



# ST. LAURENCE'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Please could we remind parents to telephone or email the school **before 9am** to notify us of any absence. [admin@st-laurenceprimary.com](mailto:admin@st-laurenceprimary.com) 01584 872766. If we do not hear from you children will be marked as unauthorised.

**POLITE REMINDER** — We are a **NUT FREE** School – please ensure all packed lunches do not contain nuts to keep our Children and Staff safe. Thank you!

## Pickleball Competition

We were delighted to take part in our first ever Pickleball Competition, with eight children from year 5 representing our school. The team showed fantastic determination and sportsmanship as they learned a new game and its rules, competing confidently against some very strong schools. Every child made us incredibly proud with their positive attitudes and teamwork throughout the day. A special **congratulations** goes to Harrison and Henry, who came first overall in the competition- a brilliant achievement! Well done to everyone involved for a successful event and we hope to see more Pickleball in the future.



## Special Mentions

### Year 1

Dixie  
Matilda

### Year 2

Enoch  
Frederick

### Year 3

Erin  
Molly



### Year 4

Osca  
Rosie

### Year 5

Matilda  
Maggie

### Year 6

Frankie  
Henry

## Courtesy Cup

This week's courtesy cup winner is Felicity who is always polite around school and in the lunch hall. Well done!



**WELL DONE!**

This week St Laurence's were proud to receive the below letter from Bridget Phillipson the Secretary of State for Education.



A message from  
Bridget Phillipson



Dear Stephen,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at St Laurence CofE Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

There are real opportunities available for you to support improvement for a wider group of pupils including through:

- engaging actively with [your region's RISE networks](#) and partnering with nearby schools and trusts;
- contributing to regional roundtables and professional communities to spread the approaches that are working in your context; and
- sustaining excellence by continuing to focus on disadvantaged pupils

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget Phillipson".

**Bridget Phillipson**

Secretary of State for Education



## Diary Dates

### **February**

4<sup>th</sup> Year 4 swimming  
10<sup>th</sup> Parents evening  
11<sup>th</sup> Parents evening  
11<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Class Assembly  
11<sup>th</sup> Year 4 swimming  
16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> **Half Term**  
23<sup>rd</sup> Year 3 swimming

### **March**

4<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Class Assembly  
4<sup>th</sup> Year 3 swimming  
4<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Pioneer Centre  
5<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Pioneer Centre  
6<sup>th</sup> Year 5 pioneer Centre  
9<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Bike Ability week  
11<sup>th</sup> Year 3 swimming  
11<sup>th</sup> Reception Class mothers' day assembly  
16<sup>th</sup> Book fair after school  
17<sup>th</sup> Book Fair after school  
18<sup>th</sup> Book Fair after school  
18<sup>th</sup> Year 3 swimming  
25<sup>th</sup> **Easter Service St Laurence's Church 10.30am**  
30<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April **Easter Holidays**

# DINOSAUR DISCOVERIES

£5 per  
accompanied  
4 - 11 year  
old

February Half  
Term Family  
Activity

2pm - 3.30pm

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>  
to Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
February



Make a dinosaur skeleton to take home.

Look at the size of dinosaurs and their feet. Learn the meaning behind some dinosaurs' names, other dinosaur theme crafts and much more!

[shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk](http://shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk)



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Grow Cook Learn, a registered charity: 1158795



Shrewsbury Town Foundation

# February Holiday Clubs

at The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST

For children aged 5 to 11, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities with a focus on fun and sports! Groups of mixed age and ability.

16th to 20th February at The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST

Scan the QR code or visit our website to book a single day for £18

[foundationstfc.co.uk/fun](http://foundationstfc.co.uk/fun)

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