



ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

April 2026 Issue 8



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well and that your children have enjoyed this busy half term full of exciting Lenten Project activities, the World Book Day and trips to different places of worship.

We have been absolutely blown away by the generous contributions to the Lenten Project, including donations for prizes, hand made items and the money to take part in all the stalls and activities. We are already very close to raising £5000 for the Acorns Trust, with more money to come in from this week. Thank you for all your support and generosity, it will be greatly received by the charity.

It was great to see so many of you in school this week, whether at Parents' Evening or the Year 5 Easter collective worship, it has been an excellent finish to the Spring Term.

We move into the Summer Term after Easter as part of the Fioretti Trust family. Sent out alongside this email is a message from the Trust, and Claire Grainger (CEO) will be hosting a 'Meet & Greet' in the school hall on Friday 1st May if you wish to drop in and discuss anything.

Apart from different signage when we return, there will not be many noticeable differences around the school. However, in the background, the collaboration and work with other schools and staff will only serve to strengthen the work and teaching that takes place within St. Laurence Church Junior School, enhancing the experience that your children receive.

Have a lovely Easter break— Mr Murphy, Headteacher

This half term
our School Value is

Curiosity

and our Worship Value is

Friendship

Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

Email Address Changes

When we return after Easter, the email addresses that you can contact the school on will have changed.

General enquiries:

enquiry.slj@fioretti.co.uk

(these will be forwarded to the relevant staff member)

Attendance related matters:

attendance.slj@fioretti.co.uk

SEND related matters:

senco.slj@fioretti.co.uk

Friends PTA

friends.slj@fioretti.co.uk

Attendance

Attendance	Whole School March :	96%
	Class with Best Attendance:	3H (98.1%)
Punctuality	Whole School March:	98.56%
	Year with Best Punctuality:	Year 3 (99.07%)

April Diary Dates

Date	Event
13th April	First Day of Summer Term
16th April	Science Assembly and Workshops
16th April	Debate Mate Competition
20-24th April	Stephen Lawrence Week
23rd April	St George's Day—Uniformed Groups Welcomed
23rd April	OPAL Big Build Afternoon—from 13:30 <i>(please see separate email)</i>
24th April	Stuart Lawrence Visit <i>(Talk to all Year 6 pupils in the Fioretti Trust at St. Laurence Church Junior School)</i>
27th April	9am—3W Class Assembly
1st May	2:45 — 3:45 Fioretti Meet and Greet in School Hall
4th May	Bank Holiday Monday

Staffing Update

Mrs Earp, who has worked at the school for 3 years, and most recently as a Teaching Assistant in Year 4, will be leaving us after Easter. We are sure you will join us in wishing her all the best in the future.

Friends Information

We have been so impressed with the efforts of the children fundraising for the Lenten Project this year – huge congratulations for all the money raised!

We have today gifted a Creme Egg to every child as a little Easter gift from us. The Friends Team wish you all a very 'Hoppy' Easter and hope you enjoy a relaxing break.

We are so looking forward to the Summer term, please see some key dates below.



Diary dates

Friends Meeting – Monday 13th April 7pm

Frozen Friday - every Friday from 17th April (weather permitting)

Family Quiz Night – Friday 8th May

Film Night – Monday 18th May

Bag2School – Friday 5th June

Summer Fair – Friday 19th June

Colour Run – Friday 3rd July



JOIN US!

If you would like to be in the friends WhatsApp group, or can spare any time, get in touch!

Friends.SLJ@fioretti.co.uk



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OPAL — Big Build

Our children are really enjoying the latest editions to our OPAL project but we would love to make more special areas for them to play in and we would love your help with this.

On Thursday 23rd April, school will be open to parents and carers from 1:30pm until sunset for our **BIG BUILD** event. This is for anybody who is able to volunteer their time and efforts to help us make or paint new resources for our children. No experience is necessary, just a smile and being prepared to roll your sleeves up and help out. If you are interested, please fill in the survey below.

[Big Build Event Survey](#)



Star Pupils!

Well done to all the children who were named as star pupils for the fourth half term! They will enjoy hot chocolate and cake this afternoon as a treat!

Year 3 - Emily, Ralph, Kaison

Year 4 - Hala, Jack, George

Year 5 - Kelvin, Emily, Ethan

Year 6 - Madison, Eliza, Henriette



Uniform Reminder

Following the email that went out regarding uniform recently, we just wanted to remind you that children can wear polo shirts from Monday 13th April. As detailed, there will be a year transition from our current uniform to the new one (Easter '26 to Easter '27). Cardigans and Summer dresses will still be part of the uniform. All suppliers have the new jumpers and polo shirts available for purchase. Please note, the only branded item we require is the jumper or cardigan.

Events at St. Laurence Church

ST LAURENCE CHURCH, NORTHFIELD

Indoor

CAR BOOT SALE

(Strictly – No Traders / Dealers – only surplus household goods/toys/personal possessions can be sold – no electricals)

28th March

9am – 12pm
(set up from 8am)

The Pastoral Centre,
Church Road, Northfield B31 2LX



Enquiries 0121 475 1518

All tables must be pre-booked and paid for in advance

www.stlaurencechurchnorthfield.org enquiries@saintlaurence.info
Registered charity: 1132975



Saturday 9th May

St Laurence Pastoral Centre
6.30pm – 9.00pm

£8 per adult
£2 per child (16 and under)

Raffle

Bring your own drinks and food/snacks -
tea/coffee available

Tickets available from Kathy Mayne 07725 031358
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