



Week Commencing Monday 3rd November 2025

Key dates for your diary – Week A

Monday 3 rd November	• TERM 2 STARTS AT 8:35am
Tuesday 4 th November	• Y11 College Talks • Y10 Photography Walk • Under 14 Girls County Cup Football 2:00pm – 5:30pm (Away)
Wednesday 5 th November	• 6th Form Discussions • Y7 Basketball Tournament
Thursday 6 th November	• Y7, 10 & 12 Reports issued • Y10 Netball Game • Y11 Netball Game • 6th Form Open Evening
Friday 7 th November	• Cross Country Trials Event 8:30am – 1:30pm (Away) • Flu Vaccinations – where prior consent has been given

Key dates for your diary - Week B

Monday 10 th November	• Y7 Glass Workshop 3:00pm – 4:15pm
Tuesday 11 th November	• U12 Girls County Cup Football 1:00pm – 5:30pm • Y7, 10 & 12 Tutor Review Evening (in-person) 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 12 th November	• 6th Form Careers Talk (Tomorrow's Engineers)
Thursday 13 th November	• Y8 Reports Issued • Y10 STEM Engineering talk by Siemens • Y8/9 Shakespeare Schools Festival 1:00pm – 8:00pm
Friday 14 th November	•

In this week's bulletin:

- Y11 Moving Up Week
- Online Safety – What you need to know about Fortnite
- Student fundraisers – Poppy Appeal and Food Bank donations
- Community News

And lots more.....



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Open Evening

6th Form

Thursday 6th November 2025 | 5:00pm – 7:30pm





Presentations led by the Headteacher and Director of 6th Form will be at 5:00pm and 6:00pm in Trinity Hall, followed by a tour of the school.



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From: Mr Hainsworth - Assistant Headteacher (KS5) / Director of Sixth Form

Moving up week

During w/c 3rd November we will have our moving up week activities where Y11 will be hearing from post-16 providers to support them in deciding on their next steps.

We have chosen to chunk this year's sessions across a number of days. The details of who is affected is below. Please can you make sure that your Y11 child is aware of where they need to be on these days.

As a reminder, we will hold our 6th Form Options Evening on Thursday 6th November. All Y11 parents/carers should have received a letter about this already. It is also available in the 6th Form area of the school website.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Date	Lesson	Year group half	Subject affected	Activity
Tuesday 4 th November	Tutorial	All Y11	Tutorial	Launch of Moving up week in Trinity Hall from THN and LWD.
	P1	11X	English	Talk from colleges in Trinity Hall about their offer including apprenticeships.
	P2	11Y	English	
Wednesday 5 th November	P4	11Y	PE	Talk in Trinity Hall about what 6 th Form can offer and applications.
	P5	11X	Maths	Discussion with 6 th Form students.
Thursday 6 th November	N/A	All Y11	N/A	6 th Form Options Evening

What's on the Menu?



Click the link to our Catering page for information on all the different ways our students can enjoy healthy and nutritious meals at school:

[Catering | St Laurence School \(st-laurence.com\)](http://st-laurence.com)

From: Mrs Kendall - Head of Budbury / Teacher of RE / Online Safety

Social Media Bullying – Childline

Social media means children can face harassment anytime, often without adults knowing. Childline has useful advice for children about online bullying, giving them practical steps on reporting abuse, blocking bullies, and coping strategies. Helping students feel supported, know where to turn, and understand that bullying is never their fault. You can find their advice here: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/bullying-social-media>

Additionally, we have a dedicated email address for students to use if they witness, or are victim to, harassment or bullying: stopbullying@st-laurence.com

Sports News

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 4th November

U14 Girls Football County Cup vs Sheldon School (A). Return to St Laurence approx. 5:30pm

Wednesday 5th November

Year 7 Basketball Tournament at Matravers. Return to St Laurence approx. 5:30pm

Thursday 6th November

Year 10 Netball vs Clarendon (H). Finish approx. 4:30pm

Year 11 Netball vs Clarendon (A). Return to St Laurence approx. 5:00pm

Friday 7th November

West Wilts Cross Country Trials at Stonar School. Return to St Laurence approx. 1:00pm

Recent Results - Congratulations to all students involved

Tuesday 21st October

St Laurence 2 – 78 Clarendon (U14 Basketball)

St Laurence 34 – 7 St Augustine's (Year 11 Netball)

House Points

Ashley



29641

Budbury



30489

Conigre



28611

Huntingdon



30752

Westfield



30156

Sent on behalf of the School Council

Poppy Appeal 2025

In aid of Remembrance Sunday, commemorated on Sunday 9th November, the Student Council will continue to sell poppies around school during tutor time from Monday 3rd November to Friday 7th November. This is a cash only event so please ensure your child has a cash donation to purchase a poppy.



