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Headteacher's Spotlight

Cross Country running for our pupils is the real deal! For most schools, races consist of laps of a field but we get to run in Carding Mill Valley! It's a good reminder that we're living, learning and working in such beautiful part of the country!

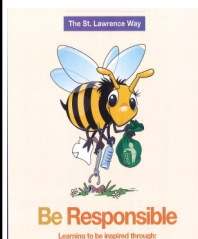
There will soon be a press release regarding our super SEND Hub and I was asked for a comment: "We now have nine pupils in the Hub and they have enjoyed the most fantastic start to the new school year - being in the new refurbished rooms or being in classrooms with their peers. I am immensely proud of the members of staff who are supporting these pupils directly and of the whole team, including governors, who are passionate about enabling all of our children to flourish." And it's not just the nine pupils with designated places who are benefiting - there are other pupils with SEND in our school who are receiving support from the team in the new rooms. You can read the press release using this QR code:



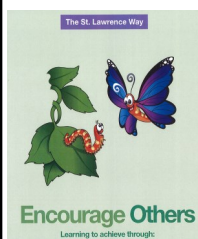
Hub Article

Another group of pupils who are impressing us all, are our Year 6s who are setting a fine example to younger pupils with their maturity, friendliness and work ethic. I teach them on a Friday and it's my favourite day of the week!

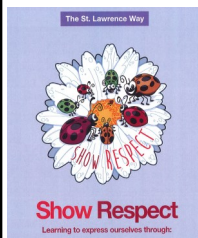
Our Y5/6 girl footballers were runners up in a tournament on Wednesday and our two boys' teams gave their utmost against some strong opposition - our first team just scraping through to the next stage. They had a super start beating Rushbury 5-0 - maybe this went to their heads!



Are you following us on Instagram? We're popping something up daily, so take a look! Any important information or news will still be sent out via ParentMail.



Our teachers have enjoyed some excellent training on how to facilitate spirituality - we'll be introducing opportunities for pupils to reflect on the wonders of life, the Earth and beyond in the coming weeks.



Our Friends group (PTA) held their Annual General Meeting last week, and we're delighted to welcome Lisa Butler as our new Chair. However, we are still looking for volunteers to fill the roles of Secretary and Treasurer to complete the officer team. If you're interested in supporting the school in one of these roles - or would simply like to find out more - please contact the school office. The Friends group plays a vital role in raising funds that help us provide enriching experiences and extras for your children. Every bit of support makes a big difference!



We are still hoping to find more volunteers to help in school time - have you got an hour or two spare?

Have a good weekend.

Alan Brannen
Headteacher



ST LAWRENCE FRIENDS

**IF EVERYONE GIVES A LITTLE,
TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE A LOT.**

THANK YOU KELLY, BEX AND RACHAEL FOR THEIR AMAZING WORK AS THE FRIENDS' LEADERS WHO RECENTLY STOOD DOWN FROM THE COMMITTEE.
TOGETHER WITH OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS THEY HAVE RAISED OVER £19,000 TO SUPPORT ALL OUR CHILDREN AT THE SCHOOL AND NURSERY.



I AM DELIGHTED TO STEP INTO THE CHAIR ROLE AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING ALL OF YOU LOVELY PARENTS' CARERS AND FRIENDS TO CONTINUE THE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS FOR OUR SCHOOL.
HOWEVER, GREAT EFFORTS NEED GREAT TEAMS.



**I NEED YOUR HELP.
WITHOUT A COMMITTEE, THE PTA WILL FOLD.**



THE PTA HELP TO FUND THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND RUN MUCH LOVED EVENTS SUCH AS CHRISTMAS AND SUMMER FAIRS, FILM AND PARTY NIGHTS.
I CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU.

ANY HELP BIG OR SMALL WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

**PLEASE COME TO OUR NEXT FRIENDS MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER AT 3:30 IN THE SCHOOL HALL.
FREE CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 3 TO 11.
IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THIS DATE, BUT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT
HOW YOU CAN HELP PLEASE EMAIL
FRIENDS.STLAWRENCE@OUTLOOK.COM**



RECEPTION OPEN MORNING

**Is your child starting school
in September 2026?**

Come and spend the morning with us on
Monday 20th October 2025 9:30-11am to
see the Reception class in action, a tour of
our school and to meet the Headteacher and
the Early Years Team.



