



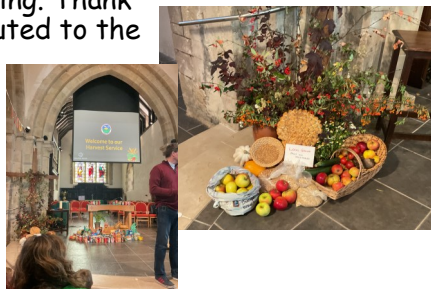
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St Lawrence Weekly

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Headteacher's Spotlight

It's been another busy and exciting week here at school. Our children have been out and about, with visits to the farm and Carding Mill Valley offering wonderful opportunities to explore nature and learn beyond the classroom. The whole school also came together on Monday for our Harvest Service at St Lawrence's Church - a beautiful celebration of community, gratitude and giving. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection for the Stretton Foodbank - Richard, one of the organisers spoke at the service and told us about his team and their work. It was great to hear about the efforts of these local 'Good Samaritans'!



Looking ahead, next week promises more excitement! Willow and Birch classes have visits planned and we're very much looking forward to welcoming parents from Birch Class to join us for a school lunch; a lovely way to share in the children's day. We are hoping that our open lunches will be a regular, termly feature. We know from the recent survey (July 2025) that parents want to visit school more often, so hopefully the lunches will be popular. Some feedback following the survey will be sent out soon - recognising ideas and wishes and also clarifying a few practices.

On Monday morning, we'll be hosting an EYFS and KS1 Phonics workshop. This is a great opportunity for parents to gain insight into how we teach phonics and how you can support your child's reading journey at home. Please attend!

If you haven't yet booked your PSP or Parents' Evening appointment for next week or the following week, please do so as soon as possible. We're looking forward to meeting with all parents/carers. If children attend these sessions they must be supervised by parents/carers. If you're already thinking ahead to Christmas, we're pleased to let you know that **The Travelling Book Fair** will be in school during Parents' Evening sessions - a perfect chance to pick up some stocking fillers and encourage a love of reading.

Finally, we want to make parents aware of a safeguarding issue. We've been informed that several titles in the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Pup* and *Spy Cat* series by author Andrew Cope contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs readers to information about the series. Unfortunately, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe content with no age restrictions. We have carried out thorough checks in school and have removed these titles from classrooms and the library to ensure pupil safety. Please note that the author of these books (which are very good) is not at fault and the books are likely to be republished with the weblink removed.

Parent governor election letters are also being sent home with this newsletter.

Have a great weekend!

Alan Brannen
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WE NEED YOU!

As parents, relatives and carers of our wonderful children, YOU are automatically part of our fundraising community. As we enter a new school year, we need to formalise our Friends community leaders - otherwise **WE WILL FOLD.**

We are looking for our SECRETARY and TREASURER leads to be elected on 22 October 2025.

We've separated all of the Friends tasks to make them more manageable for everyone. There are over [60 ways](#) you can help and most tasks are under an hour. We cannot do this alone and there is something for everyone.

WE GET IT - AS WORKING PARENTS, WE KNOW 'THERE IS NO TIME'...

Introducing...



Come to our friendly information sessions:

Thursday 16th October,
3.25 & 7.45pm in the school hall
(FREE CHILDCARE FOR PUPILS!)

Electing in night for new committee:

Wednesday 22nd October,
7.45pm in the school hall & online

Church Stretton
BONFIRE
IN RECTORY FIELD

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

ADULTS £5
CHILDREN UNDER 13 £1
BABIES IN ARMS FREE
CASH ON THE GATE

BAR - FOOD - MUSIC
GATES OPEN 5PM
FIRE LIT 6.30PM
FIREWORKS 7PM

2ND LONGMYND
SCOUTS

Dates for your diary:

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
4th November - am	Birch class - Flag planting with Royal British Legion
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
11th December am and pm	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance
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

Thank you for all the gifts you provide to us each day; our food, homes, families and friends. Help us to remember to say 'thank you' for all of the good things we receive and share the gifts we are given with those who have less than us.

Amen

Secondary Application deadline – 31/10/25

The closing date for secondary applications is 31 October 2025 which falls in the half-term holidays. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to submit an application as soon as possible but before the deadline date. This will ensure that if you encounter any problems, you can be supported/helped and to submit your application on time. There is no grace period for late applications. The link for the website is – [Transferring to secondary school | Shropshire Council](#)

The School Admissions Team strongly encourage parents to make use of their four preferences. Please see the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire Booklet for further information. The link to the document is [Parents' guide to education | Shropshire Council](#)

If you have already made an application and wish to add additional preferences/ change the order of preference, please contact school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk



HALLOWEEN CRAFTS



Join us for an afternoon of crafting this Halloween. Make halloween decorations, experiment at making a pumpkin be "sick" and explore feelie boxes.

Spooky refreshments will be available.

£5 per child



FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

Drop in between

1PM – 4PM



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Grow Cook Learn, a registered charity: 1158795

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ESCAPE ROOMS



Can your team solve the escape room puzzles to unlock the team members' certificates?

In the Discovery Centre take on this popular family activity, you'll need to solve the puzzles and clues to "escape". There will be a range of activities for different ages and abilities for to move through.

All groups must be accompanied by an adult.

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY



Mon 27thth to Thurs 30th Oct
Book your slot at our front desk

£4.50 per child
Recommended age 4 - 11 years



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BONFIRE and fireworks

Shropshire Hills
Discovery Centre
the home of Grow Cook Learn



Join us for a night of family fun and
firework spectacular at our bonfire
event on

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER



**WEDDING
PIZZA
CO.**

**FAIR GROUND
RIDES AND
FLASHING TOYS**

Live music from Andrew Pearce

Firework display by the creators of the
London New Year's Eve team



GATES OPEN AT 5PM | BONFIRE 7PM | FIREWORKS 7.30PM

Adults £7 | Kids £5 | Under 5s are FREE

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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

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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.

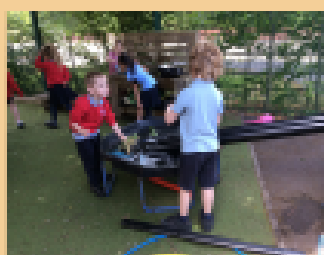




RECEPTION OPEN MORNING

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.
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