



May 2025

St Lawrence Headlines

*"Where your **treasure** is, there your **heart** will be also "*
Matthew 6:21

Dear Families

We were all blown away by the maturity and confidence shown by Swifts class this morning for their class assembly. It was certainly a packed hall, which was wonderful to see, and there was not a dry eye for the final song of Titanium, accompanied by Mr Noble on the piano. So many parents commented on just how far their children had come since September and how inclusive it was.

Well done to our Year 4 children who have worked tirelessly on their times tables, ready for their Multiplication Tables Check after half term. It has been such a joy watching them perform their 'Rolling Numbers' with aplomb every week. These children will be well prepared for the challenges of Year 5 mathematics when they come. Thank you to Mrs Rey, Mrs Carter, Mrs McIntosh and Miss Saunders who have prepared the children so well.

Our wonderful Maypole Movers had their final practice session this morning, ready to perform at the summer fair on the 7th June. We are all really looking forward to the show. Thank you to Mrs Rey and Mrs Marin, our parent helper, who have taught the children for the last half term. They will be fabulous, I'm sure.

Year 3 had a successful, if slightly rainy, trip on Wednesday to Kew Gardens as part of their science topic on plants. The teachers were very impressed with the quality of the workshops and used it as an opportunity to revisit key learning from the children's science lessons in a fun and interactive way.

There are many wonderful opportunities coming up after half term for the children to look forward to including Sports Day, Rocksteady concerts, trips to Wittering, Head Teacher For The Day, the Year 6 production and residential at PGL. Our Year 4 children are looking forward to working together on interesting science activities with the Year 2 children from the Orchard and our Year 5 children are particularly excited about hosting them for the 'Sports Morning.' There will also be an opportunity for your child to meet their new class teacher during the transition morning in July and for you to come in and see the work that your child has produced this year during our Open Evening. More information to come on these events.

All that leaves me to say is have a fun and relaxing half-term break with your friends and family. Let's hope we are not cursed with the usual bank holiday downpour! Please remember that Monday 2nd June is an INSET day. We therefore welcome your children back with us on Tuesday 3rd June for the final summer term.

Wishing you all the best,

Mrs MacLean



What's been happening this half term?



Y3

As another whirlwind half term comes to an end, it's time to reflect on the multitude of things Year 3 have experienced. We've had to pack a lot in, to what has felt like a very short 5 weeks!

In Science, the children have loved learning about plants. We've looked at the requirements for growth and have undertaken experiments in our classes. This culminated in our fantastic trip to Kew Gardens on Wednesday. It was amazing to see the huge variety of plant types at Kew, especially in the Hot Houses - these were my personal favourite.

In Design Technology our focus has been on pneumatics. We've made Egg Box Monsters and have experimented with how air can be used to move objects - the best example of this was launching a water rocket on the field!

In Maths, we've been learning about Money and have just started our 'Time' unit. As these concepts are vital in the real world, it would be fantastic if you could practise finding change and telling the time with your children over the break. Never has there been a better time for a bit of Pocket Money!

And finally - I have to give a special shout out to Swifts Class who performed their class assembly this morning. They did such a brilliant job and have put so much effort into learning and performing their parts, so well done to them!

All that remains is to wish you all a happy, restful and well-earned half term break. Can you believe that once they're back, there's just over 7 weeks to go!? Where has that gone?

Kind regards.

Mr. Noble and the Year 3 Team.

Y4

We've had a fantastic start to the summer term in Year 4!

The children have been busy learning all about rivers, exploring how they shape the land and the important role they play in the environment. In English, we've been reading the exciting story Varjak Paw and using it as inspiration for writing diary entries and poetry to entertain, focusing on language and structure.

Looking ahead, as well as the MTC check, we're really excited about our beach trip to East Wittering, where we'll be putting some of our human geography learning into practice as we compare East Molesey and East Wittering. We'll also be getting creative with a pizza-making project, combining food tech and fun!

With the sunshine finally here, we're also planning on enjoying lots of athletics in PE – a great way to stay active and enjoy the outdoors.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to a brilliant final half term before the children move into Year 5.

Warm wishes,
The Year 4 Team

Y5

Here, in the articulate words of Year Five pupils themselves, is a summary of what they felt were the highlights of being in Year Five at St Lawrence this half term. Read on and marvel at their wisdom, humour and original outlook on life, and on life in our school in particular . . .

On the Flexible Maths Groups:

“Everyone can go at their own pace and we have enough time to get to really understand.”

“It is simpler for me and I get more help. I understand it a bit more. We are learning lots of new vocabulary.”

“It is a chance to work with and get to know other children.”

“It is not too hard and not too easy, it’s just right.” (Acknowledgements were made to the famous fairy story here!)

“If you don’t fit in one group, you can quickly get moved to another.”

“There’s more of a challenge.”

“I went into one group but the work was going too quickly for me. It is better now I am back in the right group for me now!”

“It is really easy to change groups – this happens a lot!”

