

# The School Journal

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

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**Friday 13 March 2026**

It has been another wonderful and inspiring week across our school, with so many fantastic activities and achievements to celebrate. Our netball team took part in the High 5 Tournament at Princethorpe College and showed excellent teamwork, skill and dedication throughout the competition. We are incredibly proud to share that they won the final 8-0, a fantastic achievement! A huge well done to the team, and a massive thank you to Mrs. Monk and Mrs. Hiscox for the time they spent coaching and supporting the players. We are also very grateful to the parents who helped by transporting the children, we truly couldn't do it without your support. Year 5 enjoyed a brilliant trip to the National Space Centre. The children had great fun exploring the exhibits and particularly enjoyed visiting the replica of the International Space Station. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring their learning to life. Year 6 have been working extremely hard on their writing and have also been practising in the hall as they prepare for their SATs. Mr. D has been very impressed with their maturity, focus and positive attitude. A group of our Y6 boys competed at Warwick school in a swimming gala showing their teamwork and sportsmanship cheering each other on. It was also lovely to welcome so many families to our Early Years Stay and Play session. There was great fun decorating (and eating!) biscuits, sharing stories, building with construction toys and getting creative with playdough. It has been another amazing week at St Lawrence's and I have enjoyed watching our children shine! Next week we have a sign language assembly, BSL a robotic workshop for Y6, Taekwondo taster sessions, an away football match, class photos and Red Nose Day.



George B Y6 got creative at breaktime creating this stick shelf on the tree trunk!

Wishing you all a restful weekend and a Happy Mothering Sunday. Mrs. Beth Hanna, Headteacher

## STARS OF THE WEEK



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

**BRONZE:** Millie (Y3), **SILVER:** Evalyn, Millie & Evelyn (REC), Khloe-May, (Y1) Matilda, Alfred (Y2) Maybel, William H (Y3) **GOLD:** Nico & Izzy (Y2)



### Well done to our raffle ticket winners

(Fred Y4 & Archie Y3)



REC: Savannah (Left)

(Above)  
Y1: Alfie  
Y2: Finley  
Y3: William  
Y4: Grace  
Y5: Alexander  
Y6: Jack W

### Well done those receiving extra curricular awards:

Alexander (Y5) for rugby, (Harbury RFC) Imogen (Y3) for equestrian pursuits (Y3), William C (Y1), Josh P (Y5), & Riley (Y1) for Swimming achievements, Raphael & William (Y2) for being Stockton Beavers of the Week and Jonas (Y1) for rugby (Southam RFC)



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**Little Lawrences:** It has been Science week in Little Lawrences and we explored a different question each day. We have explored the language of different and same, as we discussed whether animals had the same features and why some had wings and some had scales. We considered whether flowers would grow on the moon, talking about the differences between Earth and the Moon. We then planted seeds, keeping some in the freezer and some outside. The children will be able to observe these over the next few weeks to see whether we guessed correctly. We ended the week with our Mother's Day craft and play and although it was very busy we thank everyone for coming and taking part. Have a great Mother's Day. (photos in next weeks journal)

**Reception:** Reception class have been very busy this weeks making cards and biscuits for their mums and learning all about why we think about our mums on Mothering Sunday. It was so wonderful to share in such a special craft afternoon with their mum's/special people today. Thank you so much for coming along. The children have been working very hard in phonics and handwriting, making sure that they are forming their letters correctly and writing words and sentences with increasing confidence and independence. In maths they have been exploring number 7 and its composition. In their free play they have been inspired to paint symmetrical butterflies and to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly after keeping a close eye on our class caterpillars. They have also enjoyed challenging themselves to build and then balance and travel across their own homemade obstacle courses outside!

**Year 1:** Year 1 have had a very busy and exciting week! We have been focusing on improving our handwriting, forming sentences correctly, and recalling key events from the stories we read together. The children have worked hard and are becoming more confident writers. In Maths, we have started a new unit on numbers to 50, and the children have had great fun practising their skills by playing "Number Splat"! In our science, we explored what different animals eat and sorted them into groups: omnivores, herbivores, and carnivores. We also looked at how transport has changed over time, focusing particularly on cars. There have been lots of opportunities for reading this week too, with some children even asking if they could read aloud to the class. Well done, Year 1, for such a fantastic week of learning!

