

AUTUMN 1

End of Term Round Up from Mr Grant

What a half-term it has been! It's hard to believe that we're already at the end of our first half-term of the school year. In some ways, 1st September feels like a very long time ago but, at the same time, the weeks seem to have flown by!

For me, it has been a particularly special half-term as I've settled into life at St Laurence. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome. I've really enjoyed getting to know the children, staff and families, and it's lovely to now be able to put names to so many faces. One of my favourite parts of the day is being out on the playground at home time, chatting to parents and hearing about the children's days. I've also thoroughly enjoyed leading worship, particularly our Celebration Worship, where we get to recognise so many of the wonderful things our children achieve. Another real highlight has been showing visitors around the school. It's lovely to be able to share what makes St Laurence such a special place, and I always come away from those visits feeling incredibly proud of our children and our school.

There has certainly been plenty to celebrate over the past eight weeks! Our Nursery and Reception children have been enjoying their first Forest School sessions, while across the school, classrooms have been full of exciting learning too. We've had children representing St Laurence in cross-country competitions, basketball and football fixtures, and our newly trained Bronze Ambassadors have already been putting their skills to good use on the playground, leading games for everyone! We've also enjoyed a brilliant Year 3 class assembly and, of course, today's lovely Harvest Festival, including Year 5's performance of *The Little Red Hen*. It's been wonderful to see so many children getting involved in all aspects of school life.

I'd also like to thank our fantastic staff team for everything they've done this half-term. It's been a long and busy eight weeks and I know how much hard work goes into making all of these opportunities possible for our children.

As we reach the end of what has felt like a particularly long half-term, I think we're all ready for a well-earned break! I hope everyone has a lovely, restful half-term, with plenty of time to relax, recharge and enjoy being together. We'll look forward to welcoming everyone back in November, refreshed and ready for another exciting half-term as we head towards Christmas!

Have a wonderful half-term, everyone!



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Thursday 22nd October 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.

Morning Routines

A big thank you to all our families for your support with the updated morning routines this week - it's all gone really smoothly! Arriving before the gates close at 8:55am gives children time to settle in and start the day ready to learn, while closing the gates promptly helps us keep the school site safe and secure



A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents and families who have supported our local food bank. Your kindness, generosity and donations are greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to families in our community. We are so proud of our school community for coming together to support such a worthwhile cause. Thank you for helping us to spread kindness and show that even the smallest acts of generosity can have a big impact.



Harvest Festival 🍂

A huge well done to our wonderful Year 5s for their lovely Harvest Service this morning! We are so proud of all their hard work and the effort they put into making it such a special occasion.

A big thank you also goes to our fantastic Year 6s, who stepped in at the very last minute to help out! Their willingness to lend a hand was greatly appreciated. Well done, everyone, and thank you for making this morning's service such a success! We hope you all enjoyed the performance.



**Have a fantastic
Half Term Break
everyone!**

Key Diary Dates for 2026-27

Here are the key diary dates for the year so far. We'll add more dates throughout the year and let you know if anything changes, so please keep an eye on EduSpot and [our school website](#).

Autumn term 2026

Date	Event	Who it's for
Wed 14 Oct	Year 3 class assembly	Year 3
Tues 20 Oct · 3:30–6:30pm	Parents' evening	All families
Wed 21 Oct · 3:30–5:30pm	Parents' evening	All families
Thurs 22 Oct	Harvest Festival – St Laurence's Church	Year 1-6 families
Fri 23 Oct	PD Day	School closed to children
26–30 Oct	Half-term holiday	
Tues 10 Nov · 9:30am	Nursery New Parents Open Morning	New Nursery families
Wed 11 Nov · 1:30pm	Nursery New Parents Open Afternoon	New Nursery families
Wed 11 Nov	Year 4 class assembly	Year 4
Fri 13 Nov	Children in Need	All children
Fri 13 Nov	Reception Eye Test - AM	Reception Children
Tues 17 Nov · 1:30	Reception New Parents Open Afternoon	New Reception families (2027)
Wed 18 Nov · 9:30	Reception New Parents Open Morning	New Reception families (2027)
From Wed 25 Nov	Nursery stay-and-play sessions (four weeks)	New Nursery families
Tues 8 & Wed 9 Dec · 9:30am	KS1 Nativity performances	KS1
Thurs 10 Dec	Reception Nativity performance	Reception
Thurs 10 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	All children
Fri 11 Dec	Nursery and Reception party day	Nursery / Reception
Fri 11 Dec	Pantomime trip	Years 1-6
Wed 16 Dec	Christmas Service – St Laurence's Church	All families
Wed 16 Dec	Christmas Lunch	All children
21 Dec–1 Jan	Christmas holiday	

