ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope you are looking forward to the February half term – I can't believe we are half way through the academic year already! Even in such a short half term, we have been extremely busy with many highlights.

Children from Year 3 and Year 4 volunteered to take part in a dodgeball tournament at Amery Hill. A big thank you to them all for giving up their time to represent St Lawrence. We won quite a few of our games and the children demonstrated the highest sportsmanship at all times. We were grateful to Mr Bothwell for his tactical talks after each match to prepare them for the next one. As each match went on, we could see them working really well as a team and working out their tactics. What a great job!

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed a new TA to take over from Mrs Parker's role. Mrs Fisher will be working in Year 3 on a Wednesday and Year 2 on a Thursday and Friday. Miss Harfleet will also be joining us as a 1:1 TA from 10th March. We are looking forward to welcoming them both after half term.

A third successful Poetry Slam organised by Miss Jones took place on Wednesday with our reading volunteers being the judges this time. Each class performed their new poem to a very high standard. It is really good to see the children growing in confidence and gathering a repertoire of poems over the year. Congratulations to Larch Class who won a book of their choice as a prize!

Please do look at the Eco Champions' newsletter which shows how much work they have been doing with Mrs Parks and Mrs Brown. They have been busy visiting the ACAN conference, meeting with the Church Eco Team and inviting people in to see how they can work together.

Congratulations to Earth House this half term! They win a non-school uniform day on Tuesday 25th February.

At a recent PTA meeting, Kate Miller announced that she will be stepping down from her role as Chair of the PTA. This means we will be looking for someone to take on this role. Kate has given us lots of time to find a replacement and she is very happy to share her knowledge and expertise in plenty of time for September. The PTA are all parent volunteers who give of their time to put on events over the year with the summer fair being the biggest. There are 4 members of the committee (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) and then parents volunteer who help at different events throughout the year. I am so grateful for all that Kate has done over the time she has been Chair and the PTA have raised lots of money for our school. I am hoping we will be able to find a successor before the end of the year. If you are interested, then please do contact Kate via the school office and she will get back to you.
I hope you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you again on **Monday 24th February.**
Take care, Fiona Micklefield

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES
For next half term, we are focusing on:
Forgiveness
Lent
Hope
Holy Week and Easter



Our amazing Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball team!



Year 2 enjoying Fair Trade cookies after a treasure hunt in the Co-op!



Quote of the week (from a reading volunteer who was one of the judges):

"Just a quick note to say how fantastic the poetry slam today was. From Year R to Year 6 they were brilliant, showing teamwork, co-operation, phenomenal learning and performance skills and sheer exuberance and enjoyment.

I am very aware how much time and effort all the staff have put into this event; I am in awe of what they achieve."

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ATTENDANCE
w/c 27 Jan 2025

Year R – 99.33%
Year 1 – 96.67%
Year 2 – 83.79%
Year 3 – 93.75%
Year 4 – 95.88%
Year 5 – 90.65%
Year 6 – 74.48%

ALL STARS CLUB
w/c 27 Jan 2025

Yr R - Charlie
Yr 1 - Aisling
Yr 2 - Aela
Yr 3- Aria
Yr 4 - Emily
Yr 5- Dorothy
Yr 6 - Florence

MESSAGE FROM THE PTA:

Thank you to everyone that donated cakes and attended the cafe last Friday. It was lovely to see so many home-made creations. We raised a total of £130. After half term we will have our KS1 and KS2 discos on 13th March. More details to follow nearer the time. We also have our Easter raffle next month with the draw being held on 28th March.

Just a reminder for anyone wishing to volunteer to help at this year's Summer Fair or if you are able to donate a raffle prize, please contact the school office.

Wishing you a lovely half term break.
Thanks Kate

(PTA Chair).

ATTENDANCE
w/c 3 Feb 2025

Year R – 95.67%
Year 1 – 94.67%
Year 2 – 93.1%
Year 3 – 91.25%
Year 4 – 95.59%
Year 5 – 91.61%
Year 6 – 94.83%

ATTENDANCE
w/c 10 Feb 2025

Year R – 92.65%
Year 1 – 97.67%
Year 2 – 95.79%
Year 3 – 87.5%
Year 4 – 95.29%
Year 5 – 93.87%
Year 6 – 96.93%

ALL STARS CLUB
w/c 3 Feb 2025

Year R - Phoebe
Year 1 – Holly
Year 2 – Maggie
Year 3 – Elsie
Year 4 – Izzy
Year 5 – Ruby B-A
Year 6 -Joe

ALL STARS CLUB
w/c 10 Feb 2025

Year R - Clara
Year 1 – Ariana
Year 2 – Alyssa
Year 3 – Evelyn
Year 4 – George
Year 5 – Ruby N
Year 6 - Edward

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

24 February	Back to School
24 February	HMS Guitar Lessons
24 February	KS2 Dance Activity Club
24 February	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
25 February	Non Uniform Day Earth House
25 February	Maple – Dance (Main Hall)
25 February	KS2 Football Activity Club
25 February	KS1 Dance Activity Club
26 February	Woodwind Music Lessons
26 February	Sycamore – Dance – (Main Hall)
26 February	KS2 Drama Activity Club
26 February	KS1 Football Activity Club
27 February	Violin Lessons – Library
27 February	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
28 February	Beech – Swimming
3 March	Sycamore – Parent Consultations
3 March	HMS Guitar Lessons
3 March	KS2 Dance Activity Club
3 March	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
4 March	Beech – Parent Consultations
4 March	Hawthorn – Parent Consultations
4 March	KS2 Football Activity Club
4 March	KS1 Dance Activity Club
5 March	Willow – Parent Consultations
5 March	Larch – Parent Consultations
5 March	Woodwind Music Lessons
5 March	Sycamore – Dance – (Main Hall)
5 March	KS2 Drama Activity Club
5 March	KS1 Football Activity Club
6 March	World Book Day
6 March	Violin Lessons – Library
6 March	Family Time
6 March	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
6 March	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
7 March	Oak – Parent Consultations
7 March	Maple – Parent Consultations
7 March	Larch – Seacity Museum Trip
7 March	Beech – Swimming

PHOTOS FROM THE POETRY SLAM



Year R performing "I'm a little penguin"



Year 1 performing "Twinkle Twinkle" by Jane Taylor



Year 2 performing "Just a book" by Joshua Seigel



Year 3 performing "Daddy fell into the pond" by Alfred Noyes



Year 4 performing "Jim" by Hilaire Belloc



Year 5 performing "Life doesn't frighten me" by Maya Angelou



Year 6 performing Macavity by TS Elliot