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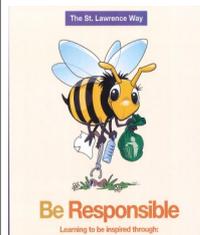
# St Lawrence Weekly

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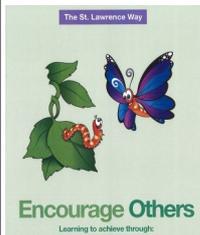
## Headteacher's Spotlight

Happy New Year to you all. What a memorable start to the spring term it has been. After a restful break, none of us expected to be greeted by snow, snow and more snow during our first week back - and all of it falling so heavily in such a short space of time. As always, the safety of our pupils, families and staff comes first, so closing the school on Friday was the only sensible decision. Thank you for your understanding.

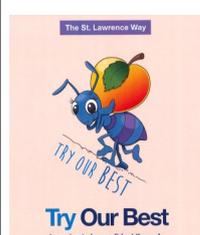
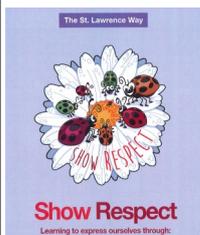
Despite the wintry disruption, there is a real sense of excitement in school as we look ahead to the busy term before us. One of the highlights on our calendar is, of course, our upcoming residential. Our Year 5 children will be heading to the Pioneer Centre from 4th-6th February, accompanied by Miss Jones, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Pressner and one of our school governors, Angie Walshaw. The following week, it will be the turn of our Year 6 pupils, who will be travelling to Arthog, supported by Miss Watkin, Mrs Betton, the returning Mrs Williams (as a volunteer) and Angie Walshaw. These residential are such valuable experiences - full of challenge, teamwork, independence and plenty of laughter. We know the children will return home with lots of wonderful memories that will stay with them for evermore.



We are also delighted to confirm that our farm visits will resume this term. These visits are always a favourite with the children offering hands-on learning and a chance to explore the natural world in a meaningful way. Visits are scheduled to begin from 3rd March 2026 and each class has been allocated a date. Please take a moment to check the diary dates (on the reverse of the newsletter) so you know when your child's class will be attending.



Well done to School Council for their excellent ideas to have a new bin by the spider's web and a 'Sparkly Card' which is sent to me when pupils are being brilliant in class!



Have a good weekend.

Alan Brannen  
Headteacher

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## 2026 FUNDRAISING



SAVE THE DATE!  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Full details to follow in Classlist.



### GIFT AMNESTY

We'll be collecting any unwanted gifts to use in future events on Friday 30 January

32 parents have joined the platform to date. This is where ALL of our fundraising activity communications will be held.

### UNIFORM SHOP

We'll be open NEXT week after school on Monday, Tuesday & Friday



Watch out for details in Classlist about giving donations, opening hours and special items.

The committee has had its first meeting of the year and look forward to sharing the forecast of the events for the year ahead so that everyone can get involved! As always, volunteers always welcomed. Thanks for your continued support. Warmly, Lisa Butler (Chair) & The Team.



## Rainbows

1st Church Stretton Rainbows



Every Monday  
5.30-6.30 (Term time) @ URC Hall,  
Church Stretton,  
SY6 6BY

Spaces available from January 2026 for all girls aged 4-7

Contact Sophie for more information  
07527 033510  
csdistrictcommissioner@gmail.com

## Dates for your diary:

20th January 2026	Shropshire Fire & Rescue to talk to Y3 children—Fire Safety
27th January - pm	Y5/Y6 Football - Round 2 at Oldbury Wells
28th January - pm	KS2 Pickleball competition at Church Stretton School
4th - 6th February	Y5 Pioneer Centre Residential
9th - 13th February 2026	Y6 to Arthog residential
9th - 13th February	Lent experiences at St Laurence's All classes will attend one experience
16th Feb - 20th Feb	Half - term holidays
25th February - pm	Y3/4 Dodgeball at Church Stretton School
26th February - pm	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket team to Ludlow Leisure Centre
2nd March - pm	KS2 Orienteering Festival at CMV
3rd March - am	Hedgehog Class to Red House Farm
4th March - pm	Upper KS2 Boys - Athletics at Church Stretton School
5th March - am	Nursery to Red House Farm
5th March	World Book Day
10th March - am	Owl Class to Red House Farm
12th March - am	Fox Class to Red House Farm
17th March - am	Oak Class to Red House Farm
18th March - pm	Y5/6 Dodgeball at CSS
19th March - pm	Pine Class to Red House Farm
20th March	World Poetry Day
23rd March	Whole School Easter Service
24th March - am	Willow Class to Red House Farm
24th March - 3.30pm-6.30pm	Year 6 Parents' Evening
25th March - pm	Y5/6 High 5 Netball League at CSS
26th March - am	Birch Class to Red House Farm
26th March - 3.30pm-6.30pm	Y6 Parents' Evening
27th March	Annual reports to parents
30th March - 10th April	Easter Holidays
14th April - 3.30pm -6.30pm	YR - Y5 Parents' Evening
16th April - 3.30pm-6.30pm	YR - Y5 Parents' Evening
4th May	Early May Bank Holiday - School closed to children
11th - 14th May	Y6 SATs week
25th - 29th May	Half Term Holiday
8th June	Class Photographs

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**VALENTINES DAY CRAFT**  
11 AM - 12 PM

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**SPRING NATURE CRAFT**  
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## Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Eternal God, by a star you led wise men to the worship of your Son.

May we be guided by your light so that we make wise decisions and follow the example Jesus gave us.

Amen

# SPRING TERM SEND MEET & CHAT FAMILY DROP-IN

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help



## Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

These sessions are open to anyone supporting a child with SEND — whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional.

Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey

Speak with experts in:

-  EHCPs
-  School support
-  Health and wellbeing
-  Social care
-  Mental health
-  Navigating SEND challenges

Each session will have different professionals available, so come along, have a chat, and find the help you need.



## HAVE YOUR SAY!

Scan the QR code to suggest topics and activities for future drop-in sessions.

### LUDLOW - HELENA LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Tuesday 20th January 2026**  
12:30pm-14:30pm

Helena Lane Community Centre, 20  
Hamlet Rd, Ludlow,  
SY8 2NP

### SHREWSBURY THE LANTERN

**Thursday 19th February 2026**  
10:00am-12:00pm

The Lantern,  
Meadow Farm drive,  
Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG

### MARKET DRAYTON RAVEN HOUSE

**Tuesday 24th March 2026**  
13:00pm-15:00pm

Raven House,  
129 Cheshire Street,  
Market Drayton TF9 3AH

CALLING ALL CHOREOGRAPHERS  
AND DANCE ENTHUSIASTS!

LOVE TO  
DANCE?



# Join Our **CHOREO DAY**

Learn the building blocks of choreography and create a group performance piece.

 **Dorrington Village Hall**

 **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

 **10am - 4pm**

 **BOOK NOW**

Contact Cathy Griffiths

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07570966006

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# Kids Yoga Classes

Fun and Relaxing Yoga for Kids!  
(Starts Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February)

Sundays

Silvester  
Horne  
Institute

ages 5-7 at 2.15pm  
ages 8-10 at 3pm



£7 drop-in  
or £20 per month  
(includes homemade chai  
and biscuits)

Classes are designed to improve  
flexibility and concentration in a fun way!

For more information contact  
Jodie on 07903970222