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# St Lawrence Weekly

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## Headteacher's Spotlight

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. As we step into the final half-term of this academic year, we're gearing up for a busy and exciting few weeks ahead! There's a lot happening!

If you haven't already signed up for **The Mynd Drover**, please do so as soon as possible. I'll be taking part myself and am really looking forward to the challenge - and of course, the celebratory BBQ and drink at the end! Sign up here:

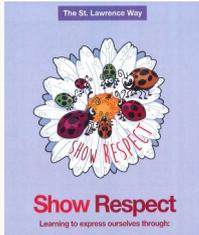
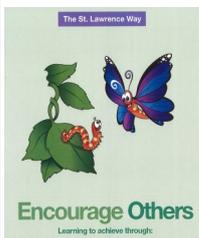
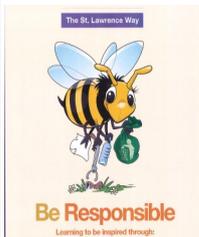


We're also preparing for our **Summer Fair**, and we need your help! Our **Bottle Tombola** stall is looking a little bare at the moment. This stall is always a favourite and usually overflowing with bottles galore. If you're able to donate any bottles or cans (soft drinks, beer, wine or spirits), sauces, toiletries, etc). Please bring them to the school office. Your support is greatly appreciated - thank you in advance!

A quick reminder that **class photographs** will be taken next **Monday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in clean, full uniform, ready to smile with their classmates and staff.

You'll find the dates for our **End-of-Year Celebration Events** on the reverse of this newsletter. Our classes are

already busy rehearsing to bring you fun and memorable shows. If your child would like to **sing or play a musical instrument** during one of the performances, please ensure they let **Mrs A-B** know by **Thursday, 12th June 2025**.



We're thrilled to share some exciting news from **Bookfest!** Last term, our Year 1, Year 3, and Year 5 pupils took part in this fantastic celebration of reading and storytelling. Huge congratulations to **Rory Richards-Smith** in Year 1, who was named the **county-wide winner** for his brilliant story: *'The Giraffe Who Swallowed a Boy'*. Well done, Rory - we're incredibly proud of you!

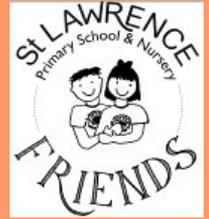
A polite reminder about **school drop-offs and pick-ups**: We have several taxis that transport pupils daily and use the staff car park at the front of the school. To avoid congestion and ensure safety, we kindly ask that parents do not use the staff car park for dropping off or collecting children.



Have a lovely weekend!

**Alan Brannen**  
 Headteacher  
 head@st-lawrenceprimary.co.uk

## We Really Need Your Help!



There's still chance to help at the Summer Fair—if it's donating items for the tombolas or volunteering to help on the day - every little bit helps!

See below for a snippet of some of the amazing prizes we've had coming in for our Summer Fair this year!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the local businesses that have donated. For your chance to be in it to win it, head down to our Summer Fair on Saturday June 14th 2025 at St Lawrence primary school between 11am and 3pm.

**SUMMER FAIR PRIZES**

Saturday 14th June 2025  
 11AM to 3PM

## Dates for your diary:

9th June	Class photographs
9th June	Willow class to Carding Mill Valley
11th June	YR 2025/2026 Discovery Session
12th June	Spanish Day for Pupils
14th June	Summer Fair
17th June	Nursery - Red House Farm visit
19th June	Oak Class - Red House Farm visit
19th June	Y6 to Crucial Crew
24th June	Fox Class - Red House Farm visit
25th June	Sports Day KS2 - morning Whole school - afternoon
26th June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Hereford Cathedral
26th June	Hedgehog Class - Red House Farm visit
28th June	Mynd Drover Walk 
30th June - 4th July	Bikeability in school all week for Y6 training and YR Balance Bike session
1st July	Y6 Move up morning at Church Stretton School
3rd July	Willow Class - Red House Farm visit
8th July	Y3 Hike - The Burway Loop
8th July	Birch Class - Red House Farm
9th July	Reserve Sports Day
10th-11th July	Y4 Camp - Long Mynd Adventure Camp
10th July	Pine Class - Red House Farm Visit
14th July 2- 3pm	EYFS and KS1 - End of Year Celebration Event
16th July 5pm - 6.30pm	Y6 Leavers' Meal at The Ragleth Inn, Little Stretton 
17th July	Owl Class - Red House Farm Visit
17th July 1.45pm - 3.15pm	Y3/4 - End of Year Celebration Event
17th July 5.30pm - 6.45pm	Y5/6 - End of Year Celebration Event
21st July	PD Day - School closed to children
22nd July - 31st August	Summer holidays
1st & 2nd September	PD Days - School closed to children
10th September 2025 - 5pm	Arthog - Parent information event
24th October	PD Day - School closed to children
27th October - 31st October	Half-term holiday
22nd December - 2nd January 2026	Christmas Holiday
9th - 13th February 2026	Y6 to Arthog
16th February - 20th February	Half - term holiday



Shropshire Hills  
Discovery Centre

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# OPEN DAY

Join us for this FREE family day out full of fun, activities and knowledge.

