



ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

October 2025 Issue 2



This half term,
our School and Worship Value is
Thankfulness

Give thanks whatever happens. That is
what God wants for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents / Carers and families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well? I want to share with you how fantastic the trip to York was last week. The year 6 children absolutely blew me away with their enthusiasm, curiosity, manners (and ability to sleep through the night! Not always a given on residential!). As you can see from the photos above, we were so fortunate with the weather. Exploring rock pools in Robin Hood's Bay with the children in shorts and t-shirts, will live long in the memory. The children were an absolute credit to the school and their parents, and many members of the public approached me directly to comment on this.

It has been lovely to see the children beginning to explore the church and grounds over the last couple of weeks, something that we have introduced in the absence of a vicar, so children are familiar when we walk over there for church services, like Harvest next week — all parents are welcome to join.

We appreciate there are still a few teething problems with Arbor, but please do continue to check your emails for important messages. Finally, please do join me for a tea/coffee and cake next Thursday morning at 9am to discuss what is going on within school and to answer any questions or concerns you may have. I look forward to seeing you.

Mr Murphy, Headteacher



School Day Timings

You will have seen our recent email about attendance and punctuality but just a reminder of timings:

8:45 - 8:50 - Brown gate opens at side of school for all children to come into school. After this, children must come in through main entrance. Anyone arriving after **8:55** will be marked as late.

3:20 School ends - pick up time

Attendance

Attendance	Whole School September :	95.4%
	Class with best attendance:	3M - 97.4%
Punctuality	Whole School September :	98.98%
	Year with best punctuality:	Yr 3 99.09%

Coffee Morning

If you are able, please do join Mr. Murphy for a coffee morning on Thursday 9th October at 9am. He will discuss some of the school priorities over the coming year and give feedback from the Fioretti meeting on Monday for anyone who is not able to attend. The kitchen is making some cakes for the morning, so even if you want to pop in for a quick tea or coffee and cake before your busy day, that is absolutely fine - it will be lovely to see you.

Names in Uniform Please

Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked in their uniform and coats. We already have plenty of lost property and we struggle to return lost property to children if we do not know to whom it belongs. Jumpers, ties coats and cardigans still regularly get left in the playground and items occasionally get left behind after PE. Thank You!

Date	October Diary dates
October	Black History Month (Homework out on 3rd)
6th October	4D Class Collective Worship 9am — parents welcome
6th October	Fioretti Meeting at Infant School 5:30pm
7th October	Yr 3/4 at church for Harvest 9:15am Yr 5/6 at church for Harvest 1:45pm (parents welcome to attend and meet at church)
9th October	Headteacher Coffee Morning - 9am School Hall
9th October	Bags2School
10th October	Family Quiz Night
13th October	6M Class Collective Worship 9am — parents welcome
13th October	Yr 6 SATs Meeting—6pm School Hall
14th October	Yr 5 Woodgate Valley Trip
20th October	Photographer in school Individual and Junior Family Groups
24th October	Last day of half term—Donut Sale

Friends of St. Laurence

Thank you to everyone who has supported Frozen Friday this September, we have been blessed with the weather! Due to the forecasted weather conditions, we will not have one this Friday so next Friday (10th) will be our last one until warmer weather. We have also postponed our preloved uniform sale (donations only) but if you desperately need something in the meantime, please do ask Mrs. Haden.



We hope the Year 3 children liked their welcome gift from Friends, and that they have settled in to school life here at the Junior School.

We have some exciting events coming up, very possibly our favourite half term of the year! We always welcome any support, please let us know if you are available.

Dates for the Diary:

Thurs 9th Oct - Bag2School

Fri 10th Oct - Final Frozen Friday

Fri 10th Oct - Family Quiz Night

Friday 24th Oct - Krispy Kreme Sale

Mon 3rd Nov - Committee Meeting 7pm

Fri 28th Nov – Christmas Wreath Making Evening

Tues 2nd Dec - Festive Film Night

Thurs 11th Dec - Christmas Fair Preparation Evening

Fri 12th Dec – Christmas Fair

Tues 15th Dec – Tinsel Disco

Facebook [@friendsofstlaurence](#)

Instagram (new!) [friendsofstlaurencejuniors](#)

Email FriendsSLJ@stlrcnj.bham.sch.uk



We are delighted to announce a final total for all of the fundraising we completed over the last year.

Thank you so much for all your support, we were able to buy the school the Outdoor Classroom, scooters and lots of other OPAL play equipment thanks to all of your donations and support. We raised a staggering....

£11,800!!!

Harvest

If you are able to donate, please send your children in over the next week with any long life dried foods or toiletries that we will donate on your behalf to St Bart's Local Pantry and Birmingham City Mission. Please also feel free to join us in church on Tuesday 7th October, either at 9:15 if you wish to join the Yr 3s and Yr 4s, or at 13:45 if you wish to join the Yr 5s and Yr 6s. You can help us walk over 15 minutes earlier from school or meet us there. If your child is a prayer councillor, they will be helping out at both services.

St. Laurence Church Junior School Vision
'Learning, Loving and Sharing, guided by Jesus'

'Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.'

Proverbs 22:6



A reminder of
our 6 Values



Some upcoming events at our church...

**ST LAURENCE PARISH CHURCH
NORTHFIELD**

**CHRISTMAS
CRAFT FAYRE**



Saturday 11th October

10am – 2pm

Refreshments available

St Laurence Pastoral Centre,
Church Road, Northfield B31 2LX

Enquiries – Parish Office 0121 475 1518
enquiries@saintlaurence.info

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St Laurence Church and Pastoral Centre

New to you

**Ladies Accessories
Sale**



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Come and grab a bargain on

Saturday 25th October

10am – 2pm

St Laurence Pastoral Centre, B31 2LX

Free entry – refreshments available

**Jewellery Scarves Handbags
and much more**

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