**Year 2:** Year 2 have been busy bees this week. We are really enjoying our book George's Marvellous Medicine. We have written some amazing recipes for our own marvellous medicines but don't worry we won't be making them! We have completed our multiplication and division topic but that doesn't mean we will stop practising our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We had some great fun on the playground practising our multiples of 5 and 10. This involved lots of chalk targets and beanbags! In computing, we have really enjoyed using our Beebots to learn how to create algorithms. We are learning to sequence and write instructions very carefully! We hope you all enjoy a well earned rest at the weekend.

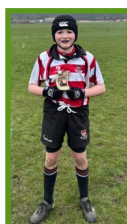


*(Pictures of Ronnie with a beautiful snail he found)*

**Year 3:** Year 3 have been busy reading Esio Trot in English this week, they have practised their dictionary skills by searching for definitions for new vocabulary. We had a dictionary hunting race too showing some very impressive quick word finding skills! In maths, we have continued our learning on fractions. We have been identifying the whole and looking at fractions on scales and number lines. They are doing a fantastic job of getting their heads around this! In science, we investigated water transportation up celery stem using food dyed water, we found that thinner stalks of celery transported water more quickly than thicker stems as more of the food dye had travelled up the stem. In topic, we learnt a about Egyptian gods and goddesses and conducted our own research. In computing we used an online tool to create branching databases and in PSHE we learnt the difference about fact and opinion and the importance of respecting other peoples opinions. Well done for a great week Year 3!

**Year 4:** This week, Year 4 have produced some truly amazing work and should be very proud of their efforts. In English, the children worked incredibly hard drafting both their initial and revised versions of their writing about Leo's efforts to save the beautiful Ceryneian Hind from Athena. They showed fantastic creativity and determination, carefully improving their ideas and language to make their writing even more powerful. In maths, the class continued to build their understanding of fractions, working particularly hard on adding and subtracting more complex fractions and showing great perseverance with these challenging problems. We were also delighted by the children's fabulous Ancient Greek theatre masks, which they hand-sculpted and carefully painted. The finished masks looked fantastic and really showed the children's creativity and attention to detail. Well done, Year 4, for such a brilliant week of learning!

**Year 5:** The highlight of Year 5's week was definitely Thursday's trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester! We had an absolutely brilliant time exploring all the different areas and exhibits, and the show in the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium was also a highlight. It was a wonderful day and we are really grateful to the PTA for their contribution of funds - thank you so very much! We've started our new maths topic this week and are focusing on decimals, with lots of pupils volunteering to solve problems on the whiteboard and plenty of collaborative work happening. We explored another feature of Roman architecture in Topic this week, performing experiments to see whether the addition of an arch enhanced the strength and structural integrity of a bridge. And we've continued our work on song writing in Music, carrying on writing our own hooks and choruses as well as learning some songs which were then heard on the coach on Thursday! Another great week, Year 5 - very well done.



(Alex, left, pictured with his trophy at Harbury Rugby)

**Year 6:** Year 6 have had another really focused week. In Reading some of our time has been spent preparing for SATs style tests in the hall. We have discussed how to approach the papers, shared Mr D's recommended strategies and thought carefully about how we can improve, next time. In English, we have completed our flashbacks and you are warmly invited to come and see them on our plans and drafts on our Google Classroom page. Excitedly, final drafts were written carefully on plain paper using writing guides and the new fountain pens that Mr D bought for the occasion, which certainly encouraged everyone to present their very best work. Handwriting also continues to be a focus and we are using our Bubble Writing scaffolds to improve consistency and control. In Maths we have continued our algebra unit, working through forming expressions, substitution, formulae and forming equations. In Topic we explored Maya glyphs and how they were used to record information, which proved more complicated than it first appears. As always, please ensure your child is keeping up with the daily Yellow SATs folder and check Google Classroom for any missed days. Well done to Dawson, George H, Thomas and Bryn for competing in the Warwick School swimming gala this week, a great effort by you all. And a thank you to Mrs Sensecall for driving them.



