

The School Journal

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

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What a wonderful first week back after half term! The school has been full of energy, creativity and happy chatter – a fantastic way to begin the new half term. Year 1 have returned with great focus and determination, working incredibly hard and taking real pride in their learning. It has been a pleasure to visit their classroom and see such brilliant work on display. Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to St John's Museum in Warwick as part of their learning about the Victorians. The Victorian school experience was certainly memorable, although I suspect they were relieved not to adopt Victorian rules permanently! Their behaviour was exemplary and they represented the school beautifully. Year 3 have thrown themselves into their Egyptians topic, carefully crafting canopic jars from clay and constructing impressive pyramids from straws. Meanwhile, Year 4 have been busy sculpting mythological clay masks, producing some wonderfully imaginative creations that showcase both creativity and developing artistic skill. Year 5 have demonstrated great care and craftsmanship in designing and making Roman pots, complete with intricate patterns and thoughtful detailing, the standard of work has been extremely impressive. Year 6 had the opportunity to watch *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, a powerful and moving performance that sparked thoughtful and enthusiastic discussion back at school. They have also been creating Maya masks, incorporating meaningful symbols and glyphs to reflect their purpose, showing both creativity and maturity in their work. To add even more excitement to the week, Years 5 and 6 took part in a Taekwondo session, where they displayed excellent focus, discipline and some very impressive moves! It has truly been a superb and energetic start to the half term, and I look forward to seeing the enthusiasm continue in the weeks ahead. **Mrs Beth Hanna, Headteacher**

Today's Stars of the Week:



Well done to those taking part in extra curricular activities:

Henry and Frederick (Y4) for rugby.

Annabelle (Y2) for being "Beaver of the Week."

Reception—Angus

Year 3—Rishita

Year 1—Cillian

Year 4—Ella

Year 2—Herbert

Year 5—Maisie

Year 6—Hugo

Well done to our raffle ticket winners:

David, (Y6), Tim (Y6), Willow (Y5) and Ivy (Y4).

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

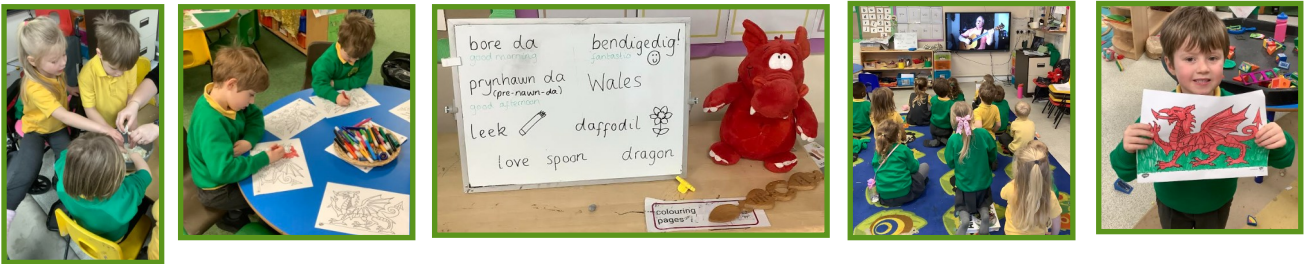
SILVER: William C, Rana, & Jasper (Y1), Amelia and Sophie (Y2) GOLD: Krishaana (Y3)



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Little Lawrences: Year 1 are becoming so grown up now; we can't quite believe we are already halfway through the year! We are so proud of how hard the children are working and the independence they are showing every day. We've been thoroughly enjoying our new book, *The Sea Saw* by one of our favourite authors, Tom Percival. The children have produced some brilliant work inspired by the story. In Maths, we've been getting hands-on with subtraction, using number lines and playing fun games to build our confidence. In Science, we are learning all about mammals and creating mini fact files about our chosen animals – the children are loving sharing their fascinating facts! In Topic, we have just begun our new learning about transport, and we're looking forward to exploring this further. We've also been making the most of a little sunshine, which has certainly kept our smiles shining too.

