

The School Journal

**ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**

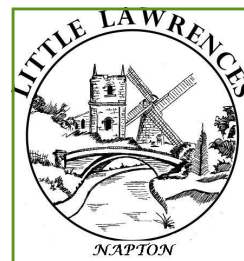
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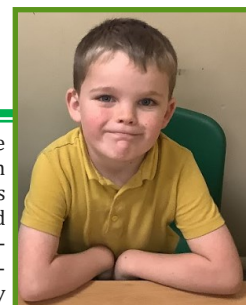
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Friday 06 March 2026



What a fantastic week it has been across the school, filled with creativity, storytelling and a wonderful celebration of reading. We were delighted to begin the week with a visit from poet Emilie Lauren Jones, who led inspiring poetry workshops with the children and created a real buzz around writing. As the days went on, our office and reception area became increasingly filled with potatoes as pupils took part in the hugely popular potato book character competition. The creativity on display was truly impressive, and selecting a winner proved no easy task, prompting much discussion, debate and even secret voting among staff before a final decision could be reached! The excitement continued with our brilliant World Book Day celebrations, where the school was transformed by all the fantastic costumes. Our fairytale theme was brought to life with princesses, knights and dragons, alongside many much-loved book characters, with pupils and staff alike embracing the spirit of the day. Across the classrooms, the joy of stories and creativity was clear to see. Our youngest learners delighted in retelling familiar tales such as *The Three Little Pigs* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, while also creating their own imaginative poetry and sharing stories with older pupils. Reception children impressed us with their enthusiasm for writing their own mini books, performing poems and developing their early maths skills as they explored number patterns and ordering. In Key Stage 1, pupils explored sentence types, number fact families and practical maths activities, including creating arrays outdoors using natural materials, while also bringing their creativity to life through activities such as designing their own "Cindergorillas." Further up the school, pupils showed great focus and imagination through detailed storyboards, confident reading performances, creative writing and challenging maths learning, including work on fractions and algebra. Year 6 have also been finishing their Maya masks and developing their computing skills using spreadsheets. It has truly been a joyful and inspiring week, with reading and storytelling at the heart of school life. **We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Barney Y3 today as he moves to his new school. Wishing you all the best Barney.** Mrs. Bethan Hanna, Headteacher

Message from Louise, office: * My apologies that there were no Stars of the Week this week. I was so excited by World Book Day that I completely forgot to send out the emails to parents! * The Mothers Day Afternoon Tea advertised previously for the whole school for w/c 09th March will now ONLY be for Reception and Little Lawrences on 13th March and will be a Stay and Play in the hall from 2pm to 3pm, as advertised on the poster on page 17 of this journal. * **A plea from the Napton Events committee for Curry Makers for Friday's quiz night, see poster on page 17.** * If you would like to update your child's photo consent so that they do NOT appear in the journal or in other school media, please click [here](#).

Our Potato Competition Winners as judged by Miss Foster and Mrs Hanna:

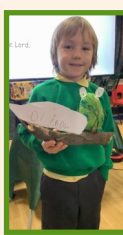


**LLs: Elsie (Elmer), Reception: Leonard (Hungry Caterpillar)
Y1: Cillian, (Oi Frog) Y2: Annabelle (Lion King)
Y3: Lyla (Jacqueline Lawrence character)
Y4: Joseph (Humpty Dumpty), Y5: Jacob (BFG)
Y6: Evan (Holes)
Mrs Evans' favourite potato by Esme Y4 (Action Beaver)**

Well done to our Bronze, Silver and Gold Team Point Certificate winners:



Well done to our raffle ticket winners and those receiving extra curricular awards:



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Little Lawrences: In Little Lawrences this week we have explored story telling. We have revisited the stories, The Three Little Pig and the Hungry Caterpillar and have enjoyed retelling the story. On Monday we worked with the poet Emilie and created our own version of 'Twinkle, Twinkle Chocolate Bar' which included an elephant! On World Book Day we were amazed at the amazing costumes and effort took; the children enjoyed sharing their favourite stories and sharing some of the older children's stories in the afternoon. A brilliant week of story telling, were we also welcomed Tobias and Harry to our class!

