



Friday 5th December  
Starts at 3.45pm

ST LAURENCE'S

# WINTER MARKET

Join us  
after school for an afternoon  
of festive family fun! Discover a wonderful  
selection of stalls from local businesses, enjoy  
warming seasonal refreshments, and take part in some family  
games! It's a perfect opportunity to come together as a school  
community and celebrate the start of the festive season!





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



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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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.

## Applications to Reception class 2026

The deadline for applications for your child(ren) to start school in Reception in September 2026 closes on 15 January 2026. Please ensure that you make an application online via the Shropshire Council's portal - Synergy - Homepage ([shropshire.gov.uk](http://shropshire.gov.uk)) Please note that if you do not make an online application, your child will not be allocated a school place. If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact the School Admissions Team via email [school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk)

## Courtesy Cup

This week's courtesy cup winner is Samson and Oliver for both being such good role models for the school.



## Special Mentions

### Year 1

Ellie  
Reuben

### Year 4

Zak  
Rosie

### Year 2

Ethan  
Tommy

### Year 5

Patrick  
Matilda R

### Year 3

Inaaya  
Bonnie F

### Year 6

Emmanual  
Alexis



## Chess

We are very proud to have been able to enter two chess teams for the South Shropshire Chess Zonal which was held on Monday at St Lawrence Primary School in Church Stretton. All eight children from our Year 5 and 6 classes were impeccably behaved when they represented St Laurence and the quality of chess they played was outstanding. We are therefore delighted to report that our Kings Team won the Gold Medal for the event, winning every one of the twenty games they collectively played, and our Queens team followed closely behind to take the Silver medal. Unfortunately, on this occasion, only the overall winning team qualify to go through to the final stages, so we wish the Kings team good luck.

We look forward to bringing more positive results to you in the new year!



# Food Bank Donations

## A message from your School Council:

This week in Celebration Worship, we were excited to share our new project . We are collecting items for the Ludlow Food Bank. Each class has been given a different type of item to donate, and we'd love your help. If you are able to give, please bring your class's donation into school **on Tuesday 2nd/3rd December**. There is absolutely no pressure to take part, but any contribution, big or small will make a real difference to families in our community. We will be delivering the items to the foodbank and will keep you updated with how it all went. Thank you for supporting us, we are very keen to be taking action and helping others in our local area!

**Nursery and reception**- dog/cat food, toilet roll

**Year 1**-tinned beans/spaghettoni/curries, rice , noodles, pasta in sauce

**Year 2**- tea, coffee, sugar, UHT milk, squash, long life juices

**Year 3**- tinned sweetcorn/carrots/peas/vegetables, tinned potatoes/smash, tinned fruit, cereal

**Year 4**- tins of meat, fish, corned beef, hotdogs, tinned tomatoes, pasta

**Year 5**- jam, marmalade, honey, peanut butter, chocolate spread, puddings ( steam cakes, rice pudding, jelly), custard, sweet treats( biscuits, cakes, chocolate)

**Year 6**- toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo), nappies, baby necessities,



# Thank you



# friends of St Laurence's

We're excited to announce that our annual Winter Market will be taking place on Friday, 5th December at 3:45pm – a festive event full of fun for all the family and an important fundraiser for the school. We'd love to see you there! 🧑‍👩‍👦 🎄

To help make the event a success, we would be very grateful for your support in the run up to the event:

🎁 **Raffle Prizes:** If you are able to donate a raffle prize, or know a local business to ask, that would be fantastic.

🍷 **Water to Wine Stall:** Any donations of a bottle of wine would be very much appreciated.

(Donations can be handed in to the school office)

🎄 **Christmas Lights:** We still need Christmas lights to help us decorate the school and bring up the festive spirit. If you have any lights we could borrow or that you no longer need and would like to donate, please drop them off at the school office.

🧑 **Volunteers:** We're still short of volunteers to help with organising the event in advance and to set up and run the Christmas Market on the day (this includes collecting and organising Raffle prizes, collecting/buying refreshments, decorating the school, running stalls, etc.). If you can spare any time, we'd love your help. Please get in touch!