LEST WE FORGET

Last year, our appeal raised £150 and we are proud to have raised more than £9000 for this worthy cause since we started collecting at St Laurence School.

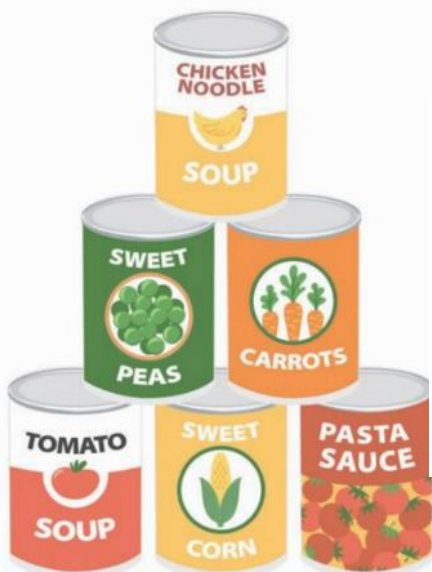
All donations are extremely appreciated. These will go to such a good cause and help remember those who have fought in conflicts around the world.

Can Appeal 2025

We are also continuing the annual tradition of running the can appeal, where students take canned food into their tutor groups for donation to local food banks.

Cans with a long shelf-life such as beans, soup, tinned vegetables and fruits, along with other non-perishable foods, are the most helpful to donate, but anything is appreciated. The deadline for donations is Friday 7th November.

All donations to go to this good cause will be gratefully received.



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often 'gone when they're gone'.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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ST LAURENCE SCHOOL

Job title	SITE SUPERVISOR / HANDY PERSON
Full school address	St Laurence School Ashley Road Bradford on Avon BA15 1DZ
School telephone number	01225 309500
School email address	admin@st-laurence.com
Number on roll	1400 (incl 260+ in Sixth Form)
Salary	£27,254 - £28,598 pa (hourly rate £14.13 - £14.82) Salary @£31,000 pa including shift and weekend allowance NJC Grade F SCP 9 – 11
Hours	Full time 37 hours per week, 52 weeks per year 24 days or 29 days annual leave depending on service (usually taken outside of term time) Shared weekly shift pattern: Week 1 5.30am – 1.30pm Week 2 1.30pm – 9.30pm
Contract Type	Permanent
Commencement date	As soon as possible after appointment
Advertisement closing date	Ongoing Advertisement – please apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment
Interview date	To be confirmed
Other important information	For further details please refer to the Job Description and Person Specification, phone Sally Hackett on (01225) 309506, email jobapp@st-laurence.com , or visit the school website (www.st-laurence.com)
We are looking to recruit a Site Supervisor to work as part of the Site Team to deliver a safe, clean, well maintained, environment for students, staff and visitors to the school. The successful candidate will demonstrate: • An ability to work unsupervised, be adaptable and flexible. • A strong work ethic and ability to carry out minor daily maintenance tasks. • Strong communication skills with the ability to build excellent working relationships. • A sense of humour and a can-do attitude. To apply please refer to the Letter to Candidates, complete an application form and send it with a covering letter to Mr Tim Farrer, Headteacher (via email to jobapp@st-laurence.com). St Laurence School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Disclosure And Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed. Email: jobapp@st-laurence.com Phone: 01225 309500 Web: www.st-laurence.com	



BATH RUGBY

Skills Series

**Farleigh House
Bath Rugby Training Ground**

Wednesday 29th October 2025

Boys & Girls

Ages 12 & 13 - 12:00-14:30

Ages 14-16 - 15:00-17:30

Open to more experienced players wanting to take
their rugby to the next level!



12-13



14-16

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National Youth Ballet



Enhance your performance skills, learn NYB repertoire, and train with world-class faculty in an inspiring 3-hour session.

Venue: Bath Dance College, Victoria Hall, Church St, Bath, Radstock BA3 3QG
Date: Sunday 30th November 2025 **Price:** £45
Junior Workshop, Age 9-12; 10am-1pm Senior Workshop, Age 13-18; 2pm-5pm

Book your place at nationalyouthballet.org/take-part/winter-workshop/



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- Join Our Team -
Group Facilitator



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The Autistic Girls Network are looking for a Lead Group Facilitator for a brand new face to face group for girls and non-binary young people in BoA.

Head to the vacancies section of our website for further info or email gina.vereker@autisticgirlsnetwork.org for an informal chat about the role.