Reception: In Reception class the children have been on fire this week! They loved dressing up on world book day, making mini picture books of their own and reading with the children in year 5. They enjoyed creating their own list poem on Monday with our visiting poet and did a wonderful job of performing it! In maths they have been looking at more and less with the number blocks noticing the staircase pattern in consecutive numbers and ordering towers by height. They have also started to write sentences on paper (rather than on whiteboards) in phonics and are working hard to form all letters correctly and to position them on a line. In addition to all of this they have enjoyed spotting signs of spring in the sunshine outdoors, taking turns on the bikes and painting with rollers and other printing tools.

Year 1: Year 1 have had a fantastic and very busy week! We loved working with the text The Sea Saw, where the children explored different types of sentences and practised asking thoughtful questions about the story. In maths, we have been finding related facts and using them to create fact families, helping us see the connections between numbers. World Book Day was a huge highlight, especially with our twist on the fairy tale Cindergorilla! The children had great fun designing and creating their own Cindergorillas, who were all invited to the magical "disco ball." We were also very lucky to have a visit from poet Emilie Lauren Jones, who inspired us with some amazing poetry writing. The children then used the poetry pattern she taught us to create their own fantastic World Book Day poems. It has truly been a fun and creative week in Year 1!

Year 2: Another busy week in Year 2 started with a visit from the poet Emilie Lauren Jones, when we had great fun creating rhymes. On Tuesday, we made the most of the dry weather to take our learning outside. We created arrays from natural materials on the playground and wrote the corresponding multiplication and division sentences in chalk. World Book Day on Thursday was great fun. The children were very proud of their costumes and they all looked fantastic. We read and acted out a variety of traditional tales. It was lovely to see such great team work and confident reading performances. We also got creative by making origami bookmarks. The highlight for the staff was watching some of the children from older classes sharing books with our class in the sunshine on the playground. Now we think we are all ready for a rest at the weekend! Let's hope we see some more of the lovely Spring sunshine.

Year 3: It's been a great week in year 3! We really enjoyed the poet visit on Monday and continued this learning in our English lessons throughout the week. We have created fairytale monsters and creatures which we have written nonsense poems about. In maths, we have continued to work on our learning about fractions. We have been discussing unit and non-unit fractions and compared unit fractions. In science, we looked at the parts and functions of plants. In RE, we learnt about Ramadan and Eid. In topic, we wrote like Egyptians in hieroglyphs. Year 3, looked so fabulous on Thursday dressed up as their favourite book characters. They really enjoyed sharing stories with other year groups across the school. Well done for another week of hard work!

Year 4: This week, Year 4 have truly impressed us with their creativity and enthusiasm. The children produced amazing storyboards all about Leo's clever plan to save the beautiful Ceryneian Hind from Athena, carefully sequencing events and adding thoughtful detail to show tension and excitement in the story. In maths, we have continued our work on fractions, tackling more complex addition and subtraction questions with determination and growing confidence. The class should also be incredibly proud of their fabulous World Book Day costumes — we were blown away by the effort and imagination on display! Most of all, it was wonderful to see their genuine passion for reading shining through as they shared books and talked enthusiastically about their favourite characters and stories. Well done, Year 4, for such a fantastic week of learning!

Year 5: What a fabulous book-themed week we've had! Year 5 kicked off the celebrations on Monday with a Tom Gates workshop, learning from author and illustrator Liz Pichon about the brilliant world of Tom Gates. We've also participated in a "footy and booky" quiz and a BBC Live Lesson, learned a bit about Hans Christian Andersen's considerable contribution to the fairytale repertoire, and taken part in all sorts of other activities to explore books, authors, illustrators and reading, and to help us identify and describe our "reading vibe". What a joy to see so many beautiful, creative costumes on Thursday, and it was wonderful to watch the older children sharing stories with the younger children during the afternoon. Thank you so much to all of Year 5 and their families for everything you did to make it such a lovely week!

