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# St Lawrence Weekly

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## Spotlight

What a lively and joyful end to the term we've had, filled with Christmas cheer both in school and around Church Stretton. Our two Infant Nativity performances were a delight and our KS2 pupils sang beautifully during the carol service at St Lawrence's Church. We also had fun singing songs and carols in the square and our Singing Club entertained both in school and at the town's Christmas light switch-on.

Today, we say farewell to four long-serving members of staff: Mrs Fewtrell (cleaner), Mrs Marston (T.A.), Mrs Williams (T.A.) and Miss Connacher (T.A.). We are deeply grateful for everything they have given to the school over so many years. Their dedication has helped shaped the daily life of St Lawrence's and it certainly won't be the same without them. We wish them every happiness for the future and look forward to welcoming them back as very special visitors now and again.

A huge thank you also goes to everyone who has supported the school throughout 2025 - especially our volunteers. Our governors, reading helpers, church staff/volunteers, nursery helpers and PTA members give so generously of their time and their efforts make an enormous difference, particularly at a time when we have fewer staff than ever. If anyone else would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you in January 2026.

From all of us at St Lawrence's: **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Please enjoy the roundup of photographs from Christmas 2025:

Church Stretton Rotary  
presents

### CAROLS in the SQUARE

Traditional carols sung, by torch light,  
around the Tree of Light

**6.00pm CHRISTMAS EVE**  
A FAMILY START TO  
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

An event too good to be missed!  
COLLECTION FOR  
CHURCH STRETTON ROTARY  
COMMUNITY FUND  
Mulled Wine by the King's Arms  
Proceeds to Charity

Church Stretton Rotary - Registered Charity No. 1028512

**THE SANTA SLEDGE  
IS COMING!!**

TO CHURCH STRETTON 6pm-8pm  
FRIDAY 19th December

Lutwyche Road  
Lutwyche Crescent  
Shrewsbury Road Southbound  
#Stretton Farm Road  
Ludlow Road  
Little Stretton

## Dates for your diary:

15th - 19th December	No Swimming this week
15th December - 10am,	KS2 Christmas Service in Church (Parents are welcome to attend)
16th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (Full Mufti)
18th December	Y4, 5 and 6 Singing Club Members to visit Mayfair to sing some carols.
18th December - 4pm	Parents of Singing Club children are invited to join them in the school hall for some carols
19th December - 10am	Carols in the Square - all invited to join us for some festive cheer
22nd and 23rd December	Passmaster Holiday Club running Christmas Club at St Lawrence's
22nd Dec - 2nd Jan 2026	Christmas holidays
5th January 2026	PD Day - School closed to children
6th January	Children back to school
4th - 6th February	Y5 Pioneer Centre Residential
9th - 13th February 2026	Y6 to Arthog residential
16th Feb - 20th Feb	Half - term holidays

## Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Help us to remember those who are not as fortunate as ourselves as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. Let us think of ways we can provide some comfort to them and share your goodness to us.

Amen

**Glyns Garden** invites all KS1 children following the lantern making

## Light and Fire

Celebration of the end of the season and the turning of the year.

20th December 2025 6 to 9 p.m.  
Cemetery Road Church Stretton

Lantern Parade  
Illuminations and fire

Mulled wine, spiced apple  
and Kadai cooked light bites available

Limited disabled parking  
Please park and walk  
and bring a torch

KS1 children can collect their lantern from outside  
Entertaining Elephants on High Street at 5.30pm before the  
procession begins.

## Casual Lunchtime Assistant Wanted to cover staff sickness



- £12.65 per hour
- Mon-Fri, term time only
- Flexible job share considered



Help keep lunchtimes happy and safe!

Contact the school office for details or an application form.



**!** The school is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All post holders are subject to a satisfactory DBS check



## CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

**SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER**

**10AM- 12NOON**

**PARISH CENTRE**  
Church Street,  
Church Stretton



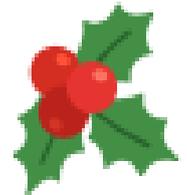
raising money for  
**mnda**

motor neurone disease  
association

taking place during the Stretton Parish Winter Warmer



# Our Christmas events raised over £1400!!!



Together, with your support, we've raised over £15,000 for our children. This is an AMAZING achievement!!!

Thank you to Caroline, Kelly, Bex, Rachel, Laura and the new committee Tommy, Kate, The Jodies, Rose, Ali, Rachel, Catalina and EVERYONE who has given their time, energy, money and creativity to making our events a success, as well as the staff and office who are the backbone of our wonderful school. You are all hugely appreciated.

As we go forward, we'll be using Classlist for communications and encouraging everyone to be an active member of the parent community, supporting not just the fundraising but the school and each other.

See you in 2026! Happy Christmas to you all,  
Warmly, Lisa Butler (Chair)



# Does your child struggle with their sleep?

## Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

**Sleep Tight Group Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams**

**Sleep Tight Group Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Highley Primary School**

**Sleep Tight SEND Group Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams**

**Sleep Tight Group Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Crowmoor Primary School**

The groups run for 5 weeks excluding the school holidays

SEND groups are for parents/carers of Children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups

To book a place email [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call 01743 250950

Find out  
more here



# Understanding your child

## From toddler to teen

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for one of our free virtual or face to face groups, our next groups start:

Understanding Your Child Group 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am St Giles Primary, Shrewsbury

Understanding Your Child Group 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm Little Explorers, Ditton Priors

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 10.00am to 12.00pm Severdale Academy

Understanding Your Child Group 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm St Lawrence Primary, Church Stretton

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 9.00am to 11.00am Clee Hill Community Academy

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Highley Primary School

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

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