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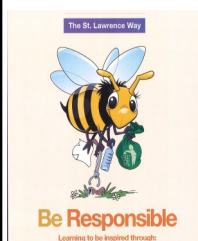
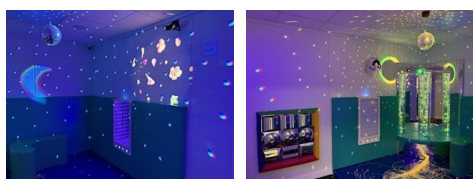
# St Lawrence Weekly

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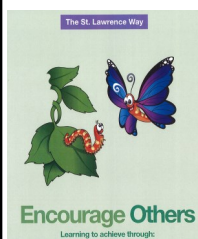
## Headteacher's Spotlight

There continues to be a lovely, positive atmosphere in school with the children all working hard and behaving well. This week we have all been considering the actions of 'The Good Samaritan' and how he showed bravery - putting his own life at risk to help someone in need (and not an ally either). Good Samaritan awards will be presented to pupils who help others (and not just their friends) at the end of each term - and occasionally at other times when someone shows an amazing act of kindness.

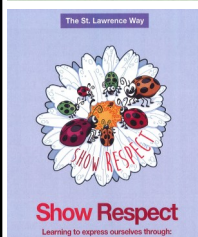
Our ethos is to help others and we are especially proud that our SEND Hub (Maple Class) is able to support pupils from other parts of the county who would struggle to be in school otherwise. Two classrooms now form the Hub in the centre of the school and one contains a brand new sensory room. The Hub children will be in the mainstream classes when possible but have the new zone to be in when needed. We can also make use of the Hub for other pupils in school who have SEND and would benefit from being with staff using a range of resources. The Hub team consists of Ms Farley, Mrs Mason, Mr Padiachy, Mrs Page and Mrs Pressner being led by Mr Reynolds. Funding from the Local Authority has helped to refurbish the rooms along with a lot of effort from Mr Castree and others over the summer break.



Phase two of the school roof improvement plan is underway and so far it's going a lot smoother than phase one did. Once completed, we have an exciting plan to fit solar panels to generate our own electricity and may also be able to fit EV charging points (accessible to the public at weekends and in the evenings).



We've already put a call out for volunteers, as our staff continues to shrink. It's proving tricky to do all of those extras which help the school run smoothly: sorting lost property; helping younger pupils use a knife & fork; hearing children read; keeping the P.E. store tidy etc. If you can help in any way and have a hour or two spare each week, please get in touch.



Both evacuation and invacuation (returning to classrooms swiftly for safety reasons) practices have taken place this week and pupils were brilliant at remembering the importance of walking, listening and remaining calm and quiet.



Have a good weekend.

Alan Brannen  
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We need a minimum of six to attend for the formal elements of the meeting -

JOIN OUR  
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The Kings Arm, Church Stretton  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026  
8pm

If you can't attend but want to get involved, please email

If everyone does a little, together we can achieve a lot.

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Stretton Parish  
As part of our harvest celebrations  
Stretton Parish is hosting a

**HARVEST  
HOEDOWN**

FEATURING THE ODD SOCKS CEILIDH BAND

**Saturday 4 October  
6pm-9pm**

**St Lawrence 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:  
strettonparish.org.uk  
or use the QR code

or call the Parish office on 01694 724224



## Dates for your diary:

16th September	Individual School photos
17th September	Hedgehog Class to Carding Mill Valley
18th September - am	Y1 & Y2 Cross Country at Carding Mill Valley
24th September	Flu Immunisation
25th September - am	Y3 & Y4 Cross Country at Carding Mill Valley
25th September 5pm - 7.30pm	Open Evening at Church Stretton School for Y6 pupils and parents
26th September 9.30 -12:00	Open Morning at Church Stretton School for Y6 pupils and parents
30th September - am	Oak Class to Red House Farm
2nd October - am	Fox Class to Red House Farm
2nd October - am	Y5 & Y6 Cross Country at Carding Mill Valley
9th October - am	Hedgehog Class to Red House Farm
14th October - am	Willow Class to Red House Farm
20th October - 9.30—11am	Opening Morning for Reception children 2026
21st October - 3.30—6.30	Parents' Evening
23rd October 3.30 - 6.30	Parents' Evening
24th October	PD Day - School closed to children
27th October - 31st October	Half-term holidays
3rd December	R - Y6 to Theatre Severn Pantomime
22nd Dec - 2nd Jan 2026	Christmas holidays
4th - 6th February	Y5 Pioneer Centre Residential
9th - 13th February 2026	Y6 to Arthog residential
16th Feb - 20th Feb	Half - term holidays

## School Photos 2025

NextGen Photography will be in school on Tuesday, 16th 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 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 16th 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!



Dear Parent/Carer of Y6 children

Your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2026. The online application process opens on the 1 September 2025 and closes on **31 October 2025**. A letter has been sent home with your child, outlining the process. Alternatively, please follow this link - [Apply to start or transfer school | Shropshire Council](#) which takes you to the Shropshire Council Admissions website. Details about secondary school open evenings can be found in the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire booklet, on the same website.

Applications received by Shropshire Council after the closing date will be classed as late, which may result in your child being disadvantaged, so please ensure you make your application on-time. Late applications will not be processed until all on-time applications have been offered.

Please note your child's cohort is larger than in previous years. You can name up to four schools on your application - we encourage parents to make full use of these preferences. If only one preference is named, and we cannot offer this, we will have no choice on National Offer Day but to offer a place at the next nearest school with a vacancy, which could be a considerable distance from your home address.

The School Admissions Team

## Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for the holidays and all the different experiences we encountered. At the start of this school year help us to focus on how we can make a positive difference to this community. Help us to always be a good friend and look out for those around us who need our help. Amen.

## Taster Evening

**Rainbows**

1st Church Stretton Rainbows

Is your daughter aged 4-6 and looking for a fun new activity? If so, why not try Rainbows!



Monday 15  
September 2025  
5.30-6.30  
URC Hall Church  
Stretton



Contact Sophie for more information!  
csdistrictcommissioner@gmail.com  
07527033510





Shrewsbury Town Foundation

# October Halloween Holiday Clubs

— 27th to 31st October, 9am to 3pm

For children ages 5 to 11, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities with a focus on fun, sports, and some Halloween themed activities! Groups of mixed age and ability.

at **The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST** & **Ludlow Football Stadium, SY8 2BN**

Scan the QR code or visit our website to book a single day for £18.

[foundationstfc.co.uk/fun](https://foundationstfc.co.uk/fun)

**Get in touch**

E: [admin@foundationstfc.co.uk](mailto:admin@foundationstfc.co.uk) T: 01743 289177 opt 6



## **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.

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