Year 6: Year 6 have had another busy week across the curriculum. In Reading we have continued enjoying The Curse of the Maya, following the adventures of Verity, Ethan and Leo as the story moves deeper into the rainforest and the mystery surrounding the artefacts grows. In English, we celebrated World Book Day on Thursday and continued using our novel as inspiration for writing. Children described what an ancient Maya city may have looked like, drawing on Ethan's vision and focusing on clear description, purposeful verbs and cohesive writing. We also explored the use of flashbacks in storytelling, identifying how authors signal a shift to the past and why these moments help readers understand a character more deeply. Children then planned their own flashback scenes using timelines and discussion to organise ideas before writing. In Maths, we have begun our new algebra unit, working through one step and two step function machines before moving on to forming expressions and substitution. In Topic, the class crafted clay Maya masks, painting them using their own designs and learning about the symbolism behind them. In Computing, children collected data, organised it into tables and entered it into a spreadsheet to create a clear data set. Finally, a reminder that SATs revision continues through the yellow folders, which must come into school each morning.

MUSIC THIS WEEK



If your child would like to learn the violin, Warwickshire Music would be very pleased to hear from you. Unfortunately, we do not have enough children interested in learning the violin to make the lessons viable for the music teacher.



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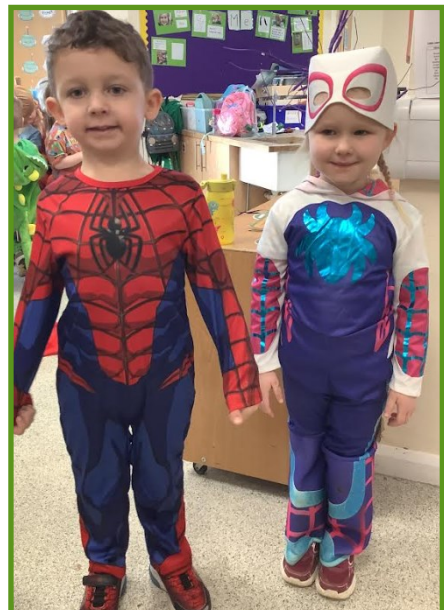
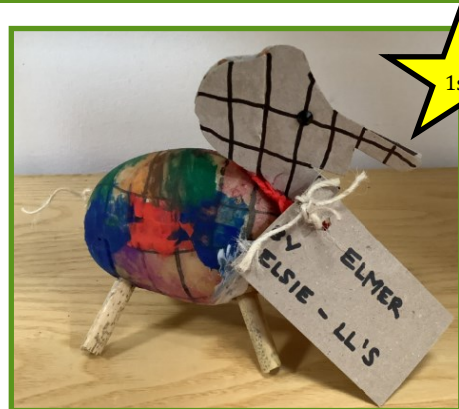
FARM SCHOOL

A great morning at the farm on Tuesday, our second visit of the term. Lots of digging, den building and learning about the great outdoors from Farmer Bob. We saw new born lambs and acted as a barrier to herd some escapee sheep, who had found their way to the church yard, back to their field.



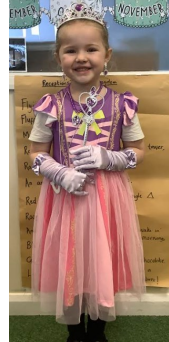
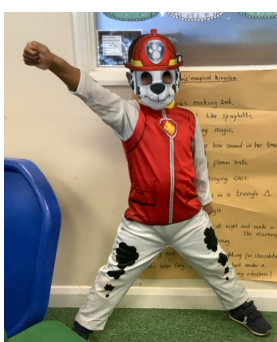
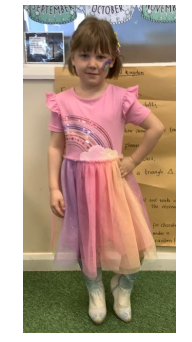
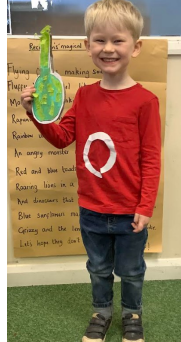
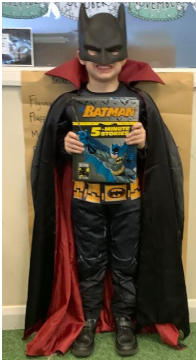
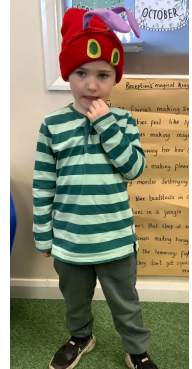
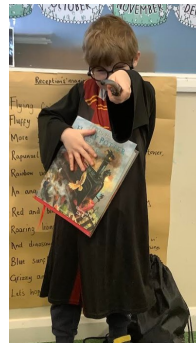
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Little Lawrences — WORLD BOOK DAY