**Please contact us to book a visit.
St. Lawrence CE Primary School,
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01694 722682**



Dates for your diary:

30th September - am	Oak Class to Red House Farm
30th September - 2nd October	All Classes to Church for Harvest Experience.
2nd October - am	Fox Class to Red House Farm
2nd October - am	Y5 & Y6 Cross Country at Carding Mil Valley
6th October- 10am	Harvest Festival in Church As the whole school are going to Church, please note that only parents of Reception children and any new children joining the school from Sept 2025 are invited to join the service.
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	Travelling Book Fair Arrives
21st October - am	Owl Class to Red House Farm
21st October - 3.30 - 6.30	Parents' Evening
23rd October - am	Nursery to Red House Farm
23rd October 3.30 - 6.30	Parents' Evening
24th October	PD Day - School closed to children
27th October - 31st October	Half-term holidays
6th November (all day)	Pine Class to Red House Farm and onto Wenlock Edge
11th November	Whole School to War Memorial to observe 2 minute silence
13th November - am	Birch Class to Red House Farm
3rd December	R - Y6 to Theatre Severn Pantomime
15th December	KS2 Christmas Service in Church (Parents are welcome to attend)
17th December	Christmas Dinner Day
19th December - 10am	Carols in the Square
22nd Dec - 2nd Jan 2026	Christmas holidays
5th January 2026	PD Day - School closed to children
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 be wise and listen to all those who offer us help. When we are unsure who to turn to for help guide our thinking. Thank you for giving each of us some of your wisdom and help us to use it wisely.

Amen.

A message from our Chair of Governors

As the children settle into their new term, so too do the governors. The new academic year starts with the Autumn Full Governors Meeting at which the chair and vice-chair will be elected and governors will look to the year ahead. With the new year we say hello to a new parent governor, this term we welcome back Sam Frankel who makes his return to the board bringing with him his experience and knowledge of working in the education industry. We also say a fond goodbye to two parent governors, Colette Morris and James Deacon, and thank them for their time and efforts. This leaves us with two vacancies that we hope to fill this term. This volunteer role can be very fulfilling and is a great way to support your local community. Could you be our next parent governor?

The role is a vital one, they bring a parental perspective to the issues discussed by the board. The role can be misunderstood though, and it is important to understand that a parent governor is not there to raise issues of their own, or from the parent body. They use their perspective to help the board understand a parent's viewpoint. This will help the board make good decisions and maintain a link between governance and the parent community.

You don't need to have an educational background to become a parent governor. What matters most is your perspective as a parent and your commitment to helping the school thrive. Skills from all walks of life -whether from business, healthcare, construction, finance, hospitality, administration, or any other area - are valuable and welcomed. The strength of a governing body comes from the diversity of its members. Whatever your background, your support can make a real difference. Think you might be interested? Applications for nominations will come out with the next newsletter, if you have any questions please get in touch.

Emily Russell



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

Get in touch

E: admin@foundationstfc.co.uk T: 01743 289177 opt 6



Understanding your child from toddler to teen

Would you like to know more about your child's
development?

It is amazing what physiological changes happen to
our children as they grow!

What Looks Difficult Might Just Be Development—
Discover the Difference

As parents, by understanding these changes we can better
support our children through all the challenges that come with
these developments.

See the Struggle, Understand the Stage—Parenting with
Development in Mind.

We are looking to run
'Understanding your child'
sessions at school in the next couple of
months.
They are open for **ALL** parents/ carers.
It is fascinating how your child's brain
develops and how it impacts their
behaviour, so come along and learn with us.
Please complete the ParentMail form or
contact the School Office if you would like
to hear more about upcoming dates.

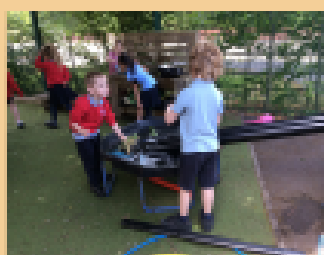




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CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL TRAINING

Come join our exciting football sessions where your child can learn new skills, make friends, and stay active! No experience needed – just bring water, shin pads & football boots.

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGE 6-7/YEAR 1-2

COACHES ARE FULLY TRAINED AND DBS CHECKED.

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST CONTACT RICH @ 07837584260

**STARTING SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT
9AM. HELD AT RUSSELLS MEADOW PLAYING FIELDS
CHURCH STRETTON SY6 6DE.
SESSIONS WILL BE ON EVERY SATURDAY 9-9.45AM.**