



ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well and that your children have enjoyed the start of this half term. I also hope that they are having a great time taking part in all the Lenten Project events that have begun.

Our School Council have decided to raise money for the Acorns Children's Hospice this year. This amazing charity work locally with over 1,000 families per year, providing specialist clinical care. With regards to the fundraising, we are very wary of how much we ask of parents across the year, so please do not feel pressured to send your children in everyday with loose change as we will also provide activities that are free of charge during the lunchtime activities that are taking place. More information has been sent out separately.

This week is World Book Day, where we can share our love of reading with each other. We have lots of great activities planned and an exciting 'Masked Reader' assembly for the children. We have asked for children to come in PJs in order to reduce cost.

February was a fantastic month at school with two new year group trips taking place; our Year 3 children went to Chester Zoo as part of preparation for their Rainforest Topic and our Year 5 children took part in a fantastic concert at the Symphony Hall with the CBSO as part of their music curriculum. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Murphy, Headteacher

This half term
our School Value is

Generosity

and our Worship Value is

Forgiveness

'It takes a strong person to say
sorry, and an even stronger
person to forgive'

Toys

We are starting to see more children bring toys into school in their bags. Sometimes, the toys then come out within class and on the playground, causing upset if they are broken or lost. We have seen a lot of Beyblades recently, so please can you insist that your children leave these at home.

We have plenty of toys and games on the playground each lunchtime to keep children engaged. Any child who needs a concentration aid is supported with this through their class teacher and Mrs Haden, SENCO.

Attendance

Attendance	Whole School February :	95.6%
	Class with Best Attendance:	6M (98.3%)
Punctuality	Whole School February:	98.7%
	Year with Best Punctuality:	Year 3 (99.14%)

March Diary Dates

Date	Event
2nd March	St. David's Day - <i>Uniformed Groups</i>
wc 2nd March	Year 5 Lenten Project Activities at lunchtime <i>(Mon / Wed / Fri)</i>
5th March	World Book Day <i>Children invited to come dressed in PJs!</i>
wc 9th March	Year 4 Lenten Project Activities at lunchtime <i>(Tues / Wed / Fri)</i>
wc 9th March	Yr 3– 5 Assessment Week
10th March	Year 5 visit to Serbian Orthodox Church
12th March	Year 4 boys at Turves Green
wc 16th March	Year 3 Lenten Project Activities at lunchtime <i>(Tues / Wed / Fri)</i>
wc 16th March	Yr 6 assessment week
16th March	Lenten Disco — <i>Info to be sent separately</i>
17th March	St. Patrick's Day — Uniformed Groups
17th March	Year 6 visit to Northfield Baptist Church
19th March	Year 4 visit to Northfield Methodist Church
20th March	Lenten Project Walkathon
Wc 23rd March	Lenten Project — Cake Sale at breaktimes
24th March	Easter services for school in church Yr 3/4 9:15am <i>(parents welcome)</i> Yr 5/6 13:45 <i>(parents welcome)</i>
24th and 26th March	Parents Evenings - <i>Letter will be sent separately</i>
25th and 26th March	Year 5 Easter CW <i>Wednesday at 2:30, Thursday at 9am</i>

Friends Information

Thank you for all your support with Break the Rules Day and our cookie and drinks sale – you raised over £700 - amazing!

We hope you enjoyed the half term treat.

Huge thanks also for so many bags for our Bag2School collection last week - our best yet!



This half term, the Lenten project is in full swing therefore we will be supporting these events. The Summer Term is also creeping closer and this is one of our busiest! We look forward to the return of our Family Quiz Night, the Summer Fair and of course the return of the favourite, Frozen Fridays!

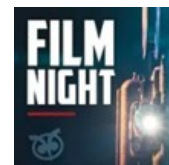
Diary dates

Lenten Disco – Monday 16th March

Frozen Friday –Weather permitting, starting Friday 17th April

Family Quiz – Friday 8th May

Film Night - Monday 18th May



JOIN US!