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RECEPTION—WORLD BOOK DAY



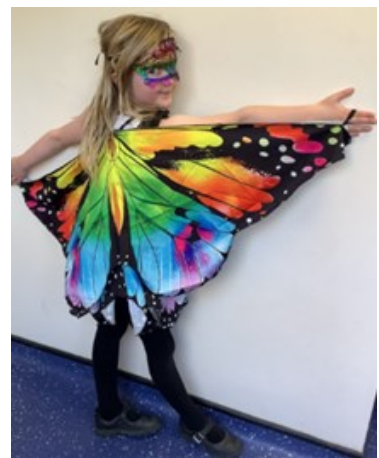
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YEAR 1—WORLD BOOK DAY



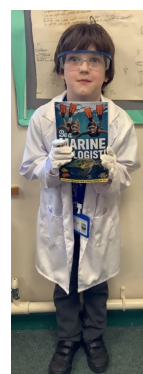
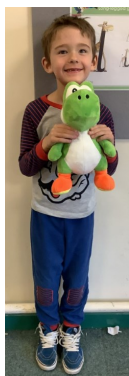
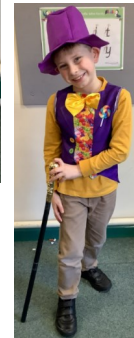
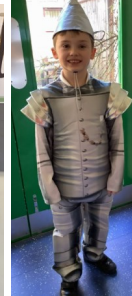
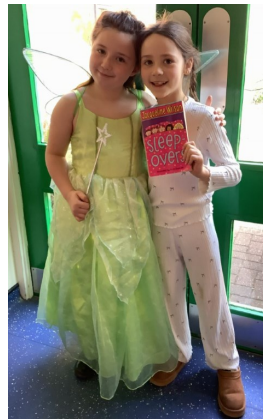
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YEAR 2—WORLD BOOK DAY



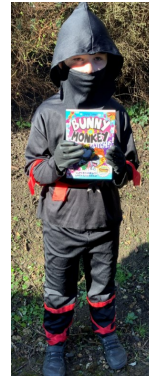
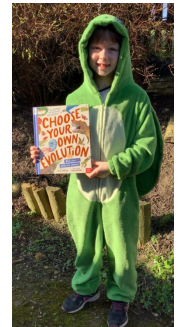
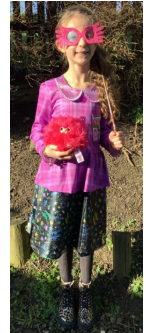
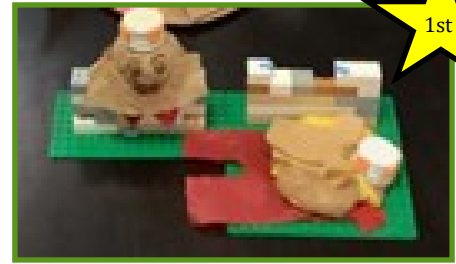
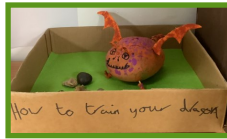
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YEAR 3 — WORLD BOOK DAY



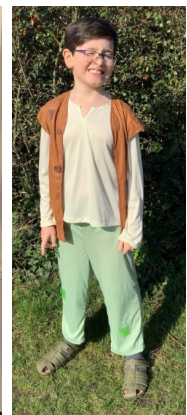
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YEAR 4 — WORLD BOOK DAY



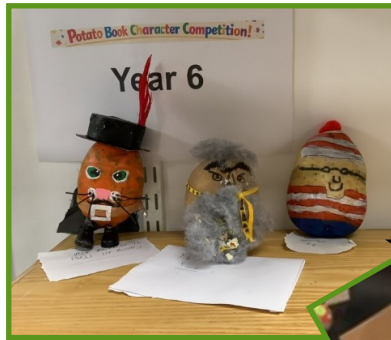
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YEAR 5 — WORLD BOOK DAY



