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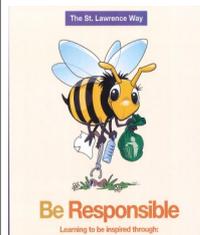
# St Lawrence Weekly

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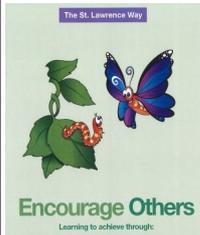
## Headteacher's Spotlight

The last two weeks have been busy at school and full of wonderful experiences. Our Year 3 class welcomed Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, who delivered an engaging and important session on fire safety and keeping safe at home and in the community. Alongside this, the whole school took part in a fire drill, which was carried out swiftly and safely - the children showed great awareness of the importance of staying calm and being quiet. Years 1 and 2 took part in a 'Strike and Field' event at Church Stretton School, joining other local schools for a morning of teamwork and fun. Birch Class have visited Sandford Nursing Home once again, to spend time with local residents and share stories - a visit that always brings smiles to all involved. Birch pupils also took part in a Bookfest session, where this year's competition details were revealed - we'll be hearing plenty about their ideas and excitement in the coming weeks. Some of our KS2 pupils represented the school in a Pickleball competition at Church Stretton School - another great chance to mix with other schools, try something new and enjoy some healthy competition.

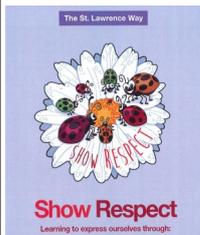
This week our Y5 pupils are off to The Pioneer Centre for two nights and next week our Y6 pupils set off to Arthog for four nights. These are huge, fun-filled and character-building adventures for our pupils, which they'll never forget.



On the back of a successful round of parent lunch visits last term, we are excited to share that they will be returning - this time also open to grandparents or other family members. Dates on the reverse!



Thank you to the parent who directed Lewis Arborcare Ltd to us with a load of bark chip for our forest school area. Its been laid and looking great. We could do with a few more loads, if possible. Can anyone help?

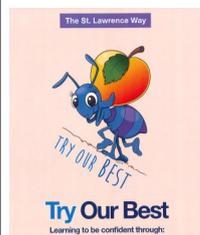


Fifteen of our Year 6 pupils are working towards gaining The Archbishops' Leadership Award and as part of this programme will soon be taking on the roles of school eco-warriors. They'll soon be letting everyone know more about their initiatives for recycling; planting more trees; picking up litter; revamping the school garden and much more!



Alan Brannen  
Headteacher

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## 2026 FUNDRAISING



DATE CHANGE to early March. Watch out for full details in Classlist

UNWANTED GIFTS



We'll be collecting any unwanted gifts to use in future events during the week 9-13 Feb - thank you in advance!



We'll be adding ALL parents, carers & relatives to the app with an opt-out email. Watch out on Parentmail for more info.

### OUR NEW SHED PROJECT

We've been offered a new shed and need some help with collection, construction and organisation.

CAN YOU HELP?

### WE NEED A KICK-BUTT ADMIN & CANVA SUPER HERO TO JOIN OUR COMMITTEE

Please contact the school office or Lisa Butler (Friends Chairperson) on 07545 662495.

## An Important Reminder ...

Please make sure your child brings his/her swimming kit on their designated swimming day. The photo below shows the freshly washed towels and spare kits that staff have had to clean and sort after being used by children who forgot their own.

We're incredibly lucky that the children get the opportunity to swim every other week - and they absolutely love it - but we really do need your help to keep things running smoothly. Remembering his/her kit each week makes a huge difference and ensures that staff can stay focused on the children rather than sourcing spare items, sending emails to parents and washing items at home as the school washing machine is sadly broken and awaiting repair.



Thank you

## Dates for your diary:

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
27th February - am	Governors in to school to carry out Pupil Voice
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
Saturday 27th June	Mynd Drover Walk/Run



# Tree Planting

**Sunday February 15**  
**10am - 1pm**

All are welcome,  
Plant a Tree for the future.

