



ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope you managed to spend some quality time together and enjoy the fantastic weather over the half term break. It felt like a great reward for a busy first half term of Summer, which included the Year 6 children doing themselves proud in the SATs and the Year 4s performing an excellent Pentecost worship. It was also great to see children from all year groups engaging with Stephen Lawrence week and producing some thought provoking pieces of work, focusing on the theme of 'Finding Your Voice and Being Your Best Self'.

This half term is always an incredibly busy one, with Sports morning, Aztec trips, the annual summer fair, productions, internal and external concerts and then Y6 leavers events towards the end of term. We also begin all the transition work and activities with the Year 2 children, alongside the internal move up day which will happen on Wednesday 1st July.

Another highlight for me is Prayer Week, where we have some parent volunteers and members of the local community coming to share collective worships and lunchtimes prayer stations with us. We also hope to hold an OPAL open afternoon where parents can come and play with their children in the forest school, using all the equipment and resources we have for lunchtimes.

I hope you are able to join us for some of these events.

Mr. Murphy, Headteacher

Summer Term 2

our School Value is

Friendship

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

and our Worship is all about the

RESPECT

Star Pupils!

Well done to all the children who were named as star pupils for the fifth half term! They enjoyed an ice lolly as a treat!

Year 3 - Aiden, Avine, Maise

Year 4 - Sadie, Meena, Murphy

Year 5 - Maheera, Elias, Lauren

Year 6 - Eva, Elsa, Elsie



Attendance

Attendance	Whole School May:	95.8%
	Class with Best Attendance:	6M - 98.22%
Punctuality	Whole School May:	98.66%
	Year with Best Punctuality:	Year 5 - 99.19%

Friends of St. Laurence

Final half term of the year! This is definitely a busy one!

Firstly, a huge thank you for all your support over the last half term. It truly is appreciated.

This Friday, 5th June, is our last Bag2School collection of the school year - please drop bags as usual to the office.



Also this Friday 5th June is non-uniform day! Please could every child bring in a bottle for the Summer Fair, to be held on Friday 19th June. All bottles should be sealed and in date please. This can include anything from squash to shampoo!

****We need volunteers for the Summer Fair and the preparation night before please****

Look out for the volunteer form coming out very soon!

Dates for the Diary

Frozen Friday – every Friday!

Friday 5th June - Non uniform day – bring a bottle!

Friday 5th June - Bag2School

Friday 19th June - Summer Fair

Friday 3rd July - Colour Run

Tuesday 14th July - Summer Disco



Whatsapp Groups

Recently, I have been made aware that there have been some unkind messages being sent in class WhatsApp groups. These groups are set up and managed by parents and not controlled or monitored by the schools. I think they are a brilliant way for families to keep in touch with each other and help each other out by giving reminders and answering questions about school and beyond. I use them for my own children at their school and they can often be incredibly useful and life - saving! However, I would not want them to become places where members of our school community feel unwelcome or threatened.

If there is ever a time when you are unsure of anything or there are conflicting messages on the group, please do not hesitate to contact the school for clarification on any issue, whether that is about the date or time of event, a dress up day, the cost of a trip or anything else. Also, if you are unhappy with anything school - related, please do contact me. I would much rather discuss an issue face to face or over the phone, it will help me to address any issues effectively, fairly and take swift action if necessary.

Thank you for all your continued support — Mr. Murphy

Important Summer Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
1st June	Start of Half Term 6
wc 1st June	Yr 4 Multiplication Tables Check
5th June	Non - Uniform Day for Summer Fair - <i>Bring a bottle</i>
5th June	Keyboard Concert—2:30
11th June	Class Photos
12th June	Year 4 to Aztec
18th June	Year 5 to Aztec
19th June	Summer Fair
wc 22nd June	Prayer Week
22nd June	York Meeting - Yr 5 parents - 5:45pm
22nd / 23rd / 26th	Y2 Transition Walkarounds
29th June	Y5 5 Fabulous Finish - 2:45
30th June	Whole school Sports Morning
1st July	Citywide Transition Day - <i>including Yr 6 to secondary schools and internal year group transition</i>
2nd July	Guitar Concert
3rd July	Rocksteady Concert - 9:15
3rd July	Colour Run
6th July	Recorder Concert—2:30
7th / 9th July	Y6 Performance Evenings - <i>Tuesday 5pm and Thursday 7pm</i>
7th July	Woodwind Concert
8th July	Year 6 Fabulous Finish –2:45
9th July	Year 6 Leavers Service at Cathedral pm
10th July	Year 4 Fabulous Finish—2:45
14th July	End of year disco
15th July	Youth Proms
16th July	Whole School Awards Assembly am Y6 Leavers assembly in church pm
17th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly in school am Last Day of Term

GENERAL NOTICES

School Photos — Thursday 11th June

We're looking forward to our class photos on **Thursday 11th June**. As many of you know, we are currently in a transition period with our school uniform, moving from shirts and ties to polo shirts and crew neck jumpers. This does mean that, for this year's photos, there may be a mixture of uniform styles across the classes.