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YEAR 6 — WORLD BOOK DAY



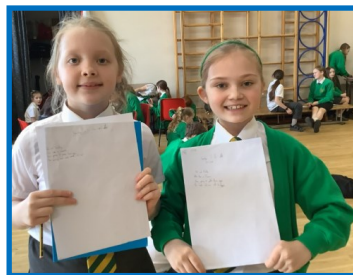
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Older children reading to the younger ones



Mr. Snook writes: "Unfortunately, a mishap in Year 4's Transfiguration lesson saw Luna Lovegood accidentally turn Professor Snook's wand into a wilting Rose. Another replacement needed at the taxpayer's expense!"

**Emilie Lauren Jones
Author Visit**



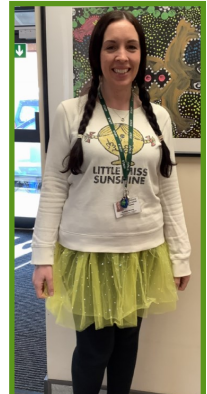
Y5 Tom Gates Workshop



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St Lawrence staff celebrated World Book Day with a Mr. Men and Little Miss theme plus Katniss Everdeen, The White Rabbit, Professor Snook, Professor Whately-Smith, Mrs Tiggy Winkle, Little Red Riding Hood, Mrs Christmas, Paddington Bear and What the Lady Bird Heard. Well done everyone!



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The Week Ahead - w/c 09th March 2026 **SCIENCE WEEK**

Monday 9th March 2026

09:30 Hymn practice with the whole school. Members of the orchestra should bring their instruments to school on Mondays, there is no need to come into school early. Mrs Merrick will collect children from class after morning registration.

Tuesday 10th March 2026

09:30: Year 4 will have their class brass lesson today with Mrs Pugh in the hall. This will be for an hour every Tuesday for the whole of the academic year.

Outdoor Learning visit to Leys Farm on foot. (Parents of children attending have been informed) 3 of 5 weeks

Hi-5 Netball—invites sent

Wednesday 11th March 2026

09:30: Whole school assembly in the hall led by Mrs Hanna

Thursday 12th March 2026

Y6 Boys swimming competition—invites sent

Y5 trip to the National Space Centre

Friday 13th March 2026

08:45: Orchestra rehearsal in the hall. Please send instruments into school with children for an 08.45 practice before celebration assembly.

09:05: Celebration assembly in the hall, everyone is welcome. Please drop extra curricular awards and certificates into the office for presentation in assembly.

Little Lawrence and Reception Mothers' Day Stay and Play from 2pm to 3pm in the school hall

PTA Quiz and Curry Night—tickets on Eventbrite

MUSIC LESSONS:

- Monday:** Lisa Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room
Lisa Foxwell's Flute group will meet in the Hall at 10:30
- Tuesday:** Lisa Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room
Helen Pugh will be teaching brass in the Hall
Seb Foxwell will be teaching in the afternoon in the Music Room
Alex Sinessi will be teaching guitar lessons today in the Sensory Room
- Wednesday:** Alex Sinessi will be teaching guitar lessons today in the Sensory Room
Seb Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room
- Thursday:** Jacob Tanner will be in school taking drum lessons in Room 11
Lisa Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room
Lisa Foxwell's Flute Quartet group will meet in the Music Room at lunchtime
- Friday:** Lisa Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room
Lisa Foxwell's Recorder group will meet in the Hall at 10:30
Lisa Foxwell's Clarinet Quartet group will meet in the Music Room at lunchtime

PE LESSONS:

Reception: Thursday AM,

Year 1: Wednesday PM (plus forest school kit for Fridays), **Year 2:** Tuesday PM and Friday AM,

Year 3: Monday PM and Thursday PM, **Year 4:** Monday PM and Wednesday PM,

Year 5: Tuesday PM and Friday PM, **Year 6:** Thursday PM and Friday PM

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Returning soon to a playground near you!

Bake It or Fake It, we don't mind. All the money raised from cake sales goes towards buying resources for classrooms.