**What's On?**

- Face painting
- Free exhibition
- Garden games
- Walks and talks
- Kid's craft activities

**FREE DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

**FREE ENTRY**

01588 676 060  
School Road  
Craven Arms, SY7 9RS

**SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**11AM-3PM**

## Safety around dogs

The bond between your child and dog can bring fun and happiness to family life. We don't expect our own dog to bite, but any dog can bite if they feel they have no other option.

Children are most likely to be bitten at home, by a familiar dog. Luckily most bites are preventable and close supervision is key.

- A calm, happy dog** is less likely to react unsafely to children's natural exuberance.
  - Give your dog a safe space of their own where they can go if they need time out. Have a rule to leave them alone when they're there.
  - Keep them occupied – physical exercise and mental activity help keep your dog happy.
  - Teach your child to be calm and kind with your dog. Avoid shouting, teasing or restrictive cuddles.

- Close supervision** is the most important thing to keep children safe.
  - Watch, listen and remain close when your child and dog are together.
  - If either your dog or child seems unhappy, positively and calmly separate them. You can throw your dog a treat or toy, or lead your child away.
  - Understand your dog's body language so you can spot signs they feel uncomfortable or stressed.
  - When you know you'll be distracted during busier times, use safety gates to keep children and dogs separate. Or, take your child or dog with you.

- Trigger times** – teach your child to leave your dog alone when they are:
  - Sleeping – no-one likes to be woken up suddenly.
  - Eating or having a treat – they might think you're going to take their food.
  - Have a toy or something else they really like – they might not want to share!



- Your growing child** – as your child changes, the risks can change too.
  - Teach the rules to your child from an early age and keep explaining them as your child understands more.
  - As your child becomes more mobile, review changes needed, like adding safety gates.
  - Think ahead about your changing family life and new risks that can emerge. Read our fact sheet on bringing baby home.
- Still worried?**
  - If you're worried by the way your dog is with your child, talk to your vet. They'll check your dog's health and can refer you to a qualified animal behaviourist.
  - Visit the [Animal Behaviour and Training Council](#) website to find a qualified behaviourist near you.