Spring term 2027

Date	Event	Who it's for
Mon 4 Jan	PD Day	School closed to children
Tues 5 Jan	Children return to school	All children
Wed 20 Jan	Year 6 class assembly	Year 6
Mon 1 Feb	Children's Mental Health Week	All children
Wed 3 Feb	Year 5 class assembly	Year 5
Tues 9 Feb	Safer Internet Day	All children
15–19 Feb	Half-term holiday	
3-5 Mar	Pioneer Centre residential	Year 5
Thurs 4 Mar	World Book Day	All children
Tues 16 Mar · 3:30–6:30pm	Parents' evening	All families
Wed 17 Mar · 3:30–5:30pm	Parents' evening	All families
Fri 19 Mar	Red Nose Day	All children
Tues 23 Mar · 10:30am	Easter Service	All families
23 – 26 Mar	Book fair	All families
26 Mar–9 Apr	Easter holiday	School closed

Summer term 2027

Date	Event	Who it's for
Mon 12 Apr	Children return to school	All children
Wed 28 Apr	Reception class assembly	Reception
Wed 5 May	Year 2 class assembly	Year 2
Wed 5 May	Class Photos	All children
10–13 May	Year 6 SATs	Year 6
Fri 28 May	PD Day	School closed to children
31 May–4 Jun	Half-term holiday	
16 – 18 June	Year 6 London visit	Year 6
Wed 23 Jun	Year 1 class assembly	Year 1
Thurs 24 Jun	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Hereford Cathedral	Year 6
Wed 30 Jun · AM	Nursery Sports Day	Nursery
Fri 2 Jul	Summer Fete	All families
Tues 6 Jul · AM	Reception and KS1 Sports Day	Reception and KS1
Wed 7 Jul · AM	KS2 Sports Day	KS2
Wed 14 Jul · 6:00pm	Year 6 show	Year 6
Tues 20 Jul	Leavers' Service	Year 6 / families
Wed 21 Jul	Last day of term	All children

BONFIRE and Firework Night

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER



Firework display by the creators of the
London New Year's Eve team



GATES OPEN AT 5PM | BONFIRE 7PM | FIREWORKS 7.30PM

Adults £7 | Kids £5 | Under 5s are FREE

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BONES

October
Half Term
Activity

MONDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Explore the fascinating world of bones!
Investigate owl pellets to discover what
owls eat, find out what mammoth
bones can tell us, and compare them
with the bones of other animals.

Ages 4-11 years. Children must be
accompanied by an adult.

2 - 3.30PM

BOOK ONLINE

£5 PER CHILD



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HALF TERM Writing Workshops

Write your own chiller
(age 10+)

Mon 26 Oct

2-3.30pm

Writing workshop with
award-winning writer, Liz
Hyder. £10



My Big Mouth
(ages 8-12)

Wed 28 Oct

11-12pm & 2-3pm

A collaborative story making
workshop with Steven
Camden. £7.50 (2nd child
£2.50)



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OCTOBER HALF TERM - WHAT'S ON!

Children's Holiday Club, for 7 - 11 year olds
High & Low Ropes, Roaming Reptiles & more!
27th & 28th October - £25 per person

Children's Holiday Camp, for 7 - 12 year olds
29th - 30th October - £125 per person

Teen Adventure Day, for 11 - 16 year olds
Friday 30th October - High Ropes & Paintball
AND FAMILY FUN - SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS



Book: 01584 878141 | ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk

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GRAB 'N' GO LUNCH CLUB

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26th-30th October 2026

For families in Ludlow with children (ages 4-16) in receipt of **benefits related free school meals** who would like a fabulous packed lunch on **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday** during the October Half Term.

Your child needs to be eligible and registered with the Grab 'N' Go Lunch Club to get a lunch.

Lunch prepared with fresh ingredients from local supermarkets and organisations.

Sign up here!

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