



# St Lawrence Weekly

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## Headteacher's Spotlight

Term has whizzed by and as always it has been jam-packed with events and activities! The pupils, as always have been stars and a pleasure to teach.

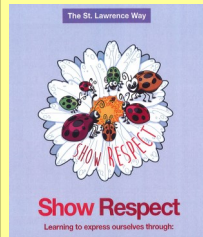
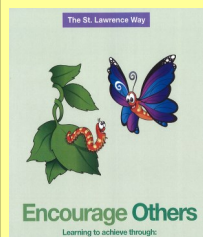
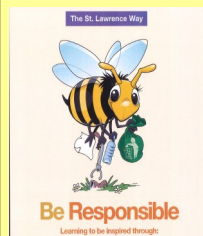
On Monday, we had a lovely service in the church, led superbly by Curate David and Sally Clilverd. The singing was splendid!

We've already had over 100 swimming survey forms filled in. Thank you. The deadline for this, is 30th April.

Spelling and handwriting are such important skills and below are the names of those who are currently impressing us!

It was great to have so many Parents' Evening visitors and it was appreciated that many parents/carers chose to tell us how happy they are with everything that the school does for their children.

Have a lovely Easter break! Fox class certainly enjoyed their Easter Egg hunt this afternoon!



Class	Super Handwriter	Most Improved Handwriter
Pine	Samina Murphy	Dean Hinton
Birch	Charlie Bufton	Jack Brereton-Hamer
Oak	Reese Bufton	Ivan Potanin
Willow	Ratheena Marland	Margot Dixon
Owl	Lewis Kieniewicz	Azaria Parry
Hedgehog	Zoe Duszak	Lucy Caswell
Fox	Freddie Barrett	Georgia Smith-Pearse

Class	Super Speller	Most Improved Speller
Pine	Ava Tipler	Jaxon Hale
Birch	Jess Watson	Lottie Smith
Oak	Charlie Copeland	Logan Pockett
Willow	Bradley Davis	Oli Caslin
Hedgehog	Ellie Smart	Murat Karagandere
Owl	Alyssa Barrett	Sophie Blackwell
Fox	Rory Richards-Smith	Isla Matthews

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## Friends' News ...



All children are invited to come and watch "Trolls Band Together" with us on Friday 12th April. The doors will open at 4.45pm and the film will start at 5pm.

To book, go to Parentmail's pluspay (after April 1st). You can purchase a ticket for £5.10 (including commission) for a picnic box, popcorn and free entry to a prize draw to win the Trolls DVD. Please also send a drinks bottle with your child.

There will be a tuck shop so bring some pennies.

All money raised for Friends helps to provide extra resources to enhance the children's school experience.

We look forward to seeing lots of children on Friday 12th.

## Governor Update - A Message From Our Chair of Governors

The Governing Board met this week for the Spring full governors meeting and it was a pleasure to welcome two new governors: Kirsty Sloan as our Local Authority governor and Angie Walshaw as our community governor. Esme Turner has also made the decision to stay on the board which was welcome news as her experience is of huge value to us. We say a sad farewell to Louise Jackson who many of you knew during her time as Deputy Head, but who has handed in her resignation as foundation governor.

In my previous updates I have mentioned that governing boards are deliberately made up of a spread of governors; this is to ensure a diverse pool of thought and opinion, to include parents, staff, diocese representatives and community members. Each governor speaks for themselves and not on behalf of the group from which they were nominated and are all bound by the governors' code of conduct which can be found on the school website and is currently being reviewed to integrate the Diocese code of conduct. Whilst we are accountable to the public for our actions, we cannot respond individually to public concerns but we are however in a position to help direct those concerns through to the correct person or process. The role of governors is at strategic level and it is not our role to get involved with the day to day running of the school. It is a balance between support and challenge that can in itself be challenging!

As we near the end of the financial year for the school, the finance committee has been pleased to see promising signs of improvement in the budget. The tightening of belts by all has had an impact, and with a more sustainable number on roll now agreed by the Local Authority we should avoid the fluctuations in budget that have caused us such issues.

The Curriculum Committee hears each term from staff who take on the extra role of subject coordinator. It is a big commitment for them and we see this in the detailed plans for their subjects which are presented at the meetings.