Many thanks in advance for your help in making the Winter Market this year a huge success! For any questions or donations, please contact Erin or Rachel in the school office (01584 872766 or [admin@st-laurenceprimary.com](mailto:admin@st-laurenceprimary.com)).

Thanks in advance for your support – we can't wait to see you at the Winter Market! 🎄

Best wishes,  
The PTA





# Diary Dates



## December

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nursery walk to assembly rooms AM
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 swimming
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Carols at Ludlow College
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Winter Market</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	Reception class vision screening
9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery's creative Christmas 2pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reception Nativity</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 swimming
11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	Aladdin panto – Y1-Y6
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Party Day
15 <sup>th</sup>	Hansel and Gretel Panto – Nursery & Reception
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Service – St Laurence's Church 10.30am</b>
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>

## January

5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PD Day</b>
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# MAMMOTH SANTA TRAIL

Kindly supported by 

Book  
your slot  
BETWEEN  
10AM AND 3PM

£10  
PER CHILD\*

13  
DEC, 2025

Book online

Follow the elves and snowballs through our exhibition as you answer questions and join in activities on your way around.

Say "hi" to the mammoth himself and finish the trail with a gift from Santa as you meet him in his grotto.

There will be festive refreshments available at the end of the trail with treats for the adults too!

\*PRICE INCLUDES EXHIBITION ENTRANCE  
ONE FREE ADULT PER PAYING CHILD  
ADMISSION PRICE APPLIES TO ADDITIONAL ADULTS

  
Shropshire Hills  
Discovery Centre

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SCHOOL ROAD, CRAVEN ARMS SY7 9RS  
GROW COOK LEARN, A REGISTERED CHARITY: 1158795

## Meet Santa at Ludlow Farmshop Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December

Christmas is coming and we are delighted to have a visit from Santa!

In Santa's magical Christmas grotto, you can listen to Santa tell tales of his previous visits to Ludlow. Each child will be invited up to tell Santa what they would like for Christmas and receive their very own special gift.

Children will also receive a gingerbread man and parents will get a mince pie. There will be discount vouchers for spending on-site too.

£13.50 per child  
£5 per adult

Choose a 30 minute  
time slot between  
10am - 3pm

To book, call 01584  
856000 or visit  
ludlowfarmshop.co.uk

Ludlow Farmshop, Bromfield,  
Shropshire, SY8 2JR



 Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help



# CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENT

Join us for lots of fun free activities for all ages

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**3.30pm until 4.45pm**  
**Helena Lane Community Centre,**  
**20 Hamlet Road, Ludlow, SY8 2NP**

 

shropshire.gov.uk/early-help

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**Linda MAC**  
**TENNIS COACHING**

# AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS COACHING

AGE 4-16 YRS

**TRY IT FOR FREE!**

- ✓ Ludlow based company
- ✓ Local coaches
- ✓ Indoor & outdoor sessions

MON	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>Ludlow</b> TENNIS LEISURE (INDOORS)	<b>Cleobury</b> TENNIS LEISURE (OUTDOORS)	<b>Ludlow</b> TENNIS LEISURE (INDOORS)	<b>Cleobury</b> TENNIS LEISURE (OUTDOORS)	<b>Ludlow</b> TENNIS LEISURE (INDOORS)	<b>Ashford</b> Carbonell TENNIS COURT (OUTDOORS)
<b>4-8 YRS</b> 4-4.45pm or 4.45-5.30pm All Abilities	<b>4-8 YRS</b> 5-5.45pm All Abilities	<b>4-8 YRS</b> 4.30-5.15pm All Abilities	<b>11-16 YRS</b> 5-6.30pm All Abilities	<b>4-8 YRS</b> 8.45-9.30am All Abilities	<b>ALL JUNIORS AGED 4-16</b> 9.30-10.30am All Abilities
	<b>8-10 YRS</b> 5.45-6.30pm All Abilities	<b>Leominster</b> HALO, BRIDGE ST (INDOORS)		<b>Lucton</b> SCHOOL (OUT/INDOORS)	
	<b>11-16 YRS</b> 6.30-7.30pm All Abilities	<b>11-16 YRS</b> 6-7pm Intermediate+		<b>8-10 YRS</b> 10.30-11.30am All Abilities	
				<b>11-16 YRS</b> 12-2pm Intermediate+	

