July 2025

Year R – 95%
Year 1 – 94.67%
Year 2 – 94%
Year 3 – 97.5%
Year 4 – 98.82%
Year 5 – 94.69%
Year 6 – 93.79%

Inset Days for 2025-26

Wed 3rd Sept 2025
Mon 3rd Nov 2025
Mon 5th Jan 2026
Fri 19th June 2026
Fri 3rd July 2026

FOOD BANK VISIT

On Monday 14th July our KS2 Global Ambassadors will be visiting the Food Bank to see the work that is done there and to take any donations. Please do keep them coming in! Thank you.

ALL STARS CLUB
w/c 7th July 2025

Year R – Aurelia
Year 1 – Tutku
Year 2 – Landon
Year 3 – Cora
Year 4 – Niamh
Year 5 – George W
Year 6 – Josh

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 July	HMS – Guitar Lessons
14 July	Global Ambassador Trip to Alton Food Bank
14 July	KS2 Dance Activity Club
14 June	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
15 July	Willow – Dance (Main Hall)
15 July	KS2 Football Activity Club
15 July	KS1 Dance Activity Club
15 July	Pupil School Reports sent home
16 July	Woodwind Music Lessons
16 July	Oak – Dance – (Main Hall)
16 July	Meet the Teacher (Main Hall)
16 July	KS2 Drama Activity Club
16 July	KS1 Football Activity Club
17 July	Violin Lessons - Library
17 July	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
17 July	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
18 July	Non School Uniform Day for ? House
18 July	Maple – Swimming
22 July	Year 6 Leavers' Service – (Main Hall)
22 July	Children can be collected from 2.30pm. After School Club will be running as usual.

Willow Class visiting Wellington Country Park











Maple Class at Victoria Country Park