Emily Russell

## Dates for your diary:

25th March - 5th April	Easter holidays
11th April - 3.15	Safer school meeting
12th April - 5pm	Film Night—see Friends poster
16th - 23rd April	Travelling Book Fair in School
23rd April	Bag to school
13th May - 17th May	KS2 SATs week
27th May - 31st May	Half-term holiday
15th June	Friends Summer Fair
20th - 21st June	Y4 to Long Mynd Adventure Camp



# DRAW A DRAGON COMPETITION

**Competition open**  
1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Be inspired by our County.

Draw, paint or sketch a dragon & give it a name.

Winner announced  
5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Everyone is welcome to join in!

**ENTRIES TO**  
shropshiredragonspp@aol.com  
or to  
Burway Books, Church Stretton

**All ages welcome**  
Draw a dragon and tell us its name.

The winning entry will receive a made-to-match bespoke needelfelt miniature dragon complete with a short history of its species. (Created by our Archivist and Resident Artist)

Email [shropshiredragonspp@aol.com](mailto:shropshiredragonspp@aol.com) for more information  
Competition run by Dragons of Shropshire. No cash prize alternative. Entries independently judged.

## THANK YOU FOR BEING AMAZING



Together we have raised an incredible

# £574.00

for Red Nose Day 2024

Get more posters at [comicrelief.com/downloads](http://comicrelief.com/downloads)

**COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY FRIDAY 15 MARCH**

## Easter Holiday Club in Shrewsbury



Now in our 10th year!

# Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths

Holiday clubs for 8 - 13 year-olds







**TIMETABLE & INFO**

**Mon 25th Mar - Marvellous Marble Runs** - make marble runs and learn how they work

**Tue 26th Mar - Crumble Robotics** - engineer your own robot then bring it to life with code!

**Wed 27th Mar - Science of us** - science experiments to learn about the human body

**Thurs 28th March - Drone Coding** - Learn to code and overcome challenges using a drone

**£35 per day 9 - 4 pm (early drop and late pick up available).**  
OFSTED-registered & accepting childcare vouchers. All staff are experienced, DBS-checked, & first aid trained.

Meole Brace School, Longden Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 9DW

[www.skillclubs.co.uk](http://www.skillclubs.co.uk)



## EASTER ACTIVITY CLUB

Primary children Y1-Y6

**Activities:**

- Arts
- Crafts
- Sport
- Outdoor play
- Cooking

**Address:**  
St Lawrence Primary, Shrewsbury Road, Church Stretton SY6 6EX

**Date:**  
March 25, 26, 27, 28, 2024

**Register now at:**  
<https://passmastercoaching.schoolipal.co.uk>



SCAN ME

## Prayer for the week

A prayer for chocolate lovers:

**Dear God**

God bless those who grow chocolate  
 God bless those who harvest chocolate  
 God bless those who manufacture chocolate  
 God bless those who transport chocolate  
 God bless those who sell chocolate  
 God bless those who eat chocolate

May we who re a chocolate family  
 Treat one another as brothers and sisters.  
**Amen**



# Church Stretton BRAND NEW POOL INFLATABLES

Come and try our Brand NEW pool inflatables during the  
EASTER HOLIDAYS at Church Stretton leisure centre

Tue 26 & Thu 28 March, Tue 2 & Thu 4 April

10.30am - 11.30am • 12.00 - 1.00pm • 1.30 - 2.30pm

Prices: Adults £6.90, Juniors £4.60

All spaces must be booked in advance to avoid disappointment

Please contact the centre directly on **01694 720051**



[www.shropshire.gov.uk/shropshire-leisure-time/church-stretton/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/shropshire-leisure-time/church-stretton/)

LUDLOW CASTLE

# EASTER EGG TRAIL

23rd MARCH -  
7th APRIL

Egg-citing fun for  
everyone!

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[WWW.LUDLOWCASTLE.COM](http://WWW.LUDLOWCASTLE.COM)

WALCOT HALL

# Easter Trail

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH  
10AM - 3PM

Trail  
Refreshments & Crafts

Walcot Hall, Lydbury North, SY7 8AX  
£6 per child  
Tickets at  
[www.walcothallevents.com](http://www.walcothallevents.com)