**Year 6 are welcome to arrive in school at 08:45 from Monday for extra SATs revision**

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# MUSIC THIS WEEK

Cecily has shown great improvement this week in her recorder lessons. Well done Cecily.

Emma is absolutely delighted to have been invited to join the orchestra and we cannot wait to have her onboard. Emma is also very excited to be starting flute lessons soon.

Emily was totally amazing today. I was so impressed with her hardworking attitude and confidence in her playing. What a superstar!

Penny and Emily have worked really hard to take their Grade 1 Treble Recorder exam in record time. Well done girls!

Harry, Seb, Archie & Rupert of "The Mad Hatters Clarinet Quartet" were very excited to be learning an arrangement of "A Million Dreams."  
**Mrs. Lisa Foxwell**



## THE TURN OF THE SCREW

26 MARCH-6 APRIL 2026

LINBURY THEATRE • OPERA AND MUSIC



Fleur (Y6) will be appearing in "The turn of The Screw".

<https://www.rbo.org.uk/tickets-and-events/the-turn-of-the-screw-natalie-abrahami-dates?page=1>

Fleur has also been chosen to sing for the BBC Radio 3 recording with the Royal Opera House Orchestra.



Emile (Y3) thoroughly enjoyed his stay at Windsor Castle trying out their boarding facilities.

The only problem was falling asleep under the Heathrow flight path!

Whilst he was there the King was in residence, which was very exciting.

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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## Outdoor Learning at Bob's Farm



We are so pleased to have George Funnell as part of the school community bringing his kind, caring nature and wealth of sports coaching knowledge to the school. The children (and staff) really enjoy working with him. George works as a Teaching Assistant in the mornings, Sports Coach in the afternoons running our PE lessons and runs some of our afterschool sports clubs. **Mrs Evans**

## High 5 Netball



On Tuesday 10th March, Princethorpe College invited local primary schools to participate in a year 5 netball Tournament. The structure of the games were slightly different, following the rules of High 5, with 5 players on the court and 2 children taking the role of timer and scorer. The girls rotated around different positions when playing different matches. We played 5 different teams; winning 2 matches, drawing one and losing 2 but secured a place in a final match which the girls won 8-0. As each game progressed, the girls became stronger. Well done to;

Penny- coming forward for the passes and doing 'pops' to other players in the D to get round defenders.

Emily H- interception queen! Picking up so many balls from the other team and driving the ball down the court.

Florence- reaching up for the balls and getting the tips of her fingers on so many, delaying the oppositions attack.

Iona- her first match for St Lawrence and getting more and more involved as the matches went on. Getting more confident at marking and staying with her player.

Rose- her first match for St Lawrence and making some great drives down the sides of the court to help get the ball into our attacking third.

Neve- some great spacing on court, opening up the play and coming forward for the ball.

Lexie- being very strong in both attack and defence. Some great shots on goal being awarded Player of the Tournament.

We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all the children who attend netball club. The progress they have made since the beginning of the year is remarkable. Turning up, week after week in cold, windy, wet weather, listening to advice we give and improving their skills to become better and better netballers! Well done all of you. Thank you to the parents that have given their time to support the children, driving to fixtures, offering lifts and encouraging all the children when they are playing. **Mrs. Heather Hiscox**

A huge thank you to Mrs. Monk and Mrs. Hiscox for running the netball club each week and developing the skills of the children. We are so very grateful for the time you give volunteering.  
**Netball club has now finished for this academic year and will be back in the Autumn term.**

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## The Week Ahead - w/c 16th March 2026

### Monday 16th March 2026

British Sign Language assembly **(Hymn practice with the orchestra will be on Tuesday this week)**

Year 6 Robotics Workshop (afternoon)

### Tuesday 17th March 2026

09:05: Hymn practice with the whole school. Members of the orchestra should bring their instruments to school on **TUESDAY (NOT MONDAY) FOR THIS WEEK ONLY**, there is no need to come into school early. Mrs Merrick will collect children from class after morning registration.

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 with Mrs Hanna and George Funnell. 4 of 5 weeks

Y5/Y6 Football match away against Ferncumbe school —parents of players have been informed

### Wednesday 18th March 2026

Class photos in the hall

### Thursday 19th March 2026

Year 6 will be taught by Mrs Hanna in the morning as Mr D is not in school this morning.