Please don't worry about this. As long as children come to school looking smart, they are welcome to wear whichever version of the uniform they currently have. Our school colours — and more importantly, the children's beaming smiles — will be the things that truly stand out in the photos.

However, for **Year 6 children**, this photo is particularly special as it is their final class and year group picture with us. Because they have spent most of their four years in shirts and ties, we encourage them to wear this option for the photo. If any child no longer has a tie, we will happily provide one on the day. Thank you for your continued support as we move through this uniform transition together.

Water Bottles in School

We encourage all children to bring a named, plastic water bottle to school each day, especially during the warmer months. Please ensure these bottles are filled with water only, as pupils keep them in the classroom near their desk and spills are much easier to manage when it's just water.

We understand that some children prefer squash or flavoured drinks. All children are welcome to bring a separate carton or bottle for break or lunchtime to enjoy with their snack or food. We also have fruit-infused water available everyday in the hall for all children who are having a school meal or packed lunch in there.

To help keep learning time uninterrupted, most classes have water monitors, who refill water bottles at lunchtime using the school's water coolers and taps under the supervision of the class teacher. This ensures bottles are ready for the afternoon without children needing to leave lessons to refill. Thank you for your support in helping us keep classrooms safe, tidy, and focused on learning.



WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT AIR POLLUTION?

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A NETWORK OF AIR QUALITY MONITORS IN BIRMINGHAM?!

SCAN HERE TO SEE ONE IN YOUR AREA!

Even though we can't often see the pollution in the air around us, it is having negative health impacts on us and our children. Air pollution affects every part of the body, and can lead to suffering from asthma, heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes, as well as degenerative health conditions such as dementia.

In the West Midlands, 2300 people die every year due to long term effects of air pollution. In the UK, air pollution will have caused 30,000 deaths in 2025.

This Clean Air workshop is designed for people in Birmingham who want to better understand air quality in their local area. Join local doctors and clean air campaigners to explore the health impacts of air pollution, what it is that affects air quality, practical steps you can take to reduce exposure and how communities can create influence towards safer, healthier environments - keeping your families, loved ones and communities safe.

Mums for Lungs Event

Please see details below of an event happening on Wednesday night in the Infant school hall about air pollution. This is run by a group called 'Mums for Lungs' who are campaigning for cleaner air and giving practical steps that can be taken to reduce air pollution.



WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE, 5 PM - 6 PM

OPEN TO PARENTS OF INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS

SCHOOL HALL, ST LAURENCE CHURCH INFANT SCHOOL:
ENTER THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK ON HEATH ROAD SOUTH

FOR ANY FURTHER INFO: FLORENCE.CADGE@THEAMS.ORG

MUMS LUNGS

Birmingham Healthy Air Coalition

The Air Quality Society

Better Streets for Birmingham

Enjoy Water Safely

Following the tragic news last week of both children and adults losing their lives while playing or swimming in water last week, please do take time to read the following basic principles to help ensure your family stays safe whilst having fun in, or around water. More information can be found at this link: [Water Safety on Holiday | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK \)](#)



Enjoy Water Safely

There is also a useful video on this website, which we will share with the children later in the term.

Follow the Water Safety Code



Stop and Think

Things can be different on holiday, so take time to review safety notices and learn what local signs and flags mean.

Survey your surroundings, look for potential hazards and warn members of your group to avoid possible risks.

Wear brightly coloured swimwear so you can be seen underwater.

Never use inflatables in open water.

Although they look fun, inflatables can quickly get caught in the wind and be blown out to sea.

Take extra care when intoxicated around water and never enter the water whilst under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.



Stay Together

Always keep children under the constant supervision of a capable adult and keep small children within arm's reach. 86% of child drownings occur in the absence of adult supervision.*

Always choose to visit a lifeguarded venue wherever possible. Research the resort you are going to ahead of your trip.

Swim with others. It's safer to swim in pairs or groups who can help should anyone get into trouble in the water.

Be sure children know where to go if they become lost or separated from the group.

*Source: [Child Drowning Update, September 2024](#)