



ST. LAURENCE'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Friday 17th July 2026

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

Summer Term – Week 13

Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA),

As I am sure that you are aware we are beginning to develop a MUGA on the school site over the summer holidays: stage 1 should be completed by the 1st of September. This will include the base, all weather surfacing, pitch markings and drainage.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA of St Laurence's school for all their incredible hard work in making this possible. They have already contributed an amazing £11000 to the cause, and I am so grateful for their support as we could not have done this without them.

The MUGA will be able to be used by the children from September, but we still need to lay a path and complete the project (phase 2), by adding the fencing, goals and posts: this will be much less costly than the first phase, so hopefully with a bit more fundraising we shall have the whole project completed by the end of the year!

Staffing Changes in September:

Apart from my retirement of course, the only significant staffing change will be Mr Dean moving up to class 6 and Mr McKeon teaching class 5. The reason for this change is that I am delighted to announce that Mr McKeon has successfully been appointed as the Executive Headteacher of the Blue Hills Federation of Schools and will be leaving us in December.

This arrangement will mean that the class 6 pupils will experience the least amount of disruption in their final year which is paramount. Mrs Siddons will of course be returning later in the year into class 5.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for your tremendous support as partners in the education of your children over the last 13 years.

It has been a privilege, blessing and an honour to lead this exceptionally special school and I shall be taking some wonderful memories with me when I leave.

I am very happy with where the school is at the moment: excellent staff, delightful children and a very special sense of community and culture.

As the SIAMS inspector commented to me during our last inspection a few weeks ago: **“you have created a thing of beauty; St Laurence's is an exceptional school.”**

Thank you once again

Mr Stephen Matthews (Headteacher; retired!)

Cross Country

This week, the children in Key Stage 2 took part in the House Cross Country Competition, all of the children worked hard and ran their best. Mr Mckeon was our hare and we have to give a special mention to the children who beat him; Oscar Nash, Joshua Sanders, Patrick Willis, Archie Daniels, Sophie Worrall, Henry Lynch, Emmanuel Ogunade, George Thorne, Ethan Thomas and Samson King, well done to everyone.

This years winners were;

Year 3 -

1st Bonnie Francis
2nd - Molly Moakes
3rd - Libby Algar

1st - Arie Purdy
2nd - Theo Horswell
3rd Logan Pitt

Year 4

1st - Reenie Broome
2nd - Sophia Watkins-Davies
3rd Ava Johnson

1st - Oscar Nash
2nd Joshua Sanders
3rd Thomas Wozencraft

Year 5

1st Freya Matthews
2nd - Matilda Moakes
3rd - Matilda Reid

1st Patrick Willis
2nd Archie Daniels
3rd Henry Caine

Year 6

1st - Sophie Worrall
2nd - Elsie Stinton
3rd - Elise Kormiltselva

1st - Henry Lynch
2nd - Emmanuel Ogunade
3rd - George Thorne

The overall winners of the House were Teme, well done to them all.





Ludlow CC Junior Summer Camps!

17/18th August – softball camp.

£35 – 1x day.

£60 – 2x days.

6–9 year olds (recommended).

19/20th August – hardball camp.

£35 – 1x day.

£60 – 2x days.

10–15 years old (recommended).

Each day runs from
9:30am – 3:30pm.

Led by ECB level 2
coaches
Zach White,
Deon Patel.

To make a booking or for any queries please contact:

Zach.White54@outlook.com

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Discover your
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Summer*

- Two Night Kids Camp, 12th-14th Aug
- Holiday Clubs: £25 per day
- Teen Adventure Days
- Family Fun & Adventure
- Glamping for groups

*Pre booking essential

High Ropes | Low Ropes | Woodland Krypton | Escape Room | Paintball | Target Shooting | Quad Trek

www.oakerwoodleisure.co.uk



Hotshots Netball Club



Our under 11 squads are looking for
more players in September!
Priority given to yr 5 & 6

All abilities Welcome



U11: Year 4/5/6:
Ludlow College
Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30pm
Email:
join.hotshots@outlook.com

September 2026- April 2027

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Shropshire Music Service is a non-profit organisation employing more than 40 highly skilled, professional music teachers. We visit schools around the county to deliver instrumental lessons, curriculum support, workshops, performances and more.

We deliver consistently excellent teaching, whilst ensuring that financial circumstances are not a barrier to music education. We also ensure that young people have access to performance opportunities and group music making, either in their school or the local community.

Our teachers work within experienced teams, where learning resources are developed to reflect the changing needs of students. Safeguarding of children is a priority and all our teachers benefit from regular training in several key areas. Teachers are subject to enhanced DBS checks, suitability to work checks, routine monitoring, and performance management.

Students may be taught individually or in small groups, and lessons usually take place in school during the normal day. Timetables are monitored to reduce the impact this may have on core subjects. We teach most instruments and have a range of equipment for hire. We are also happy to advise parents when buying an instrument, and we work with a number of specialist, local retailers.

Scan the QR code on this flyer to find out more and enrol for lessons.



Useful Resources

Stay up to date

Sign up to the HAF e-newsletter for top tips, free resources, and updates about activities and support across Shropshire: www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF

Support and information

For advice and support for children, young people and families, visit the Shropshire Family Information Service (FIS), with links to local and national services:

www.shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/parentscarers/information-and-resources/

For help and guidance with the cost of living:

<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/>

Contact us

HAF Programme email: HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk

Shropshire Family Information Service (FIS): Tel: 01743 254400

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About the programme

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is funded by the UK Government and delivered across Shropshire.

All activities are provided by experienced organisations delivering high-quality, safe and inclusive programmes. Providers have appropriate safeguarding policies, DBS checks, insurance, and risk assessments in place.

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Summer holiday fun and food in Shropshire

BOOK NOW

20 July - 28 Aug 2026

HAF Holiday Activities and Food



Summer 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 summer, 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 email HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk for more details).

How to Book

Please book spaces directly with the organisations running the holiday clubs from 29 June 2026.

What you need to do:

1. Use the electronic **What's On Guide** and searchable **Timetable**, available from 29 June, to find which holiday club is suitable for your child/ren. Electronic copies of the Guide will be sent to you by your child/ren's school and are also available at: 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 for information about referrals onto the programme.

The unique code entitles your child/ren to attend 16 sessions of free holiday activity in Shropshire during the summer holidays 2026. Please don't use this code to book onto more than 16 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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Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1st – PD Day

Wednesday 2nd – PD Day

Thursday 3rd – Back to School