**Free refreshments**  
at the Campfire café

Parking at Westhope College  
SY7 9JL  
Wildaboutwesthope@gmail.com

## Kids Yoga Classes

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

**Sundays**  
**Silvester Home 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

## Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

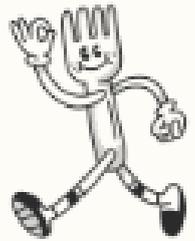
Generous God, we thank you for all your gifts. Help us to think of the needs of others. Please show us how to love and share with everyone. We pray that we may truly share what we have and so help others throughout the world.

Amen



# A TASTE OF SCHOOL LIFE

## COME DINE WITH US



WE ARE DELIGHTED TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH EXPERIENCE WITH YOUR CHILD HERE AT ST LAWRENCE'S.

THIS TIME, WE WELCOME GRANDPARENTS OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS (MAX 2 PER CHILD) TO JOIN IN THE FUN. OF COURSE, IF THIS ISNT POSSIBLE - PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO RETURN FOR ANOTHER DELICIOUS DINNER TIME!

THE COST OF AN ADULT MEAL IS £4.00. TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE SELECT YOUR MEAL AND MAKE PAYMENT VIA PARENTMAIL

### FOX CLASS

ROAST OF THE DAY/ VEGGIE OPTION/ JACKET POTATO

22ND  
APRIL

### OWL CLASS

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### HEDGEHOG CLASS

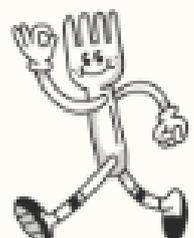
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6TH  
MAY

### WILLOW CLASS

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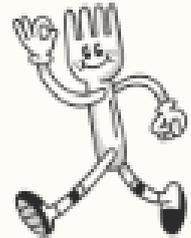
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## NURSERY AND MAPLE CLASS

ROAST OF THE DAY/ VEGGIE OPTION/ JACKET POTATO

3RD  
JUNE

## OAK CLASS

ROAST OF THE DAY/ VEGGIE OPTION/ JACKET POTATO

10TH  
JUNE

## BIRCH CLASS

ROAST OF THE DAY/ VEGGIE OPTION/ JACKET POTATO

17TH  
JUNE

## PINE CLASS

ROAST OF THE DAY/ VEGGIE OPTION/ JACKET POTATO

24TH  
JUNE

**REMEMBER : TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE YOU WILL NEED TO SELECT YOUR MEAL AND MAKE PAYMENT VIA PARENTMAIL - DEADLINES WILL APPLY, SO DON'T DELAY.**

COME HUNGRY, LEAVE HAPPY (AND MAYBE A LITTLE NOSTALGIC).

SEE YOU AT LUNCH!

# DINOSAUR DISCOVERIES

February Half  
Term Family  
Activity

2pm - 3.30pm

£5 per  
accompanied  
4 - 11 year  
old

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>  
to Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
February



Make a dinosaur skeleton to take home.  
Look at the size of dinosaurs and  
their feet. Learn the meaning behind  
some dinosaurs' names, other  
dinosaur theme crafts and much  
more!

[shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk](http://shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk)



Book Online



Shropshire Hills  
Discovery Centre

[info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk](mailto:info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk)

01588 676060

School Road, Craven Arms SY7 9RS

Grow Cook Learn, a registered charity: 1158795





**Stretton Parish**

**All you need is**



**LOVE!!**

**Thursday 12th February**

**3:30 - 5:45pm**

**New Venue: St Laurence's Church, CS**



**Due to venue change places are limited  
so please book your places asap!:**

**[www.strettonparish.org.uk](http://www.strettonparish.org.uk), use the QR code  
or email [sally@strettonparish.org.uk](mailto:sally@strettonparish.org.uk)**



**ALL WELCOME**

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

[cathymgriffiths@gmail.com](mailto:cathymgriffiths@gmail.com)

07570966006

Led by  
Ruth  
Seager



**AGE : 10+**

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