



St Lawrence Headlines

February 2025

*“Where your **treasure** is, there your **heart** will be also”*

Matthew 6:21

Dear Parents and Carers

And here we are, at the end of another brilliant half term. We watched in awe this morning as the ‘Perfect Parrots’ demonstrated maturity, confidence and talent during their class assembly. Thank you to the musicians who welcomed us into the hall, the writers who shared their big writes about the rainforest and the whole class for their well-rehearsed poem. The class rendition of ‘Make You Feel My Love’ moved everyone and I’m sure it wasn’t just me who was in need of a hanky at the end. Thank you, Mrs Chalmers – a real success.

We had our School Improvement Partner visiting our school last week who discussed the many strengths she could see as she visited classrooms, looked at books and spoke to the children and staff. We are excited about the journey that we are on and press ahead with our evidence-informed practice in the classroom. We continue to train up all staff from teaching assistants, higher learning teaching assistants, teachers and leaders and I thank the staff for being so dedicated and committed.

We continue with our focus on writing and are working alongside experts, both within our school and other local schools, to plan focused units of work with increased opportunities for pupil editing. Booster groups, writing conferencing and flexible grouping are all making a difference to the quality of writing produced. I look forward to reading many big write books next half-term!

Well done to all our year groups who have taken part in the Old Cranleigh hockey sessions in the school day. They have been a real success and I hope have given the children an expert introduction into the wonderful world of hockey. It is a game I am very fond of from my youth! I am working my magic on securing some sessions for Year 3 so watch this space.

Thank you as always for your kind words and support. The school is in a positive place and continues to grow from strength to strength. The partnership between home and school is one of the most important factors in its success and we thank you for your collaboration with us. As one parent put it this morning whilst handing in boxes of homemade Rocky Roads ‘Thank you for being fabulous.’

Have an enjoyable half-term and we will see the children back with us in full winter uniform on Monday 24th February.

Important Notices

* New website *

Thanks to investment from our PTA, we have been busy developing a new website.

Our current website will be offline from 17th February, with the new website launching from late February, the exact date is to be confirmed, so watch this space!

Please can you direct any queries that you may have during the period without a website to the school office at

office@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Clubs reminders

Morning clubs - You should wait with your child in the lobby area until they are picked up by the club organiser. Children should not enter the school without being met by the adult running the club.

Contacting clubs- For all queries relating to external clubs, please liaise with the club provider directly.

Please remind your children to make sure that they have all of their belongings with them at the end of each session.

Safe Parking

Safe parking during drop offs and pick ups

We continue to receive messages about parents parking across the zigzag lines or driveways.

Please do be considerate of our neighbours as you drop and collect your child at our school. Whilst we appreciate it can get congested outside the school during these times, it is important that we model how to behave appropriately to our children.



What's been happening this half term?



Year 3

This half term has been very busy for Year 3. We have been learning about light in Science and have conducted some really fun and interesting experiments, both on how it travels and its effect on mirrors and the creation of shadows.

In Design Technology, we've made clay pinch pots and tried our hands at loom weaving; these are both techniques that we've learned about in History throughout our Stone Age topic.

This week, Chertsey Museum came to school to expand our knowledge of pre-history. The children enjoyed finding out more about the Bronze and Iron Ages, including handling replica tools! The children enjoyed sketching animal bones and wattling the walls of a replica house, but the 'guess the stone age smell' activity received mixed reviews!

The Year 3 team hope that you have an enjoyable and restful half term.

Year 4

Spring One has been a half term full of learning and singing.

Year 4 have been lucky enough to have hockey session from a professional coach this half term. They have loved the lessons and enjoyed the varied challenges and competitive elements. Thank you to Miguel for teaching the children this half term.

Our extra challenge is times tables! We have been learning the 7x times table this half term, in addition to our daily maths. From now, we are having weekly 'roll offs' with a guest judge. The first week was won by Swans, judged by Ms Raymonde- well done to them! Good luck to Kingfishers, Herons and Swans for the weekly battles going forward.

Our times tables goal for next half term is to learn the 9x and 11x tables as well as get green heat maps for all times tables up to 12 x 12 (answering questions in less than 4 seconds). Thanks to parents/carers for supporting this area of learning. This challenge will be in addition to our curriculum planned, including our Roman topic which will include a dress up day.