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## Prayer for the Week

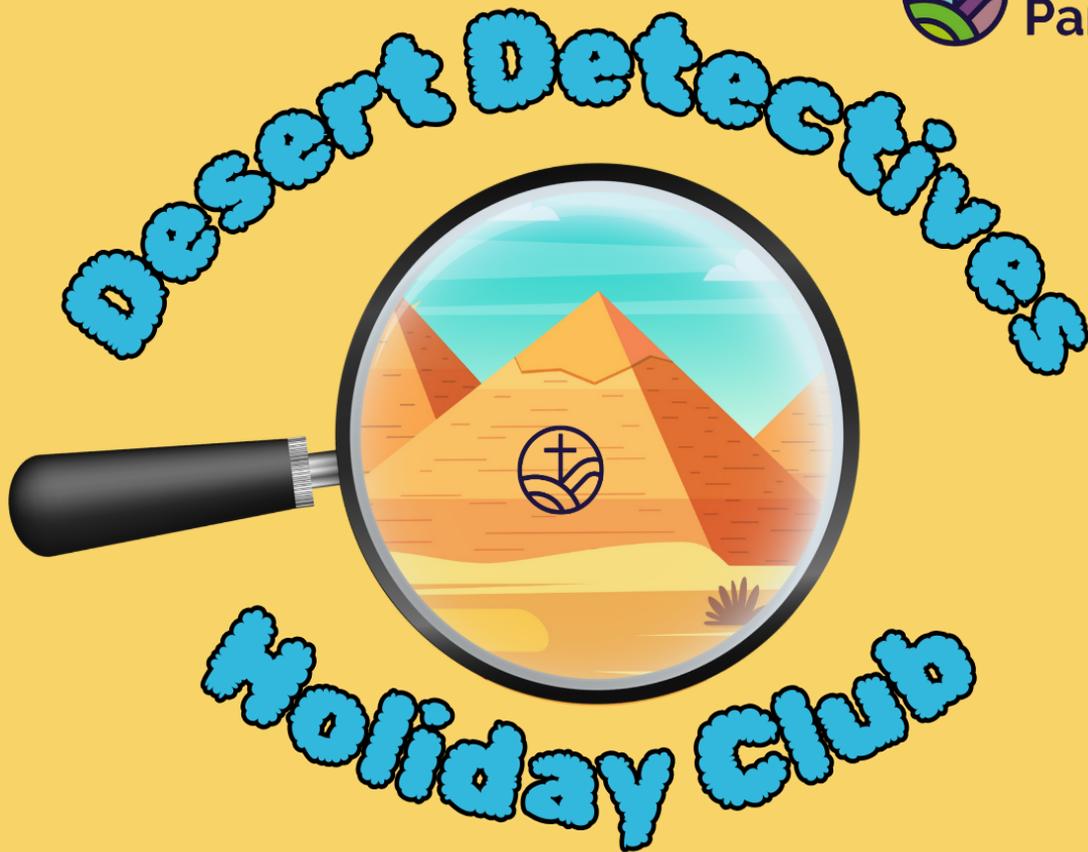
Dear God

Thank you for the sunshine and showers this week. We are grateful for the exciting trips and experiences our classes have enjoyed - thank you for the fun, the learning and the safe travels.

As we begin this final half-term, help us to work hard, be kind, and enjoy each moment together.

Bless our school community; our friends; families and our staff, guide us through the busy weeks ahead with joy and patience.

Amen



**26 - 29 August 2025**

**For all children aged 4-11 years**

**Register from 9:45  
Activities 10 - 1**

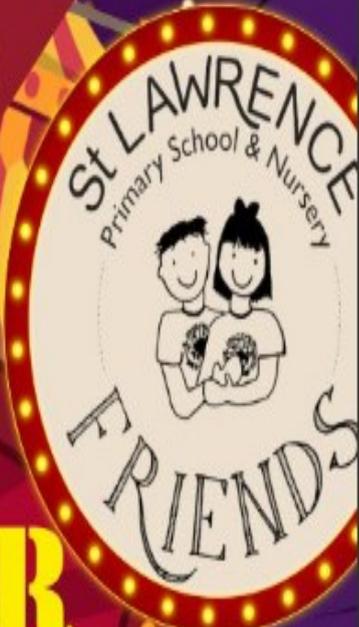
**St Laurence's Church &  
The Parish Centre  
Church Stretton**

A large magnifying glass graphic with a black handle and a blue circular lens. Inside the lens, the text 'Join us as we discover: Bible stories Craft Games Challenges Fun' is written in bold black font.

**Join us as  
we discover:  
Bible stories  
Craft Games  
Challenges  
Fun**



**Scan here for more info &  
to book places**



**SUMMER FAIR**  
**CARNIVAL**  
**THEMED**

**Saturday 14th June 2025**

**11AM to 3PM**

**St Lawrence Primary School**

Join us for a fun-filled family day featuring bouncy castles, tombola, raffles, games, a BBQ, and a variety of carnival-themed entertainment for everyone !

SCHOOL & NURSERY FUNDRAISER

# THE MYND DROVER

28TH JUNE 2025

SCHOOL & NURSERY FUNDRAISER  
COURSES: 26 MILES; 13 MILES

The Mynd Drover is back!

A 26 or 13 mile walk on and around the beautiful Long Mynd.  
Organised by Friends PTA of St Lawrence CE Primary School  
Church Stretton to raise funds for the school & nursery.

## Event Highlights

- 26 Mile or 13 Mile course
- 26 Miles £35 | 13 Mile £25
- 11 hours to complete!
- Snacks / Food & Certificate on completion!



National  
Trust



Scouts



Enter here:

[www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event\\_id=15086](http://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event_id=15086)

**28TH JUNE 25 | 08 AM**

START & FINISH @ ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
REGISTRATION 6.30-7.30AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION

[HTTPS://WWW.SIENTRIES.CO.UK/EVENT.PHP?ELID=Y&EVENT\\_ID=15086](https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event_id=15086)

Would you be willing to contribute something to our **Summer Fair?**

We are in need of tombola and raffle prizes, as well as unopened bottles, cans, and even teddy bears!

# We're accepting donations



We'll be joining the 2<sup>nd</sup> Londmynd Scouts on the Saturday at their Charity Beer Festival!  
We'll be selling Coffee and Cake in aid of St Lawrence Primary.  
Pop down and see us!



DIANA GRIFFITHS SCHOOL OF DANCE

# Performing Arts Summer School 2025

MONDAY 28TH JULY  
FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST

DORRINGTON VILLAGE HALL  
10AM - 4PM  
AGES 6 - 18

**BOOK NOW!** →

Contact Cathy Griffiths:

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PHONE: 07570 966006

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