Reception PE Lesson will be an introduction to Taekwondo (non-contact) with Joe of JSTKD

### Friday 20th March 2026

**Red Nose Day—pay £1 on School Money to wear 1 red accessory (see poster)**

Year 6 will have a supply teacher in class as Mr D is not in school

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. We accept entries up to 09:00 on Friday.

Year 2 PE Lesson will be an introduction to Taekwondo (non-contact) with Joe of JSTKD

#### 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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# Mother's Day Family Service

10.30am Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

St Lawrence Church

Napton

A short celebration of live music, fun & flowers\*

'Messy art & craft' for children and cake!

Everyone is invited



Afterwards, from the entrance of the church for your mums (& 'mothers')

# Larks n Owls

## Menu

w/c 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Monday • Sausage Pasta Bake

Tuesday • Chilli

Wednesday • Mac and Cheese

Thursday • Fish, Mash & Veg

Friday • Sandwiches

If your child does not want what is on the menu,  
please send them with a snack to tide them over until collection.

★ Good Food, ★  
Good Friends, ★  
★ Good Fun!

**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 Mangoinnschool permission to share the images within your child's school community. Mangoinnschool will never use your child's photos 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.

Every class will have one PE lesson run by Southam Taekwondo as a taster for paid classes running in Southam. Year 5 and Year 6 have already had their Sessions. They all really enjoyed themselves.

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**ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL**  
**KS2 PTA DISCO!**

**FOR YEARS 3, 4, 5, 6**  
**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**  
 SCHOOL HALL • 3.30PM - 5PM

**Tickets on School Money!**  
**£5 for one • £12 for three**

**Tuck & Drink Included!**  
**Unlimited Water!**

**Break Out Space Available!**

**Children can change in class for the disco!**  
**Bring a change of clothes!**

**Collect from the rear hall door at 5PM!**  
 \* THERE WILL NOT BE A KS1 MOVIE NIGHT

**RED NOSE DAY!**  
 - AT ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL -  
**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**Wear ONE RED ACCESSORY!**  
**£1 donation via School Money or Cash on the Day!**

**CHOOSE ONE FROM:**

- Red Tie
- Red Tights
- Red Socks
- Red Hairband
- Official Red Nose
- Red Nose Boppers
- Red Belt
- Red Cap or Hat (outdoors only)

**Standard School Uniform MUST be worn**  
**No Face Paint. No Other Dress Up.**

Regulation shirts/polos, jumpers, shorts, trousers, dresses & school shoes.

**St Lawrence School PTA**  
**EASTER BINGO!**

In the School Hall on  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
 From 3:30pm to 5pm

**All children MUST be accompanied by an adult.**

**Tickets: £3.50 each Available from School Money**

**All proceeds go to the PTA!**

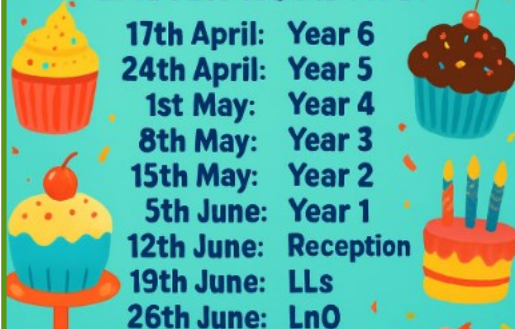
**Easter Egg Donations Welcome!**  
 Please leave eggs at the office!

**IT'S VERY LOUD.**  
**IT'S VERY CHOCOLATEY.**  
**IT'S VERY EXCITING!**

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# CAKE SALES! 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: Ln0**

**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.

## 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

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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, Meepee 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.



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](mailto:office@stlawrenceprimaryschool.co.uk)

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

FACE March 2026 Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long	
<b>£24 each or FREE with School Membership</b>	
Book online at <a href="http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk">facefamilyadvice.co.uk</a>	
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
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
<b>FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance</b>	26 Mar 7-8pm



**FREE** online talk by  
 Jane Keyworth  
 FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

## Decreasing Depression

23rd April 7-8pm



Book online  
[www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
 Parents - Live Talks page

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