The PTA are always looking for volunteers to help sell cakes. Set up from 3pm.

CAKE SALES!

COMMENCING AFTER EASTER HOLIDAYS!

	17th April: Year 6	
	24th April: Year 5	
	1st May: Year 4	
	8th May: Year 3	
	15th May: Year 2	
	5th June: Year 1	
	12th June: Reception	
	19th June: LLs	
	26th June: LnO	

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CURRY MAKERS NEEDED



Make a curry of 10-15 portions to be served at the Quiz and Curry to raise money for St Lawrence PTA

Friday, 13th March

Costs of ingredients will be refunded. If you can make one, contact Simon on 07588879491

Quiz and Curry Night 2026 Tickets, Friday, Mar 13, 2026 from 7:30 pm to 11 pm | Eventbrite

National Year of Reading 2026

St Lawrence C of E Primary School Volunteers Wanted Wednesday Assemblies at 9:25 am

We're celebrating the National Year of Reading with weekly whole-school assemblies and we'd love your help! We're inviting parents, carers, grandparents, and community members to come in and read a children's story or short extract aloud to our pupils. Whether it's a classic tale, a funny poem, or a powerful picture book, your voice can make a difference.

Reading Matters!



Stories prompt children to ask questions, expand their imaginations and see their place within a much bigger global story. Be a part of our children's reading journey.

Get Involved

If you'd like to volunteer, please email the school office or pop in! office@stlawrenceprimaryschool.co.uk

Let's make reading a shared joy — one story at a time.

Little Lawrence and Reception

Mother's Day Celebration!

Friday 13th March 2026

14:00 – 15:00 in the School Hall

St Lawrence School would like to invite a special female person in your child's life to join us for a Mother's Day stay and play.



These events are so important and provide an opportunity for your child to share their school experiences with you. We appreciate though, that work commitments do make having time off hard and that is why we are opening it to any special female person in your child's life. Because of numbers, the event is restricted to one adult only per family. Please complete the google form sent to you by email to confirm attendance.

Older siblings will not be attending but you are welcome to bring younger siblings if needed.

Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre will be visiting Reception, Y1 and Y2 on Wednesday 25th March.

You can pre-order a copy of their book, "Adventure Mice", on School Money or with cash at the school office.

Sales will close on Monday 23rd March. All pre-orders will be signed by the authors.



Author Visit

Wednesday 25th March 2026

**Philip Reeve
Sarah McIntyre
AdventureMice!**



Join superstars Reeve & McIntyre to help them launch *AdventureMice: Of Mice and Mummies*, the eighth book in their brilliant series! In this story, Meepie the mermouse makes a HUGE discovery. What follows is a race against time to reach a secret island, full of incredible mouse sphinxes, pyramids, palaces ... and the tomb of Queen Neferteacake! Get ready to draw and dream up new story ideas with the AdventureMice team.

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Children can also pre-order a copy of their latest book for £6.99

Pre-order your copy through school ahead of the event and it will be signed and dedicated on the day!
Cash or via school parent pay if applicable. We regret we cannot accept cheques.



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March 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 50 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm

It's class photo time!

Wednesday 18th March 2026

So don't forget...

Clean uniforms, tidy hair and your best smile!



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King's High School



Taster Day

Saturday 14 March • 9.15am-1pm

MUSIC LESSONS FOR CHILDREN



PIANO AND WIND INSTRUMENTS

Lisa and Seb Foxwell
lisafoxwell23@gmail.com



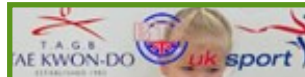
DRUM AND GUITAR

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BRASS AND VIOLIN

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MelanieCotton@warwickshire.gov.uk



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SCHEMBRI TKD

Join NOW

JSTKD are Working with schools in & around the Vale & Cardiff areas

Today your child had a great experience with our martial art class!

We're offering a FREE INTRODUCTION to our classes on Mondays at Ysgol bro morganwg (5:40-6:30pm).

Our classes focus on building technique, balance, coordination, and confidence, while also teaching valuable anti-bullying skills.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BOOKING A SPOT FOR YOUR CHILD, GET IN TOUCH WITH US:

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