



# St Laurence Church of England Primary School - Summer 1 Newsletter

'Learning with Love and Laughter. Growing in God's Grace'

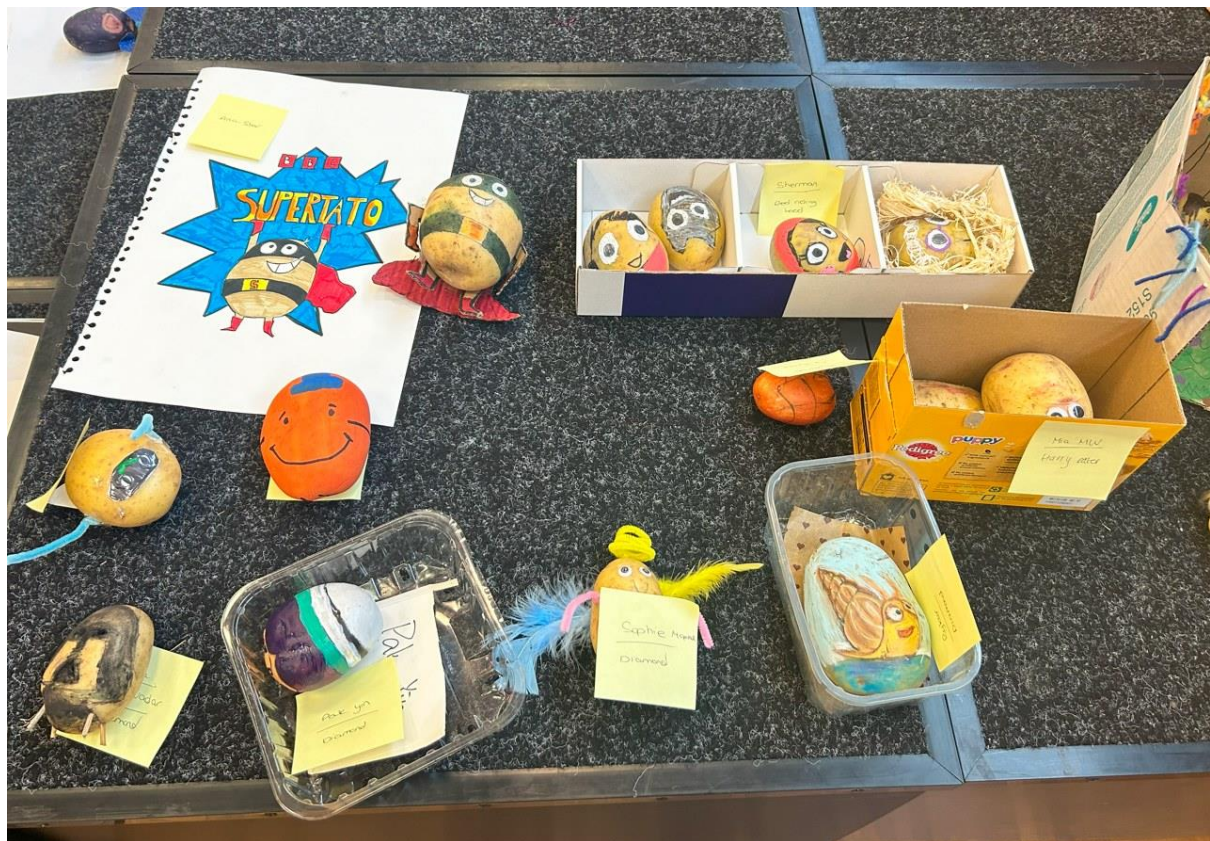
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Welcome back from the Easter break. We hope you had a restful time. We are in for a very busy term ahead! Lets have a look back at some of the fantastic events from last term.

