ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you have been able to enjoy some of the sunshine over the last few days. We have been busy with many activities over the last fortnight.

Beech Class and Maple Class gave their parents a real treat at their ukulele concert. Mr Smith has been absolutely brilliant at stepping in for Hampshire Music Service this year to teach both classes the ukulele. It was wonderful to hear them play the notes and chords they had learnt; sing songs and even sing partner songs and rounds. You could really see the progression across both year groups and they clearly absolutely loved playing. A big thank you to Mr Smith for all his hard work.

As part of their RE unit, Sycamore Class enjoyed their trip to Woking Mosque. They showed the utmost respect and listened really well to the Imam who explained about the Muslim faith. He encouraged them to ask questions and they were fascinated by the mosque and wanted to know more. I am really pleased we are able to give our children these opportunities to be able to widen their perspective and develop a deeper understanding and tolerance of other faiths.

Sycamore Class are also starting to learn about the English Civil War and the Battle of Alton. To kick this off, they met Geoff Thorne who takes part in the Civil War re-enactments and he told them so much about why there was an English Civil War and what happened in Alton. At the end of the session, he showed them how a musket was fired (with all the necessary risk assessments in place of course!)

On Thursday this week, Oak Class had a lovely visit to Sir Harold Hillier's Gardens. They took part in some pond dipping, smelt lots of different herbs and loved playing an exciting game called Seed Survival.

One of our many exciting events in our school calendar is coming up on Tuesday 20th May – Sports Day. This includes a family picnic and races. A letter explaining all the details was sent out last Friday.

Finally, our lovely Year 6s have their national SATs tests next week. They will enjoy a breakfast all together in the morning before school starts. We wish them lots of luck and are so proud of who they are and how hard they have worked with Miss Heckford.
Have a lovely weekend. Take care, Mrs Fiona Micklefield

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES

For this half term, we are focusing on:

Wonder
Creation
Environment
Vulnerability & Ascension





PHOTO COMPETITION – Alton Place Care Home

The theme for the competition is Alton itself, participants can enter by taking an original photo (camera or a smartphone) – that captures the essence of what they love most about the town. Five children will be shortlisted from two local schools, with one winner and one runner-up chosen at a special gallery exhibition and prize-giving event hosted at our care home (Alton Place) in late June. The winner will receive a voucher worth £100, the runner-up a voucher worth £50, and the winning school a donation worth £100 of books or art supplies. All children shortlisted will receive a certificate. Entries must be at least 1mb in resolution to be considered. Entries can be submitted by email to info@housegroup.co.uk, along with the participant's name, school and contact details before the competition closes **at midnight on 20th May.**

PE DAYS FOR SUMMER 1

Monday:	Year 2 and Year 6
Tuesday:	Year R
Wednesday:	Year 5 and Year 1
Thursday:	Year 3
Friday:	Year 4 Swimming

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MESSAGE FROM THE PTA:

We are looking forward to seeing those of you that are joining us at the quiz night this evening from 7pm.
Next Friday 16th May is our final cafe for this academic year. We will be in the hall from 3.15pm. Please can any nut free cake donations be brought in at drop off on the morning of 16th May. (Just a reminder that Battenberg and anything with marzipan cannot be brought in as it is made from almonds.)
We have a few gaps for helpers at the Summer Fair on Fri 27th June. If you are able to help run a stall especially between 5.30-6.30pm, please can you drop an email to the school office.
Thanks Kate (PTA Chair)

QR CODE FOR PTA EASY FUNDRAISING

ATTENDANCE w/c 28th April 2025

Year R – 98%
Year 1 – 98%
Year 2 – 97.86%
Year 3 – 94.1%
Year 4 – 96.47%
Year 5 – 98.61%
Year 6 – 99.31%

ALL STARS CLUB w/c 28th April 2025

Year R - Harry
Year 1 - Miles
Year 2 – George
Year 3- Joss
Year 4 - Violet
Year 5- Layla
Year 6 -Jojo

ATTENDANCE w/c 5th May 2025

Year R – 95.83%
Year 1 – 97.62%
Year 2 – 95.54%
Year 3 – 95.09%
Year 4 – 97.06%
Year 5 – 94.92%
Year 6 – 95.26%

SWIMMING IN 2025-26

Due to continuing budget restraints, we are looking at the swimming provision that we provide for next academic year. From September, Year 3 will be going swimming so that we can ensure we are still covering the Key Stage 2 PE National Curriculum objectives for swimming.

ALL STARS CLUB w/c 5th May 2025

Year R - Isaac
Year 1 - Emily
Year 2 – Jasper
Year 3- Kara
Year 4 - Spencer
Year 5- Harlow
Year 6 -Marcel

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

12-15 May	Year 6 SATs
12 May	KS2 Dance Activity Club
12 May	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
13 May	Beech – Visiting St Lawrence Church
13 May	Oak – Visiting St Lawrence Church
13 May	KS2 Football Activity Club
13 May	KS1 Dance Activity Club
14 May	KS2 Drama Activity Club
14 May	KS1 Football Activity Club
15 May	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
15 May	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
16 May	Maple – Swimming
16 May	PTA Cafe
19 May	HMS – Guitar Lessons
19 May	KS2 Dance Activity Club
19 May	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
20 May	Family Picnic and Sports Day at Amery Hill School playing field
20 May	KS2 Football Activity Club
20 May	KS1 Dance Activity Club
21 May	Cardwell and Simons – Group Photos
21 May	Woodwind Music Lessons
21 May	KS2 Drama Activity Club
21 May	KS1 Football Activity Club
21 May	New Year R Parent Information Evening
22 May	Violin Lessons – Library
22 May	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
22 May	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
23 May	Inset Day – School Closed

Some photos of Oak Class at Sir Harold Hillier's Gardens









Sycamore Class learning about the English Civil War and the Battle of Alton





