

St Lawrence Weekly

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Headteacher's Spotlight

Our Y6s displayed an admirable attitude towards their SATs this week - they clearly did their best! Thank you to parents and staff for preparing the Y6s and for keeping them calm. We get the results in July and these will be shared on an individual and confidential basis. Overall percentages will be put in the newsletter.

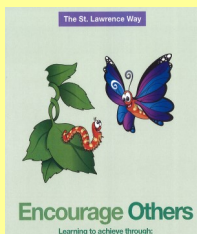
Success in the Y6 maths SAT papers is only possible if pupils know their times tables, so please can parents of those children in Y5 and Y4 put lots of effort into learning the facts at home (use Times Tables Rockstars). The new national Y4 test on multiplication fact knowledge will be administered in June, so not long left to learn all facts up to 12×12 .

Tutoring sessions for some pupils continue this term with others having finished their block of lessons. We hope to have more sessions in 2022/23 as tutoring is an excellent way of helping those behind to catch up.

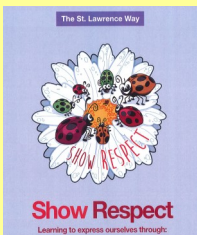
Well done to Will Gregg (Y6), who has won an art competition; George Dunn (Y5), a letter writing competition and Phoebe Pote (Y6), a 'design a buff' competition.



The Platinum Jubilee Community Quiz is a super way to learn about Queen Elizabeth II and the history of Church Stretton - why not have a go and win £100. Entry forms were sent home with last week's newsletter.



Did you know that Shropshire, including The Long Mynd, is home to the rare bilberry bumblebee? If you want to know more and how you can help stop the decline of this fantastic mini-beast, please see the leaflet coming home with this newsletter.



Our tiny team of volunteer gardeners needs to grow (pun intended). Please get in touch if you can help, even if just for half an hour a week.



Remember that 16-22 May is the week of 'The Big Plastic Count' - please get involved. For more information visit the bigplasticcount.com

Please remember to help yourself to any items from our 'food share' hut.

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Friends' News ...



Hello,

Our Summer Fair date is Saturday 25th June! Plans are well underway and we look forward to seeing you there.

Money raised at the fair will go towards extra curricular activities for our children, improvements in the school garden, year 6 leavers celebrations, a history mural and new markings on the playground.

To help us raise as much money as we can and ensure everything runs smoothly we will need some volunteers please! We have set up an online sign up page, take a look and see if you think you could help us.



Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/vAzgMhr>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: Signup does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact us and I can sign you up manually.

Best wishes,

Friends'

Collection Times

At the end of the day the school gates open at 3.07pm. The children are released from classes at 3.10pm. Please can you ensure you collect your child before 3.15pm.

Crossbar Coaching have also requested that children staying at after school club until 5.30pm are collected promptly.

Many thanks

Dates for your diary:

17th - 20th May	Y6 Bikeability
27th May	Class Photographs
30th May - 3rd June	Half term holiday
14th June	Y6 - 'My Mate Fancies You' Theatre Group
16th - 17th June	Y4 Camp including Creative Outdoors providing activities
20th June 1.30 - 4.00pm	KS2 Athletics at Church Stretton
21st June	Y6 to Crucial Crew at Bridgnorth
22nd June	Primary Swimming Gala at Teme Leisure, Ludlow
25th June	Friends' SUMMER FAIR
6th July	Talent Show (whole school)
12th July	Sports Day
12th - 15th July	School Production - Mary Poppins
13th July	Reserve Sports Day
16th July - 12.00	Strettfest - YR Parade
21st July	Bank Holiday in lieu of Jubilee Bank Holiday
22nd July - 31st August	Summer holidays
1st & 2nd September 2022	PD Days
5th September 2022	Autumn term commences

It's Y6 Bikeability next week!

Y6 children who have registered to do the Bikeability Training need to bring their bikes and helmets to school next week. School uniform must be worn and a waterproof coat is also needed.

Birch class - Tuesday & Wednesday
Pine class - Thursday & Friday

We would prefer it if bikes could go home at the end of each day. However, if this is not possible, a bike lock will need to be brought into school and please be advised that any bikes will be left at your own risk.



NEW..... U7 Football Training

Church Stretton Magpies Football Club are pleased to launch a new Under 7s football training session for those in current School Years – Reception & Year 1.

We will start by running a FREE 6 week football training programme starting on 11th June from 11-12noon, which will run until the 16th July – we will then take a break and start back in September (where children will then have progressed in to School Years 1 & 2).

Training sessions will take place on the football pitches adjacent to the adventure playground off Churchill Road, Church Stretton (post code: SY6 6DE).

For more information or to register interest please contact Jamie Bajcer 07967380619 // Simon Noblet 07976065302 or message us via the Church Stretton Magpies Facebook Page.



This Week in Your Eco Club... Encouraging Others To Plant Seeds



We have finally had some rain and some warmth and sunshine over the past week- perfect weather for seeds to germinate and grow!

What's happening with your seeds? Share your seed pictures on the assembly whiteboard to inspire your friends to grow their own seeds- it's the perfect time for planting!

How to take a cutting...

Look for the new growth and pinch or snip a small part of the foliage from just above a few fresh leaves. Pop the cutting on the edge of a flower pot already planted with a larger plant and watch it grow into a new rooted plant!

HEALTHY COMPETITION...

Set your school the challenge of a sunflower growing competition. You could even have a display board to show photos, measurements and top tips as the sunflowers grow. This could be a competition where you grow the sunflowers at home or at school! You could tidy up a shabby display board by painting sunflowers directly onto the backing paper to save re-backing it!



Pumpkin plants grow massive and are great fun to watch towards the end of the summer as they become a little like Jack's beanstalk. Why not buy a pack of seeds but share it amongst lots of friends- you should only need to plant a few seeds for yourself!

Keep saving your rainwater!



DUCK RACING is back

SATURDAY 21st MAY

CARDING MILL VALLEY

Church Stretton

1st race 11.00

then approx. every 30 minutes

Prizes every race



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