Year 5

Year five's half term was rounded off by the spectacular and tear jerking Parrots' class assembly. There was not a dry eye left in the house.

In English, we have been fiercely focused on how to edit and as a result, our writing is more cohesive with a simple clarity.

In maths, we have spent a long time looking at fractions and have got to grips with the trickier concepts of converting mixed number to improper fractions and vice versa.

Year 6

This half term, Year 6 have been putting their culinary skills to the test in Design and Technology! As part of their learning on rationing and seasonal growing during World War II, they explored the types of foods that were available at the time. They also tasted and evaluated a range of modern-day apple crumbles from different supermarkets, discussing their likes and dislikes.

The highlight of the project was making their own delicious apple crumbles from scratch and of course, the best part was getting to enjoy them afterwards! Well done, Year 6!





School News



Sport News by Mrs Saunders

Our girls team played an incredible game against St Albans on Monday, battling with rainfall and frozen fingers. Despite the weather, they managed to gain victory with three fabulous goals, versus St Albans nil! Well done, girls! You have done yourselves proud.



Fundraising News

Children's Mental Health week mufti raised £191.60

Run Pudsey in November raised a whopping £6296.70

Music News by Mr Noble

Music continues to thrive at St. Lawrence. It's amazing to think back on everything that has occurred in just the last 6 weeks. A personal highlight for me was the recent singing assembly, where we were wowed by the vocal performances of some of our talented singers.

I have also reflected on how much music and musical performances are featuring more heavily in our class assemblies. It really is great to see the children's increasing confidence when showcasing their talents.

Finally, the choir have been practising really hard for the Elmbridge Music Festival at Dorking Halls. This is due to take place just over a week after Half Term. I look forward, once again, to witnessing what I'm sure will be another incredible performance.

Reading Ambassador News by Miss Carter



As part of Children's Mental Health Week, our reading ambassadors were tasked with supporting our drive on reading for pleasure. They chose to select and read a short story to their class. Here is Swans class enjoying a book being read beautifully by one of our Reading Ambassadors!

Recommended Reads:

The Reading Ambassadors recommend the following books :

Year 3: Beasts of the Ancient World by Marchella Ward and Asia Orlando

Year 4: Luna and the Treasure of Tlaloc by Joe Todd Stanton

Year 5: Can You Get Rainbows in Space? By Dr Sheila Kanani

Year 6: I Am the Subway by Kim Hyo-eun

For the Parents: Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

Office Requests

Please make sure that your child brings all the equipment that they need with them for the school day.

Prescription medication can be administered in school. Please bring the medication to the office and we will ask you to fill in some paperwork.

Childrens Mental Health week 2025

We had a fantastic time celebrating Children's Mental Health Week this month. The theme was 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' and as well as teacher-led learning, it was also an opportunity for our wonderful pupil leaders to plan and deliver their own activities.

School Council planned 'imagination islands' linked to the film Inside Out, Reading Ambassadors read to their classes, Worship Ambassadors led us in thinking of decorating affirmations and the House Captains created a fun quiz. Outside, the PALs led some exciting activities and competitions at lunchtime, and the Sports Captains had an obstacle course which they led for each year group - complete with prizes.

We ended the week with a whole school hokey-cokey on the playground which was a sight to behold! It was so powerful for us to be able to set aside time to really consider our strengths and the things that help us to feel good about ourselves, and to see our leaders really 'grow themselves' over the week as they led so many different things. Enjoy these images of our PALs leading some of their lunchtime activities across the week.







Upcoming Dates Spring term



February

17th- 21st
27th

Half Term
Year 6 SATS and PGL parent meeting



March

4th

Choir trip to Dorking Halls

6th

World Book Day

W/C 10th

STEM day (exact day tbc)

14th

Eagles family assembly

17th

Year 6 Bikeability week 1

20th- 21st

Year 4 residential to Ufton Court

24th

Year 6 Bikeability week 2

25th

Parents' Evening 15.30-19.00

27th

Parents' Evening 15.30-18.00

28th

Easter Pause Day

31st

Rocksteady concert



April

2nd

M & M theatre production of Oliver Twist

4th

Year 5 Easter service

Start of Easter holidays 1.30pm



Have a lovely half term.
See you on Monday 24th February