On the PSHE unit entitled Changing Me:

“We get to ask questions about things that could be embarrassing but it’s not embarrassing because we are now really used to talking about it.

“Our class is a real team so we can say things and know everyone will only be kind to us.”

“We really get the chance to talk.”

On the Quetzals’ marble jar treat: The Traitors.

“It was such good fun!”

“It was so exciting being a traitor especially as no one suspected us, only until right at the very end.”

“There was so much plotting and accusing and counter plotting. One night I thought I was going to be murdered the next day and it took ages to get to sleep!

“The Faithfuls won so good triumphed over evil!”

Y6

Year 6 have had a fantastic half-term, completing their SATs with focus, resilience, and a brilliant attitude. After months of preparation and hard work, every pupil approached the tests with maturity and determination, and the whole school is incredibly proud of their efforts.

To mark the end of SATs and celebrate everything they've achieved, Year 6 enjoyed a well-earned afternoon of fun and relaxation. The celebrations included ice creams for everyone, the excitement of wearing their leavers' hoodies, and a range of activities from sports to board games. It was a joyful way to unwind and spend time together as a year group.

Well done to Year 6 for their commitment, positivity, and teamwork throughout - it's been a memorable half-term for all the right reasons!

Now, we look ahead to an exciting final term, which includes the Year 6 production of Matilda and the much-anticipated PGL residential. There's still plenty more to enjoy and celebrate!



School News



Unauthorised absences

In accordance with the changes which the Government has made in managing authorised absences, we would like to remind you that we are monitoring absences and implementing fines according to the guidance given by the government. More details can be found on our website, including the form that **must be completed as far in advance of the planned absence as possible**

Per parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be Issued to each parent, for each child That was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for Term time leave, would result in Each parent receiving 3 separate Fines.

5 consecutive days of Term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised Absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is Issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will Be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child If paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court, Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education

Summer Term Notices and reminders

- Please make sure your child's property/uniform is clearly labelled.
- In the event that we have some warmer weather during the summer term, make sure your child has their water bottles and hats (all labelled)
- Please apply their sun cream before school if required.
- If your child suffers from hayfever, please administer their medication before school.
- Please make sure that your school lunch account is up to date.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sports News

Mini Marathon

On Saturday 26th April over 40 children took part in our exciting mini marathon event, running distances of 1 mile and 2.6K with fantastic energy and determination. It was a wonderful community occasion, filled with enthusiasm and encouragement. A huge well done to all the children for their incredible efforts, and a heartfelt thank you to the parents for their support—especially for meeting us at the Horse Guards Parade on a very busy Saturday. Together, we raised just under £400 for our school, making the day a true success in every way!

Miss Saunders, Mrs Blunt and Mrs Rey.



Year 6 Boys Football Team Reaches the Final!

Our Year 6 boys football squad played a fantastic semi-final match against Long Ditton School yesterday afternoon, securing an impressive 4–1 victory. It was an exciting game, and the team demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. A huge congratulations to all the players — you made us incredibly proud!

I was especially delighted to receive an email from Long Ditton School this morning, praising our team. They wrote: "They were worthy winners and the best team we have played this season by a country mile. I'd also like to highlight their attitudes – they were really good winners, which is the sign of the best sort of team."

What a wonderful way to end the half term! We now look forward to facing Hinchley Wood School in the finals after the break. Watch this space!

Miss Saunders



Cricket

Our newly formed cricket teams have been in action for the first time this half term, with more fixtures planned for the next half term. We have been entered into competitions for beginners, as well as Cup tournaments for more experienced, hardball players. We are also in the planning stages of further fixtures against teams from some of our neighbouring schools. Watch this space. If you haven't already done so, email the school office with your child's name and class if they wish to be considered for any future fixtures.

Here are some photos of our Year 5 and 6 girls team in action at East Molesey Cricket club



Dates for the diary



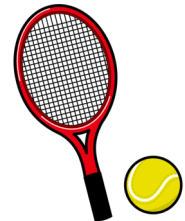
JUNE

2nd	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
5th	Year 6 mixed cricket competition
7th	PTA Summer Fair
13th	Hérons class assembly
16th	Year 6 Leavers Service - Guildford Cathedral (children only)
18th	Sports day Y6 girls cricket competition
25th	Backup sports day



JULY

1st:	Transition Day for pupils New Y3 Parent's meeting and PE tshirt sale
2nd	Year 3 West Wittering trip
4th	INSET day (school closed to pupils) PTA Legoland tickets day
8th	Year 2 Orchard and Year 5 sports day
9– 11th	Year 6 PGL trip
14th	Year 6 production week Rocksteady concert
15th	Year 2 Orchard and Year 4 Science event
16th	PTA Discos and Year 6 Leavers prom
18th	Headteacher for the Day
22nd	Year 6 leavers service –St Paul's church
22nd	END OF YEAR, SCHOOL CLOSSES 1.30PM



Have a lovely, relaxing half term.

We return to school on Tuesday 3rd June.

(Monday 2nd June is an inset day)

