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# St Lawrence Weekly

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## Headteacher's Spotlight

Our governors have commenced the difficult task of reducing expenditure for our reduced number on roll. It is important to realise that once we have shaped staffing structure and the budget for a 210 place school, future organisation should be much easier! 30 pupils in each year group and pure year group classes will actually help with the delivery of the curriculum. We'll obviously miss the days of having 270+ pupils, but with a lack of new housing in the town, those days are clearly a thing of the past. We have 204 pupils on roll and actually only need more pupils in YR and Y4; the other year groups are very healthy and next year's intake should be a good size too. Affording everything that a bigger school could, is going to be tricky, but hopefully we can continue to have Shropshire Music Service involved beyond this year - please see the letter that is coming home with this newsletter.

To highlight what we have achieved in Music, we are now recognised as a Music Mark School, an achievement we wouldn't be able to gain without Mrs Allen-Brown and the Music Service.



Before the holiday we sent home a parent survey. The results are as follows:

OVERALL SCHOOL DATA	Strongly Agree	2022 Percentage	Agree	2022 Percentage	Disagree	2022 Percentage	Strongly Disagree	2022 Percentage	Not applicable	2022 Percentage	Don't know	2022 Percentage	Total 2022	Total 2023
My child is happy in school	62	63	37	36	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	102	138
My child feels safe at this school	61	66	35	30	2	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	102	138
The school makes sure the pupils are well behaved	49	41	43	56	5	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	102	138
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	46	51	53	49	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	138
When I have raised a concern the school, it has been dealt with properly	39	41	38	49	3	3	1	1	9	7	10	0	102	138
The school has high expectations for my child	53	43	41	54	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	102	138
My child does well at this school and generally is having success	61	56	37	43	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	102	138
This school lets me know how my child is doing	45	36	48	59	5	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	102	138
My child can take part in clubs and extra-curricular activities at this school	54	53	41	45	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	102	138
This school supports my child's wider personal development	55	45	42	51	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	102	138

Clearly, most of our customers are very happy!

Remember that pupils should not arrive before 08:40 unless supervised by an adult and that our drop-off system ceases promptly at 08:55!

Alan Brannen  
 Headteacher  
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## Friends' News ...

Exciting news! Kelly Wells and Becky Mackenzie have stepped up as new Chair and Secretary of this committee.

We would like to thank Karen Pockett and April Jones for their efforts over the last 4 years and we look forward to continuing their fundraising efforts with Caroline Salisbury, who is remaining as treasurer, with a new committee in place.

Bonfire night is fast approaching, and we would like as many helpers as we can get. Please get in touch if you can help!

Christmas card order forms have all been sent home this week please have a look at your child's design and place an order asap! We need all orders back by 9th October please. All funds raised from your orders go towards class gifts and extra-curricular activities.



## Open Morning

### St Lawrence CE Primary School and Nursery



Is your child starting school in September 2024?

Come and see what's new at  
 St Lawrence Primary School.

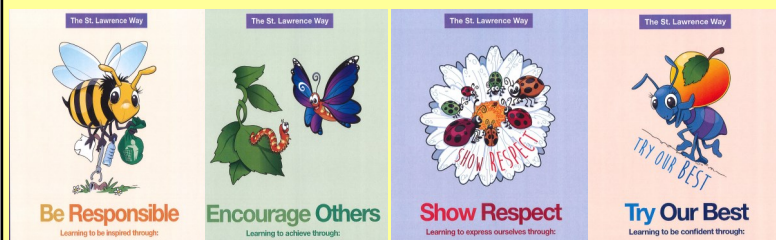
Watch the Reception Class in action  
 and have a tour of the Primary School.

Explore the forest school site and find out about  
 our regular swimming sessions.

Come and meet the Headteacher,  
 the Early Years Team  
 and see how children are learning  
 in all year groups across the school.

Friday 20th October  
 10:00 - 11:30am

Please contact us to book a visit.  
 admin@st-lawrenceprimary.co.uk  
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## Dates for your diary:

12th October - pm	Y1/2 Invasion Games sporting event at Church Stretton School
17th October - pm	KS1 Invasion Games sporting event at Church Stretton School
18th October	PSP Meetings (SEND children)
24th October	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.20pm
26th October	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.20pm
27th October	PD Day - School closed to children
30th October - 3rd Nov	Half -term
7th October - am	Y5 Flag Planting with The Royal British Legion
14th November - 2pm	Safer school meeting
7th December - pm	Y3/4 Dodgeball at Church Stretton school
12th December - pm	Reception Santa Sports Workshop at Church Stretton school
19th December - 10am	KS2 Christmas Service at St Laurence's Church
22nd December - am	Cinderella performance in school
25th December-4th Jan '24	Christmas holidays
5th January 2024	PD Day - School closed to children
8th January 2024	PD Day - School closed to children
8th January - 12th January	Y6 Arthog residential
21st - 23rd February 2024	Y5 Pioneer Centre residential

### Prayer for the week

Thank you for the sun and rain and for the farmers who grow our food.

As we say thank you at Harvest time for all that you give to us.

Help us to be kind and generous with what we have, helping others when times are tough.

Amen

Calling all budding artists. Entries to be received by 31st October. Please hand in entries to the school office.




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# Lego Club

## Coming soon...



**Wanted! Lego or Duplo for our upcoming Lego Club at Church Stretton Library. Donations gratefully received at the library.**



## TALENT SHOW

### THURSDAY

# 26TH OCTOBER

## 6.00PM

**Show us what you can do!**

Field House Care Home are holding their first ever talent show we would like to invite Singers, Dancers, magicians or anything you would like to share! Please call in to pick up your application form

Our residents will judge their favourite and the winner will receive a certificate and a cash prize of £50.00!

Good Luck!

Field House Care Home  
Field House Drive, Off Sandford Avenue, Shropshire, SY6 7AA  
Tel: 01694 723787 • [www.barchester.com](http://www.barchester.com)  
Residential Care • Respite Breaks



## Church Stretton Neighbourhood Plan

### An opportunity to design the image of the future

Church Stretton's new Neighbourhood Plan is the next important step in the Town's development. It is designed to deliver the homes which residents have said we need whilst preserving the hills and the countryside around the town which define who we are. The plan will be in place for many years, and is intended to benefit the children of today and help them live and work here in the future.

The first step is to deliver a leaflet to all homes seeking views on the detailed scope of plan, and we want to work with St Lawrence Primary School to involve the children in the creation of this leaflet by designing the front cover. Thereafter, the artwork will be used to create a logo which will be used throughout the duration of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The winning entry will work with a local designer to produce the finished artwork. The winner will also receive a £25 toy voucher for themselves, and a £75 voucher for the school.

The picture should represent the subject of 'Community'

What does community mean? What does your community mean to you? What is important to you about your community? Ideas might consider concepts like 'housing-countryside-families-hills-together-sustainable-community'

The leaflets will be delivered towards the end of November and will explain what a Neighbourhood Plan is and how everyone can participate

Church Stretton  
Town Council



Stretton Parish

A time to speak...



...a time to listen

Thursday 12th October

3:30 - 5:45pm

The Parish Centre, St. Laurence'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**