Reception: The children in Reception class have returned to school in great form and have all been excited to show us their holiday pictures which we love! They have played with such energy and excitement this week and it has been wonderful to see so many of them eagerly applying their phonics and maths knowledge in their play, making cards, books and showing off their number bonds. We have learnt all about St David's day this week and they enjoyed making (and trying) Welsh cakes with Mrs Whately, who also taught us a Welsh song and some Welsh phrases! Outside, we have enjoyed the sunshine and lots of sensory play including water play and the mud kitchen. In PE we practised throwing and catching and the children threw themselves into ball games in the garden afterwards. We also welcome Paige to the team this week who will be supporting some children in the unit. Do say hello if you see her about



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Year 2: What a busy start to the half term. We have made good news posters to share good news in RE and we have been learning about different animals and their babies in Science. We have really enjoyed starting a new book in English. George's Marvellous Medicine has already had us giggling and thinking about the ingredients that George might add to his mixture. In Maths we have started dividing by grouping and sharing. The highlight of the week was definitely seeing the difference of the children when in a Victorian schoolroom. They really did focus, chanted the learning and had impeccable manners! We had a great time at St John's museum, immersing ourselves in the laundry room and experiencing what it was like for both rich and poor, particularly enjoying the dressing up. What a great end to the week, have a great weekend.

Year 3: Year 3 have had a great first week back! We have been learning lots about Tutankhamun in our English lessons and written some wonderful fact files about him. In maths, we have finished up our unit on length and perimeter. Next week, we will start learning about fractions. We started our new topic in science which is all about plants, we learnt how different seeds are dispersed. In topic, we learnt about the pyramids and how they were built, we also made some model pyramids with straws and tissue paper. In RE we learnt about the Jewish festival Tu B' Shevat and in PSHE we looked at how we can keep ourselves and each other safe. It has been a busy week and you have all worked so hard, well done!



Year 4: This week, Year 4 have truly impressed us with their fantastic writing, producing amazing punctuated speech to describe Leo's "victory" over the dreaded sea serpent. The children worked incredibly hard to ensure their dialogue was accurately punctuated, carefully using inverted commas, commas and new lines, and they brought real drama and excitement to the scene. In Maths, we have continued our excellent work on fractions, focusing on comparing and ordering mixed numbers and improper fractions. The children showed great determination and mathematical thinking as they found common denominators and explained their reasoning clearly. Well done, Year 4, for your enthusiasm, focus and high-quality work! We also bid farewell to our dear friend and classmate, Emrys, who is moving to a new school setting. The whole class are so excited for him, but we truly will miss him. Janet and Rosie, who have been working with Emrys for many years, will dearly miss working with, teaching, and learning from him, as will we all. His creativity, passion, and fascination has been inspiring to witness, as has the sterling work of his supporting adults.

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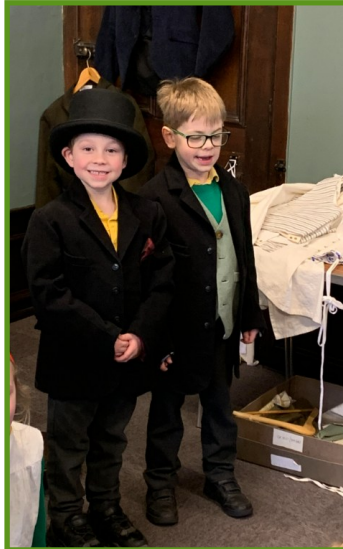
Year 5: Year 5's week started with our slightly delayed Maths World Cup Final, which was a brilliant event! Year 5 are doing so well with their times tables and we've already started work on this half term's targets. As I type, Year 5 are throwing themselves enthusiastically into a taekwondo session, and absolutely loving it! They made some lovely Roman pots with Mrs Griffiths in Art earlier in the week, learned to sing Yellow Submarine in music then started writing their own songs, and continued some fabulous fractions work. We're all really looking forward to World Book Day next week and I know, with so many prolific readers in the class, that it'll be a really special celebration!



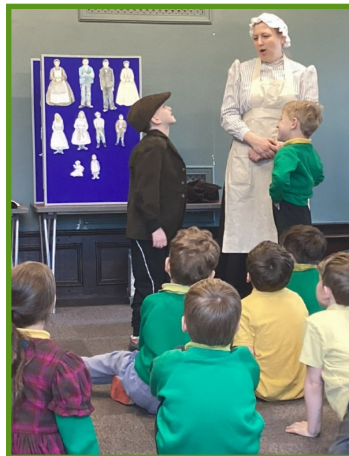
Year 6: Year 6's highlight of the week was undoubtedly our visit to the Belgrade Theatre to watch *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. We all (including the adults) found it a powerful and emotional performance with an important message for all audiences. The children were a real credit to the school, showing excellent behaviour throughout, and our front row seats ensured full engagement from start to finish. In Reading, we have continued with *The Curse of the Maya*, tackling new chapters with careful attention to vocabulary, inference and prediction, and plenty of debate about whether certain decisions were wise... In English, we have completed our monologues, identified key themes and thought about concise book reviews, before moving into vocabulary investigation using dictionaries and then writing detailed descriptions of an ancient Maya city inspired by Ethan's vision. Do look out for examples of your child's writing on Google Classroom, as they are keen to share their work with real audiences. In Maths, we have completed ratio and proportion and have now begun algebra, starting with one step and two step function machines. And finally, SATs revision continues daily using the yellow folders, which are having a noticeable impact. Please ensure these are completed and returned each morning, and do support any areas that need further practice. Unfortunately, time is not elastic and it is running out as the May exams loom closer.



