



## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents / Carers and families,

We have had a great start to 2026 at St. Laurence Church Junior School. We have enjoyed a collective worship led by an Olympian, fun inspiration days, snow days in and out of school and competitive sporting fixtures.

We have also started our annual trips to local places of worship and I was lucky enough to join year 4 on a trip to the synagogue. It was great to see how engaged and knowledgeable 4H were but also the awe and wonder they experienced in the impressive building and during the excellent tour. Our Yr 5s and Yr 3s have been to the Hindu temple and Gurdwara respectively with the Year 6s visiting the Mosque before Christmas. These trips are invaluable to support our RE curriculum, but also teach the British Values of mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have helped on these trips, they would not be possible without you.

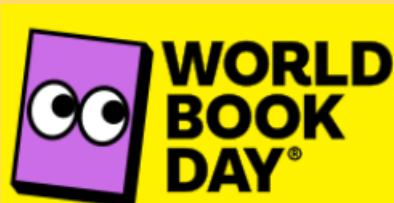
This month we look forward to some new trips, with a Yr 3 trip to Chester Zoo to support their Rainforest topic and the Year 5s experiencing a CBSO concert at the Symphony Hall as part of the music curriculum.

Mr Murphy, Headteacher

This half term  
both our School Value and  
Collective Worship Value is  
**Perseverance**

I can do all things through Christ  
because he gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. We will not be asking children to dress up as a character, instead encouraging them to wear their PJs or something comfortable in the spirit of 'Go All In and Read for Fun' which is the tagline this year.

# Attendance

<b>Attendance</b>	Whole School January :	<b>95.7%</b>
	Class with Best Attendance:	<b>3H 98.6 %</b>
<b>Punctuality</b>	Whole School January:	<b>98.3%</b>
	Year with Best Punctuality:	<b>Year 5 98.6%</b>

Take part in Children's Mental Health Week from home, along with all the other families getting involved...



This year, the focus is on the theme of **This is My Place**, aiming to support the groups and systems surrounding our children. At school, we'll encourage children and their friends to create inclusive and nurturing environments, where children and young people feel they belong and can say "This is My Place". Please use the families pack available through the web link below.

[Families - Children's Mental Health Week](#)

## February Diary Dates

Date	Event
6th Feb	<b>Yr 3 to Chester Zoo — meet at school at 7:45am</b>
6th Feb	<b>NSPCC Numbers Day (Yr 4,5,6)</b> <i>Number—related dress up for donation to NSPCC</i>
9th –15th Feb	<b>Children's Mental Health Week</b>
10th Feb	<b>Yr 5 to CBSO Concert at Symphony Hall</b>
10th Feb	<b>Safer Internet Day</b> <i>(Safer Internet Homework sent out 5th/6th Feb)</i>
12th Feb	<b>SEND Coffee Morning—all welcome</b>
13th Feb	<b>Break the Rules Day</b> <i>Separate email to be sent out</i>
13th Feb	<b>Yr 3 Fabulous Finish—2:45pm</b>
14th - 23rd Feb	<b>Half Term</b>
Wc 23rd Feb	<b>Lenten Project launch and activities</b>
24th Feb	<b>Ash Wednesday services for school in church</b> <i>Yr 3/4 9:15am (parents welcome)</i> <i>Yr 5/6 13:45 (parents welcome)</i>

## Friends Information



We are nearly halfway through the Spring Term, and we have a few treats planned in the coming weeks!

On the last day of half term, we will once again be holding a **Break the Rules Day!** This was great fun last year for the children and we hope to raise more fantastic funds for OPAL resources.

To finish the half term, we will also hold a treat sale in the playground after school. Come and see us!

Next half term, our focus will turn towards supporting the Lenten Project. Please don't forget you can still raise funds for Friends throughout this time using Easyfundraising. Sign up today and raise money as you go, simply by shopping online or instore at a huge range of retailers!

Our AGM will also take place during the next meeting. This will be held on Monday 23rd February at 7pm in the Wraparound Club room, all welcome. Come along and hear about our successes of the past year and vote in our new committee for 2026/27.

### Dates for the Diary:

Break the Rules Day - Friday 13th February



End of Half Term Treat Sale - after school - Friday 13th February

Friends Meeting and AGM – Monday 23rd February 7pm in the community room



Bag2School - Friday 27th February

[FriendsSLJ@stlrcnj.bham.sch.uk](mailto:FriendsSLJ@stlrcnj.bham.sch.uk)    [@friendsofstlaurence](https://www.instagram.com/friendsofstlaurence)



## Eco — Council

This half term we have started our whole-school litter-picking initiative. Inspired by last term's visit from William from 'Clean-Up UK'. We have now applied for, and received, our new litter-picking equipment and the eco-council have asked their classes for volunteers, and a lunch-time rota is now active. Each year group is assigned a specific day of the week to litter-pick and, led by the eco-councillors, lots of children have been caring for their school environment by filling bin liners with rubbish. Consequently the school grounds are becoming much cleaner and tidier. Well done eco-councillors and their class volunteers!



## Local Opportunities — Netball

NETBALL PLAYERS NEEDED!



We invite enthusiastic, sporty girls  
in Year 4  
to try out netball with us.

**Matches: Sundays**  
at various indoor venues

**Training: Tuesdays**

5:30 - 6:45 at

UOB School, Weoley Park Road, B29 6QU



For more information  
contact  
**Dianne Barber** on  
07771 851903

## Bournville & Selly Oak

### Netball for School Years 3 to 6

Try-out sessions in a Sports Hall  
with qualified beginners' instruction

**Saturday 28th February 2026**  
**Saturday 14th March 2026**  
From 9:15am to 10:30am

Come to one session on each day if you can!  
Cost £5.00 per session, allowable  
against the season playing fee.  
Places are limited.  
We may have to operate waiting lists.

at **University of Birmingham School**  
**Weoley Park Road, Birmingham B29 6QU**

Saturday morning League matches  
from 18th April to the end of term

**All abilities welcome, no  
experience is necessary.**

Qualified and safe coaching (DBS checked)  
Season playing fee: £25.00.



### Contact details:

**Mrs Dianne Barber (League Organiser)**

**0121 472 0114 or 07771 851903**

**To reserve your place, download and return our application form!**

**<http://www.birminghamcitynetballclub.org.uk/BSOLL/BSOLL.html>**

## Safeguarding

Please be aware that our Designated Safeguarding Leads at the school are Mrs. Haden, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Mulrain and Miss Hussain. We are contactable by email on [enquiry@stlrcnj.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stlrcnj.bham.sch.uk) or if more urgent, by phone on 0121 4646499.

We have loads of useful links on the safeguarding page on our website [Safeguarding | St Laurence Church Junior School](#) as well as our Online Safety page, which will continue to be updated on a weekly basis [Online Safety | St Laurence Church Junior School](#). Please do not hesitate to get in contact should you require any information or support.