If you would like to be part of any of these events, please do get in touch! We have monthly meetings, however, meetings are not compulsory. We also welcome volunteers at events throughout the year. If you can assist at any of the above events, we would love to hear from you!

FriendsSLJ@stlrcnj.bham.sch.uk

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Star Pupils!

Well done to all the children who were named as star pupils for the third half term! They enjoyed hot chocolate and cake as a treat!

Year 3 - Anna, Charlotte, Susie

Year 4 - Emilia, Charlie, Isabelle

Year 5 - Daisy, Nehemie, Naomi

Year 6 - Amber, Ben, Isla



Uniform Update

Following the email that went out last week, we just wanted to confirm that children can wear polo shirts from Monday 13th April. There will be a year transition from our current uniform to the new one (Easter '26 to Easter' 27). Cardigans will still be part of the uniform and further information will be sent out once the suppliers have uniform ready for purchase.

Local Events Information

Northfield Leisure Centre—free dance and swimming taster sessions this weekend.

Symphony Hall and Town Hall—invites to family concerts with reduced ticket prices.



Saturday 7th

1pm—1.45pm Swim Challenges
2pm—2.45pm Swim Challenges

Using the Paralympics as Inspiration 8 years + be able to swim all depths water

£1 per child (going to Paralympics GB & Birmingham Dogs Home)

Splash Session Free for Small Pool Lessons

Dance Free Tasters

11am-12pm 4-7years & 12pm-1pm 7-11years

Sunday 8th

Free Swimming Tasters

12.15-12.45pm Non Swimmer 4-7 years

12.45-1.15pm Non Swimmers 3-4 years

1.15pm-1.45pm Beginners 4-7 years

2pm, Adult Beginners or Adult Improvers

2.30pm Non Swimmers 8-15 years or Intermediate (deep end)

We'd love to welcome you back for more amazing live music at Symphony Hall and Town Hall. We're excited to be able to offer discounted tickets for teachers, students and your family and friends! With tickets starting at just £5, there's something for everyone.

50% OFF FAMILY CONCERTS
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Sunday 22 February 2026, 3pm
Symphony Hall, Birmingham
FAMILY CONCERT: TUNES & TALES
Magical Stories from Stage and Screen.

Sunday 7 June 2026, 3pm
Symphony Hall, Birmingham
FAMILY CONCERT: DANCE ACROSS AMERICA
A musical journey for the whole family to enjoy, as the CBSO performs all your favourites from American composers including Copland's Hoe Down and Bernstein's West Side Story - you can even expect some Disney!

**£10 ADULT TICKETS /
£5 CHILD TICKETS**
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Saturday 25 April 2026, 7.30pm
Symphony Hall, Birmingham
CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S THE GOLD RUSH

Thursday 30 April 2026, 7.30pm
Symphony Hall, Birmingham
CLASSIC FM HALL OF FAME

Friday 29 May 2026, 7.30pm
Symphony Hall, Birmingham
MOVIES AND VIDEO GAMES IN CONCERT

Friday 12 June 2026, 7.30pm
Symphony Hall, Birmingham
THE CBSO & THE ORCHESTRAL QAWWALI PROJECT

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let's do **MORE**

Challenges , Free Splash, Free Dance book at reception

Swimming Tasters can be booked at reception or online through www.birminghamleisure.com

Parking



Please can we ask that you continue to park respectfully and if you are able, to park further away and walk the extra distance into school (please see School Street email sent out regarding Heath Road South). We appreciate this is not easy in the morning rush, but our signs are out to try and keep some space around the Innage Road pathway for children to walk in safely and so that there is space on the road for cars to safely pass.

Please also continue to respect our neighbours by asking your children not to walk on their drives and gardens as they come in. Thank you for staying with your children in the playground until the bell goes at 8:45am each morning.

If your child is late into school (after 8:55am) please ensure you walk them down into the office in order to sign them in.