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The Year 2 trip to St Johns, Warwick, was a great success and everyone really enjoyed learning about the Victorians



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The Ashton Family (Y2 & Y4) shared this photo of them on their family holiday to Derbyshire in half term. Whilst there, they enjoyed some trig-bagging (walks to find trig points and take a photo by them). You can find out more about trig points here, [What is a trig pillar? | OS GetOutside](#). Trig bagging is a fun way to get exploring outside as you try to bag as many as you can over time. One of their walks in Derbyshire took them uphill to Bolehill East trig point and they found enough snow for a snowball fight!



Freya's (YR) Mum sent in this photo of Freya with her Grade 2 Skate Excellence Certificate. Well Done Freya!



Today we say a very fond farewell to Sophie (Y2) as she moves to her new school. We wish you the best of luck at your new school.



On Wednesday we said a very fond farewell to Emrys as he moves to his new school in Rugby. We wish you the best of luck at your new school.

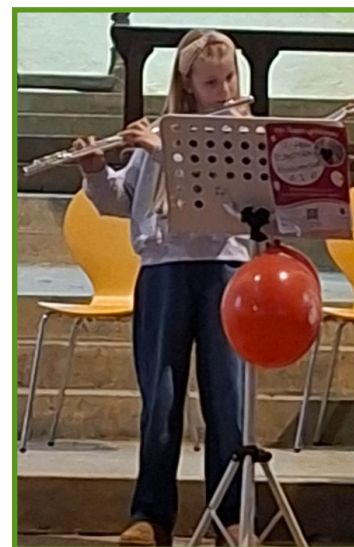
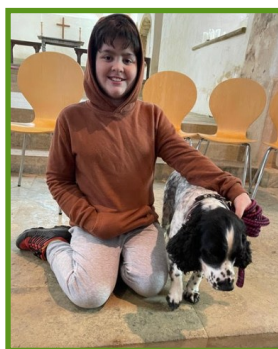
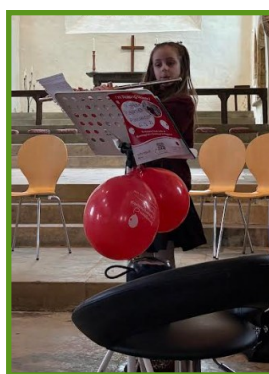
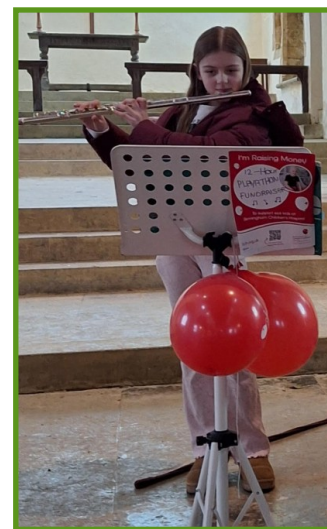
James Mum sent in this photo of him with a medal from his first ever Cubs swimming gala. He was the youngest competitor by a whole year but still came away with a Bronze Medal. Well Done James!



Sue Watkins showing Y2 some of her Victorian artefacts.



JESS FOXWELL'S PLAYATHON A huge thank you to everyone who came and participated in last weekends Playathon at Burton Dassett Church raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. Albeit a bit chilly, the church was buzzing, 12 hours of music was achieved and In excess of £1000 was raised with so many of you from St Lawrence taking part. Performances ranged from flute, recorder, piano, drums, trombone, clarinet, to name just a few. It was wonderful to see so much musical talent and so many people taking the opportunity to perform. Thank you all!



**£1,000
raised! Well
done Jess.**

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FARM SCHOOL



**SUCH
FUN!**



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The Week Ahead - w/c 02nd March 2026

Monday 2nd March 2026

Emilie Lauren Jones (poet) will be visiting school. Make sure to order a copy of her book.