**PLAY MORE... DON'T PAY MORE!**  
Get TWO sessions per week for the price of one!

 **PLAY MORE... DON'T PAY MORE!**

LTA SHROPSHIRE COACH OF THE YEAR  
OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE  
LTA ACCREDITED  
FULLY INSURED & DBS CHECKED

**BOOK ONLINE: LindaMacTennis.co.uk**

For more info, talk to Linda: 07464 608816 linda.mcmahon2@btinternet.com





# Messy CHURCH Christmas!

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, MUSIC &  
CHRISTINGLE, MINCEPIES & BISCUITS

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH

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3.30 - 5PM

LUDLOW ELIM CHURCH  
LOWER GALDEFORD SY8 1RT



## Useful Resources

Visit [www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF) to sign up for the HAF e-newsletter. You will receive fantastic top tips, free resources, links to local services and opportunities.

[next.shropshire.gov.uk/early-help](http://next.shropshire.gov.uk/early-help) Shropshire Family Information Service (FIS). Information on local, regional and national services and organisations for children, young people and families.

### Contact us:

[HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk)

**FIS** 01743 254400 / [shropshireFIS@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:shropshireFIS@shropshire.gov.uk)

@ShropFamilyInfo, #HAFSHROPSHIRE, #HAF2025

This opportunity is provided as part of the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Shropshire. Visit the government website for more information on the national programme.

Shropshire Council are not responsible for the content on the third-party websites that we provide links to (although all links are made in good faith). All the activities provided as part of the HAF programme are run by professional organisations delivering excellent high-quality programmes.

All organisations have safeguarding policies, DBS certificates, insurance and risk assessments in place.

[www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF)



## Winter Holiday Fun in Shropshire

Have fun with your friends, learn new skills, gain confidence and get involved!

Shropshire Council is working in partnership to run an exciting holiday programme this Winter, Shropshire HAF (Holiday Activities and Food).

Take part in sports, arts, cooking, forest schools and lots more fun activities, happening across the county. Free nutritious meals will be provided at each session.

**There are free places available on the programme for children and young people aged 4 (in reception class or equivalent) to 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.**

There are a limited number of free places available for children and young people who are not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals but meet a wider eligibility (see [www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF) email [HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk) for more details).

Winter holiday fun and food in Shropshire

# BOOK NOW

Dec 2025 to Jan 2026



Shropshire  
Holiday Activities and Food



## How to Book

Please book spaces directly with the organisations running the holiday clubs.

### What you need to do:

1. Use the electronic **What's On Guide** and searchable **Timetable** to find which holiday club is suitable for your child/ren. Electronic copies of the Guide will be sent to you by your child/rens school and are also available at: [www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF).
2. Book onto activity by contacting the organisation running the holiday club direct, using the contact details in the Guide.
3. When making a booking, **please quote your unique HAF Code (see box below).**
4. If your child/ren has SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) or receives any extra help at school, before booking onto activity, please contact the holiday club to discuss your child/s needs.
5. Any queries you have about your booking or the activities on offer, please contact the organisation running the holiday club directly.
6. If you meet the wider eligibility criteria, please contact, [HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk) for information about referrals onto the programme.

The unique code entitles your child/ren to attend 4 sessions of free holiday activity in Shropshire during the Winter holidays 2025. Please don't use this code to book onto more than 4 sessions of activity or to book onto multiple programmes of activity with different providers, happening at the same time.

**This code is individual to your child/s school and is not transferable to other children. Eligibility checks are carried out on all bookings.**

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