



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



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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 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.

Easter Service – St Laurence's Church 10.30am on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. All welcome

A big **congratulations** to Corve and Clun for making it to the final of this year's house football tournament. Corve secured their place with a 3:0 win over Onny and Clun and Teme found themselves in a sudden death, penalty shoot out after the game finished one all! It has been a pleasure to see the superb efforts that all the teams have put in this year and we look forward to the grand final that will be taking place next Friday

## Swim Gala

What a wave of success at Wednesday's Swim Gala! Our Years 3–6 pupils truly made a splash, showing off their brilliant swimming skills, big smiles and fantastic team spirit. Whether racing like torpedoes or cheering on their friends with enthusiasm, every child played their part in a fun and memorable event. We're incredibly proud of them all—what a fin-tastic effort. A special mention must go to our two Year 3 swimmers, Henry Jones and Libby Algar, who performed exceptionally well. As we do not usually take Year 3 pupils to this event, their confidence and skill in the pool were particularly impressive. While all of the children swam fantastically, we would like to give special recognition to Henry Caine, who achieved an outstanding 3rd place in the front crawl final and a fantastic 1st place in the breaststroke final. **Congratulations** also to Arthur Fishleigh, who secured an excellent 2nd place in his breaststroke race.



A big **congratulations** to our Year 5 and 6 netball team who played brilliantly on Thursday! The children showed fantastic teamwork, determination and great sportsmanship throughout their matches. Their hard work and positive attitude really paid off, as they successfully made it through to the next round—what an amazing achievement! We're all very proud of their efforts and wish them the best of luck in the next stage



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our recent Book Fair. Your enthusiasm and generosity helped make the event a wonderful success. Not only did the children enjoy exploring new books, but your contributions will also help us provide even more exciting reading resources for our school. We truly appreciate your continued support in encouraging a love of reading in our pupils



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**Headteacher:** Mr S Matthews BSc. (Hons). M.Ed. NPQH NPQEL. PQSI

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with considerable sadness that I have to inform you that I shall be retiring from teaching at the end of the Summer term.

I feel that, after what will be 13 years as Head Teacher of our wonderful school, the time is right for me to step down. It will be 40 years next September since I first stepped into a classroom as a young teacher in North Yorkshire.

Throughout a long and very rewarding career, I have been a Headteacher for over 23 years in three different schools, as well as an acting Executive Head supporting other Shropshire schools on a number of occasions; an Ofsted Inspector and School Improvement Advisor.

I still sit on the Education Partnership Board and the Diocesan Board of Education.

But it is time to go.

I am delighted to leave St Laurence's School in such a strong and vibrant position. We have some of the most exceptional staff, in any school I have ever known; talented, inspiring teachers, highly skilled support staff, guided by strong principles and commitment to provide the best education for your children.

St Laurence's school is admired and looked up to as an exemplar of outstanding practice throughout the county and its commitment to provide quality of education for all, has recently been recognised by the secretary of state for education.

The Governors are preparing the recruitment process and have been well supported and briefed. They shall appoint a new Headteacher, to start in September, by the end of May.

They will seek someone who understands our unique values and ethos.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to have led such an exceptional team and to have been responsible for the education of your wonderful children. I am proud of every single one of them and shall miss them more than can be expressed in words.

I will leave with the happiest memories and would lastly like to thank you for your support and friendship.

Thank You,

Mr Stephen Matthews



## Diary Dates

### March

20 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day – Mufti Day
25 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service St Laurence’s Church 10.30am
25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 swimming
26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Discovery Centre
26 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Quiz at the Squirrel Ludlow 7pm
30 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays

### April

### May

4 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – school closed
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SAT’s week
25 <sup>th</sup>	May half term

### **Parking Reminder for Parents/Carers**

We would like to remind parents and carers that **parking on jockey Field is not permitted when dropping off or collecting children from school.**

If you are travelling by car, please use the Smithfield car park or the Youth Centre car park, and access the school from these locations.

We also kindly ask everyone to be mindful of our neighbours. The school works hard to maintain a positive relationship with residents, so please ensure **that resident driveways are not blocked** at any time. Thank you

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*Dates:*

*Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March*  
*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March*  
*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March*

*10am- 11am*

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**WHERE: Ludlow Primary School, Sandpits Road**  
**Shropshire, SY8 1HG Year-1 to 6**  
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# Pond Dipping

## Easter Holiday Activity

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
AND  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

4-11  
year  
olds

This Easter holidays,  
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child

2pm  
-  
3.30pm

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