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# St Lawrence Weekly

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## Headteacher's Spotlight

We're back to school and the autumn term has begun brilliantly, with our new Reception intake and many other new pupils settling swiftly. Hopefully, last year's leavers have all made a super start to their secondary school education - They left us confident and motivated, so I'm sure they have.

I know that many of our pupils went on big adventures with their families over the six weeks of the summer holidays and this is the very best time to get away (even if frustratingly more expensive). Please can parents/carers/grandparents be aware of when terms start and end and understand that in no circumstances will requests to holiday in term time be authorised. The sanctions for unauthorised absence in all schools have recently been strengthened and details can be found at <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-attendance-or-exclusion/pupil-leave-of-absence/>

Pupils in Y1 to Y6 should now have MathsWhizz login details and we are hoping that pupils can undertake two or three twenty or thirty minute sessions per week at home. Doing so will bring on Maths progress hugely.

Maths Whizz will provide a Maths age for each pupil and we'll also be sharing reading ages with parents regularly. We know from the recent parent survey (which was very positive about our super school) that parents would like more information on pupil progress and this is one way we can to achieve this. Parents also want to visit us when the children are working and see what they are getting up to. We are working on a plan for this.

Thank you to parents/carers for sending you children back looking smart and keen to learn.

Have a lovely weekend.

Alan Brannen  
Headteacher  
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Stretton Parish

## A cheerful giver



Thursday 12th September

3:30 - 5:45pm

The Parish Centre, St. Lawrence's Church, CS



Please pre-book your place:

[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**

## Nut Allergy Safety Measures in School

This is a reminder that we need to ensure the safety of pupils with nut allergies by having a ban on nuts in school. This means that we ask that pupils do not bring them in as part of a healthy snack bar or packed lunch (e.g Nutella or Peanut Butter sandwiches) and that they are not an ingredient in any other school packed lunch item. We fully understand that nuts are a very healthy snack, but please can these be enjoyed at home and not brought into school as it puts children with allergies at risk.

## Dates for your diary:

13th September-8.45–10am	Friends Coffee and Cake in the school hall - come along and have a chat
17th September - am	Individual pupil photographs
17th September - pm	YR-Y6 Flu Immunisations
18th September - 4.30pm	Y6 Arthog 2025—Parent information event.
26th September - pm	Y3/4 Cross Country at Carding Mill Valley
1st - 7th October	Travelling book fair arrives
3rd October	Y5/6 Cross Country at Carding Mill Valley
10th October - 10am	Whole school Harvest Festival at St Laurence's Church. Parents of Reception children and new starters in September 2023 are all welcome to attend.
Monday 16th December 10am	KS2 Christmas Service in Church - Parents welcome to attend
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Extravaganza Day to include Christmas Dinner
Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January 2025	Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	PD Day - School closed to children
10th–14th February 2025	Y6 to Arthog
12th–14th February	Y5 to Pioneer Centre

## PARKING IN THE LEISURE CENTRE CARPARK

If you are not a **BLUE BADGE HOLDER**, please do not park in the disabled spaces in the Leisure Centre Carpark. These are designated only to be used by persons in possession of a blue badge. When these spaces are taken by other people (not blue badge holders) it causes problems.

Please, **THINK** before you **PARK**.

**PARKING**  
Thank you.

## School Photos 2024

NextGen Photography will be in school on Monday, 17th September, to take the children's portrait photos. All children's individual photos will be taken, and we will also take all family groups as well.

If you would like a family portrait with younger siblings please arrive at school via the main entrance by 8.30am.

Please ensure your child brings a brush or comb to school on 17th September, and that he/she is wearing clean and tidy school uniform. We will endeavour to make sure that each child looks presentable for his/her photograph!

## Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

The holidays are over and we return to school for a new year. May it be for us all a new start; a chance to surprise ourselves at what we can achieve, a new opportunity to make friends and to make this school a community where everyone can feel at home.

Amen




**Stretton Parish**  
 As part of our harvest celebrations  
 Stretton Parish is hosting a  
**HARVEST HOEDOWN**  
 FEATURING THE ODD SOCKS CEILIDH BAND  
  
**Friday 4 October**  
**6pm-9pm**  
 St Laurence Church, Church Stretton  
 Tickets: £8 per adult  
 children free (up to two per adult)  
 A simple harvest supper will be served  
 Donations gratefully received on the night for the supper  
 Book tickets via  
[www.strettonparish.org.uk](http://www.strettonparish.org.uk) or use the QR code  
 or call the Parish office on 01694 724224

# Friends' News ...



## Coffee Morning

JOIN US  
FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER  
9AM - 10AM

Connect with fellow parents, both new and returning, as well as members of the Friends team. Discover how we support the school and our children. Plus, don't miss out on the opportunity to purchase preloved uniforms whilst enjoying coffee and cake!