## World Book Day potato decorating competition

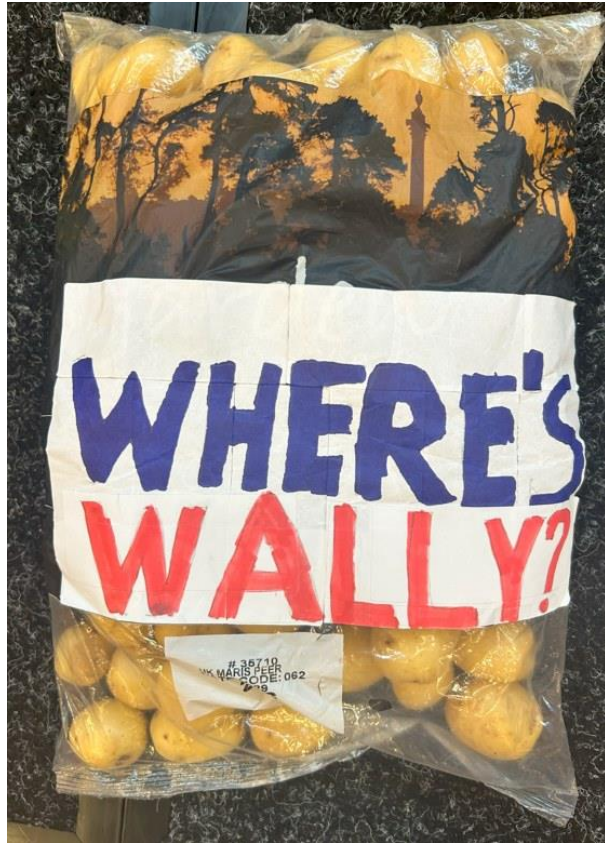


The children made some amazing potatoes for World Book Day. It was so hard to choose winners. Congratulations to everyone who took part. We also dressed as some of our favourite book characters and some children had their photographs featured on Derbyshire Live! More photographs can be found on our Dojo pages.

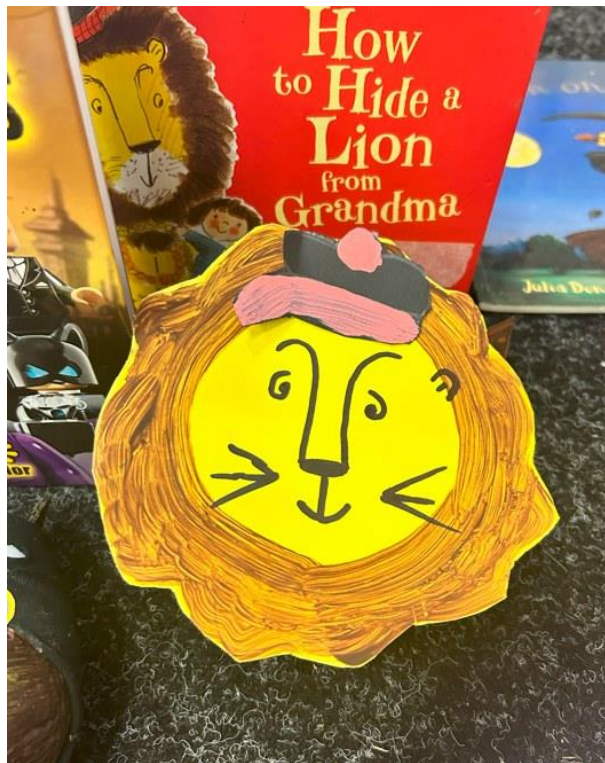


















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### *Roving Book Fair*

*The children loved the Roving Book Fair that came into school again this year. It is like having our very own book shop for the day! Every child had the chance to get a book and every book bought contributes towards new books for school.*

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Years 3 and 4 put on an outstanding performance of 'The Wind in the Willows'. Thank you to everyone who came to see it and supported with costumes, line-learning etc. This term it will be Year 5 and 6's turn. Details will be sent out on Class Dojo nearer the time.



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*"There's nothing—absolutely nothing—half so much worth doing as messing about in boats."*

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## Dates for your Diary

- 01.05.24 Year 2 Tennis event @ Wilsthorpe
- 06.05.24 May Day Bank Holiday
- WC 13.05.24 Y6 SATS Week
- WC 03.06.24 Year 4 Multiplication Check
- WC 10.06.24 Year 1 Phonics Screening
- 10.06.24-11.06.24 Y6 Camp
- 17.06.24 Y3/4 trip to Sudbury
- 24.06.24 Summer Crafternoon
- 05.07.24 INSET day
- 19.07.24 Church Service and end of term



As you will be aware, Mrs Kemish retired last term after 25 years at St Laurence. The children and staff will all miss her greatly. All the staff turned out for the last ever Smiles for Miles walking club and she even got a guard of honour from the children!



*'Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.'*  
**Thessalonians 5:11**

## Attendance



### Spring 2 Attendance

| Class    | Percent |
|----------|---------|
| Coral    | 92%     |
| Diamond  | 92%     |
| Emerald  | 90%     |
| Garnet   | 88%     |
| Opal     | 93%     |
| Sapphire | 95%     |
| Topaz    | 95%     |
| Total    | 92%     |

## Congratulations to Topaz and Sapphire classes with 95% attendance last half term

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We are receiving an increase in requests for family holidays. This is a reminder that holiday will not be granted during term time and that holidays taken will be referred to the local authority for consideration of a penalty notice.

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The government cut off for persistent absenteeism is 90% attendance. You will be notified if your child falls below this for any reason. Good attendance is classed as 96% or more.

We cannot stress enough how important it is that your child does not miss school. All lessons are built on prior learning, which means if children do not attend school, it takes a long time for them to catch up on what they have missed. The goal is for all children to reach AT LEAST 96% attendance. Attending school is not only crucial for your child's academic progress but also for their social and emotional development. Please ensure that your child arrives promptly at 8.45am each day, ready to start their day of learning.

**\*\*Please see our attendance policy. You will find this on the school website\*\***

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