



ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

This half term

Our Collective Worship Value is

Courage

School Value is

Perseverance

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

Philippians 4:13

It has been lovely to see such great attendance at our Fabulous Finishes for Years 4, 5 and 6. We are looking forward to each year group doing more of these in 2026, with Year 3s first Fabulous Finish on Friday 13th February.



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for the Spring Term. I hope you had a fantastic break with your families.

Our school value this half term is perseverance, which is very apt as we start a new year. We will be encouraging all children to show perseverance throughout their work and social times and having the courage to make the right choices, even when these may be difficult. New year resolutions give us all an opportunity to reset and refresh.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends PTA for their dedication and hard work throughout the Autumn Term as they helped raise £4,000 through their various activities. This is an incredible amount, thank you for all your donations and contributions!

We loved having so many parents and carers come in over the last few weeks of term for concerts, the Christingle service, Christmas collective worships as well as the Christmas Fair. We look forward to seeing you in school again soon.

Happy New Year!

Mr Murphy, Headteacher

Attendance

Attendance	Whole School December :	95.26%
	Class with Best Attendance:	4D 98.8 %
Punctuality	Whole School December:	98.12%
	Year with Best Punctuality:	Year 5 98.73%

Star Pupils!

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

Y3 - Beau, George, Tommy

Y4 - Daniel, Lizzie, Ahmed

Y5 - Zachary, Esther, Emmanuel

Y6 - Lyla, Lydia, Sidra



January Diary Dates

Date	Event
5th January	INSET Day
6th January	Welcome Back
6th January	Y3 Inspiration Day - Romans
12th January	Y5 Inspiration Day - Groovy Greeks
19th, 20th, 21st January	Y4 Visit to Synagogue
23rd, 30th January	Y5 Visit to the Temple

Meal Price Increase - A reminder that meal prices have gone up by 10p to £2.85 from Tuesday 6th January 2026 due to increased operating costs.

New Clothes - Please make sure any new coats or clothes received over the Christmas break are labelled with your child's name!

Year Group Newsletters - Please visit the Year group pages on the website or via the app to read about what your child will be learning this half term in their class. [Children | St Laurence Church Junior School](#)

X - @StLaurenceJnr - Please visit our X page (can be accessed through the website and school app) to keep up with the latest pictures from school.

Friends Information



Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term!

The Autumn term was incredible and we can't THANK YOU enough for all your continued support. Our events including the Discos, Doughnut Sale, Festive Film Night and of course the Christmas Fair, were all a huge success and yet again we have been overwhelmed with your support and generosity. You have raised almost £4000! We hope the children also enjoyed their selection boxes from us, delivered by Father Christmas, on Christmas Fair day.

This money will be spent over the Spring Term on further resources for OPAL – we will of course update you on purchases made!

We will continue to expand on our plans for 2026, starting at our Committee Meeting next week. COME AND JOIN US! Whether it's your first year at St Laurence, your last or somewhere in between, all are welcome!

Diary dates

Monday 12th Jan – Friends Meeting 7pm – Community Room at school

Friday 27th Feb - Bag2School (bags can be dropped from Thursday 26th)

Facebook @friendsofstlaurence **Instagram** friendsofstlaurencejuniors

Email FriendsSLJ@stlrcnj.bham.sch.uk



Focus on Charity - Courageous Advocacy

Congratulations to Sienna in Year 4 who recently took part in the St. Basil's **Sleep Out to Help Out** campaign and raised lots of money for charity:

Me and my family took part in St Basils Sleep Out to raise money and create awareness of the youth in Birmingham that are Homeless for no fault of their own. My Dad, myself and my Mum had to build a home from Cardboard Boxes and sleep out from 6pm until 6am the next day. We were kept warm and fed by the local Sikh community and entertained by various local musicians. The whole experience made me more interested in helping out those less fortunate than ourselves. Myself and my family raised almost £600. 350 people slept out together in Millennium Point to help support 17-23 year olds get into work and have their own home. Over 90% of the people helped last year are now back into work and positive life, how amazing!