Swing by and say Hey!



## Here's how

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app & Sign up today
- 2 Opt - In to Cashpot for Schools and search for St Lawrence via our Postcode SY6 6EX
- 3 Shop in store or online and Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot

**Tell your Friends & Family!**  
**Scheme ends 30th**  
**November 2024!!**

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Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt-in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072833. Full T&Cs at [asda.com/cashpotforschools](https://asda.com/cashpotforschools). Rewards T&Cs at [asda.com/rewards/terms](https://asda.com/rewards/terms). Ends 30.11.24

# JUNIOR HOCKEY

**could you be the next big  
Olympic hockey player?**

**Primary School Boys & Girls  
After school hockey @ Church Stretton**

**Action packed & fun filled sessions**

**for new starters  
& returning  
mini hockey  
stars...**



Player images courtesy of  
totalhockey.co.uk

**Every**

**School Monday 3.30 - 5.00**

*(arrive anytime from 3.30) at the*

**Church Stretton Leisure Centre**

Please bring suitable clothing, a drink, and shin pads if possible. Sticks/balls will be provided for sessional use.

*Sessions may be indoors or outside depending on weather and/or lighting.*

**Autumn Term FREE**

Sessions led by England Hockey Level 2, insured, safeguarding, CPD, and CRB/DBS certified coach.



**Plus match-play**  
and progression  
opportunities  
available

**More details & advanced bookings contact :**  
**☎ 01694 723543 or [strettonsharks@gmail.com](mailto:strettonsharks@gmail.com)**



# Badminton for All

Church Stretton Badminton Club invite you to try out our fantastic sport

**PLAYING AND COACHING SESSIONS OPEN TO ALL**

**Come along and have a go**

**Church Stretton Leisure Centre**

**New Term commences 18th September 2024**

**Every Wednesday through two terms 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm**

**All abilities welcome from 7 years upwards**

**Sports wheelchairs and rackets available FOC**

**For more info call Alan Fox on 01694725588 or 07977060303**

**RAISE your wellbeing**

**Respect + Achieve + Inspire + Skill + Enjoy**



# Flames Netball Club are recruiting!

If you are school years 4 to 11 and want to play netball, Flames would love to hear from you!

**Flames train on Friday evenings (term time only) at Church Stretton Leisure Centre, all abilities welcome**

For more information, please visit [flamesnetball.co.uk](http://flamesnetball.co.uk) and fill out a contact form to register your interest



[hello@flamesnetball.co.uk](mailto:hello@flamesnetball.co.uk)



# COACHES REQUIRED

Are you a Level 1 or Level 2 Netball Coach? Or an enthusiastic parent or spectator interested in coaching at a vibrant and inclusive junior club?

**Flames would love to hear  
from you!**

Interested? Please email  
[hello@flamesnetball.co.uk](mailto:hello@flamesnetball.co.uk) with the subject  
"Volunteer Coaches"

For more information about the club please visit  
<https://flamesnetball.co.uk>

## Clubs and Wraparound

### Wraparound:

Breakfast club – 07:45 – 08:40

8.20 Club – 08:20 – 08:40

### Afterschool:

**Monday** - Next to Nature (forest school) 15:15 - 16:15

**Tuesday** - Football 15:15 - 16:15

**Extended Session** - 16:15 - 17:30

**Wednesday** - Treasure Hunt / Orienteering

**Thursday** - Hockey

**Extended Session** - 16:15 - 17:30

**Friday** - Dodgeball 15:15 - 16:15

These can be booked in the Parentmail app register by going to *Accounts > Wraparound (Breakfast, 8.20 and After School Bookings)*

### Music clubs



**Mondays:**

**Mrs A-B's Year 1 Recorder Club** (during the school day)

**Mrs A-B's KS1 Music & Drama Club** (15:15 - 16:15)

**Thursdays:**

**Mrs A-B's Year 2 Recorder Club** (during the school day)

**Mrs A-B's KS2 Ukulele Band** (during the school day)

**Mrs A-B's Year St Lawrence Singers** (15:15 - 16:15)



These are booked via the Parentmail app by going to *Payments > Shop*