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 3rd 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) 2 of 5 weeks

Wednesday 4th March 2026

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

Thursday 5th March 2026

World Book Day—Dress up or accessorize as a character from a favourite book, bring in a book to share with your class and decorate a potato as a book character—see posters further on in the journal

Friday 6th 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.

Today's PE lesson for Y5 and Y6 will be Taekwondo workshops run by Joe from JDSKTD.

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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RECORDER GROUP:



LOST PROPERTY:



Left: 3 knee pads that were left behind after scooter club earlier in the year.

Above: the cover from the arm of a car seat that was used in school.

Top left: various items that I have picked up and kept safe in the office.

If any of these belong to you, please collect form the office.







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!

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|  | 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: Ls | |
| | 26th June: Ln0 | |

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Emilie Lauren Jones will be visiting the whole of main school from Reception upwards on Monday 02 March.

You can pre-order a copy of her book, "A Poetic A-Z of Awesome animals", [here](#).

This book is not available to order via School money or the school office.

All pre-orders will be signed by the author.

Hello!

We are thrilled to tell you that poet Emilie Lauren Jones is coming to your school!

Emilie's sessions aim to nurture and develop students' skills and enthusiasm towards reading and writing.

Books are available to order now - [click here](#) or scan the QR code to buy online, or order through school if this is supported (cash/parentpay etc).

Emilie will then sign and personalise the books!

Authors Abroad



Emilie Lauren Jones

Emilie has performed and run workshops across the UK and internationally. In 2021, the year Coventry became UK City of Culture, she became the city's first Poet Laureate.

Emilie always loved writing and had her first poem published (aged nine) in her mum's local magazine. At the age of fifteen, her English teacher entered her work into a national short story competition with The Guardian Newspaper and she was one of ten winners who had their poems published in an anthology. This inspired Emilie to believe that a career in writing was possible and she hopes she can offer the same encouragement to others.



A Poetic A - Z of Awesome Animals £6.99

Get ready for a wild ride through the animal kingdom alphabet!

This delightful book invites readers to explore the wonders of nature, one letter at a time.

From the magnificent but endangered African Wild dog to the unique stripes of a zebra, each page is bursting with captivating poems and fascinating facts about animals. Engaging rhymes and charming illustrations bring these animals vividly to life as you discover unique poetic forms along the way.

Perfect for bedtime stories, classroom read-alouds, or independent reading, A Poetic A-Z of Awesome Animals! is a wonderful blend of imagination, education, and entertainment.



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.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March 2026
St Lawrence Primary School

Dress as your favourite book character!

Fairytales are the theme for the week.

Bring in a book to share!

Potato Book Character Competition!

Decorate a potato to look like a book character.

Bring entries to the school office on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March

Prizes for the best potato from Early Years, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2!

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.

Stratford Literary Festival

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.

KS1

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.

Stratford Sharing Stories
stratiffest.co.uk

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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.

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

MUSIC LESSONS FOR CHILDREN

PIANO AND WIND INSTRUMENTS
Lisa and Seb Foxwell
lisafoxwell23@gmail.com

DRUM AND GUITAR
Top of The Rock
josh@topoftherocktuition.com

BRASS AND VIOLIN
Warwickshire Music
MelanieCotton@warwickshire.gov.uk



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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Your child's participation in school photography gives Mango inSchool permission to share the images within your child's school community. Mango inSchool will never use your child's photo for any other purpose without parents permission. Please inform the school if you do not wish your child to participate. STYLE OF PHOTO WILL VARY.



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Napton Cycle Ride AGM
Thursday 5th March 2026 at 8.15 pm in The Victory Club

Why don't you come along to find out more about what the Committee does and what help is needed on the day of the ride and in the few weeks before it. We really are in urgent need of people to help out on the day of the ride and there is a danger that the ride won't go ahead if there aren't enough people to help organise and run it.

The official business of the AGM won't take long and the work of a Committee member is not that onerous - honest. There might be a drink in it for you!

Hope to see you in March. In the meantime if you want any more information please contact me either by email or text/phone: debra-allen@hotmail.co.uk or 07809739795.

Debra Allen
 Secretary of the Cycle Ride Committee



March 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
 Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
 Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

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| 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 |

Contact the school office for FACE School M'ship details.

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We're offering a **FREE INTRODUCTION** to our classes on Mondays at Ysgol bro morgannwg (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:

☎ 07711 234500 ✉ joestkd@gmail.com 🌐 schembritkd.co.uk

Taster sessions are happening in school in P.E.

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