



ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

September 2025 Issue 1



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents / Carers and families,

I hope you and your families have had a great summer break and managed to spend some quality time together.

We have had a fantastic start back to school. It has been lovely to see the children come back happy and enthusiastic, ready for the academic year ahead. Our new Year 3 children have settled in incredibly well and our year 6 children are enjoying their added responsibilities.

So you are aware, we send out a monthly newsletter with information such as diary dates, attendance, safeguarding and news from our Friends PTA. Each year group leader also sends out a half termly curriculum newsletter with information regarding what is being taught and how to support your child's learning. Please access these via your child's year group page on the website.

[Children | St Laurence Church Junior School](#)

Also, please do not hesitate to get in contact should you require any further information regarding anything at school. Class teachers are available to speak to briefly at 3:20 during pick up or you can contact the school office via phone on 0121 4646499 or enquiry@stlrcnj.bham.sch.uk if you need a more detailed response. We look forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

Kind Regards

Mr Murphy, Headteacher

This half term,
our School Value is
Thankfulness

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

1 Thessalonians 5:18



Inset Days This Academic Year

Please be aware that the rest of the Inset Days have been confirmed for this academic year, so please put them in your diary:

Friday 14th November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Spring Term starts on Tues 6th Jan

Monday 20th July 2026

Summer Term ends on Fri 17th July

Headteacher Coffee Morning

On **Thursday 9th October**, we will be hosting a coffee morning where parents / carers and grandparents are welcome to come in and meet senior leaders. There will then be an opportunity to chat, ask questions or find out more about the school over a tea / coffee and cake. I appreciate not all parents and carers will be able to make these events that are on during the day, so we will look to host events at different times across the year. Please feel free to drop your child off in the morning and then come towards the hall where we will host the coffee morning. We look forward to seeing some of you then.



Names in Uniform Please

Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked in their uniform, coats, lunchboxes and water bottles. We have already (!) had some brand new items turning up in lost property without names 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!

Half Term 1 Key Diary dates

(please see individual year group newsletters for more diary dates)

Date	Event
Every Friday until 3rd Oct	Frozen Friday run by Friends PTA after school
15th September	Arbor Support drop in—6P classroom <i>(before and after school)</i>
23th - 26th September	Year 6 York trip
29th September	Autumn Disco <i>(Email to be sent separately)</i>
2nd October	Flu Immunisations
6th October	Fioretti Update Meeting for Parents 5:30pm at Infant School
7th October	Yr 3/4 at church for Harvest 9:15am Yr 5/6 at church for Harvest 1:45pm <i>(parents welcome to attend and meet at church)</i>
9th October	Coffee Morning 9am - 10am
10th October	Family Quiz Night
13th October	Yr 6 SATs Parents Meeting — 6pm
20th October	School Photos - Individual and Siblings

Advance notice - Parents Evenings will be in Half Term 2 this year on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November

Instrumental Lessons

Please be aware that there are still spaces left for all instrumental lessons, so if your child wishes to start recorder, keyboard, guitar or woodwind (clarinet, sax or flute), please email enquiry@stlrncj.bham.sch.uk to sign up. Please be aware that Year 3 children are only able to be in the recorder sessions.



Parking / Respecting Neighbours

We do not like to use the first newsletter of the year to have a moan, but we do have to ask that you continue to respect our neighbours in the local area. Unfortunately, we receive emails (often with photos and videos) and phone calls from upset parents and local residents who have seen drives parked across, trees swung on and front gardens walked across by our children. We talk to children about the latter issues in our assemblies, but please do remind them as well.

I have also been on Innage Road in the mornings and seen parents park on the school markings and complete 3 point turns by swinging on the pavements where children are walking. I worry that a serious accident is going to take place—please take an extra minute to walk from further away or drive round Innage Road rather than trying to turn your car around.

We appreciate it is busy in the mornings and at pick up, so please do try and park further away and walk if you are able to. The pastoral centre car park is also available for use. We would much rather everyone parks respectfully but if you do see anything dangerous or you believe needs reporting to the police, please use the link below to report anonymously.

[Operation Snap | West Midlands Police](#)



Arbor

As you will be aware, we have moved our MIS (Management Information System) to a new company called Arbor over the Summer. The system is a much more complete package than we have had before and we hope that in the long run, it will prove far more effective than what we have had previously. We will be able to complete all communication, payments and consent through the system, meaning a huge reduction in paper letters and information in different systems. We apologise for any teething issues (email formatting, app problems etc) as we get used to the system. Please note, all communication in the first instance will come to you through email rather than in-app messages.

Mrs. Tapper, our School Business Manager, is available to answer any questions you may have about Arbor through enquiry@stlrncj.bham.sch.uk or on the school number 0121 464 6499. She is also running some drop-in sessions on Monday 15th September and will be in 6P (classroom just off the playground) between 8:30 and 8:45am and 3:25 and 3:45pm.

The School App will remain a mirror image of our website, so will prove useful to you if you are viewing anything on the website but please note, we will not message or communicate through that app.



@StLaurenceJnr

Friends of St. Laurence

A very warm welcome back to school from all the Friends Team!
We extend a special welcome to our new Year 3 children and their families.



We hope to start the year with some fundraising by continuing our Frozen Fridays throughout September, if the weather holds! You can find us on the front playground as usual straight after school. We also visit after school clubs, cost is maximum £1.

We have some exciting events coming up, please see below for dates. We welcome any support, **please let us know if you are available to volunteer!** Our events will only take place if well supported – we need you!

Can't wait to see you soon!

Diary dates

Frozen Friday – every Friday throughout September

Welcome Disco - Monday 29th Sept (details to follow)

Preloved Uniform Sale - Friday 3rd October

Bags 2 School - Thursday 9th October

Family Quiz night – Friday 10th Oct (details to follow)

Donut Sale – Friday 24th Oct (details to follow)

Facebook **@friendsofstlaurence**

Instagram **friendsofstlaurencejuniors**

Email **FriendsSLJ@stlrcnj.bham.sch.uk**

Safeguarding

Please be aware that our Designated Safeguarding Leads at the school are Mrs. Haden, Mr. Murphy, Mrs Mulrain, Miss Hussain and Mrs Smith. We are contactable by email on 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](#). You will also get an email on a weekly basis taking you to a specific article for Wake Up Wednesday which is bitesize information for parents. Please do not hesitate to get in contact should you require any information or support.

WAKE UP
Wednesday!



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