



Friday Flyer

*Inspired by the Christian faith, our children will treasure a **love of learning**, a **belief in themselves and others**, and a **respect for the world around them**, helping them to grow and flourish throughout their lives.*

Dear Parents and Carers

Here are the weekly reminders and school information:

Monday 7th July

Year 4 Wittering trip

Year 6 Production of Matilda 1.30 pm and 6pm

Tuesday 8th July

Year 6 Production of Matilda 1.30 pm

Year 5 Sports day with Year 2 Orchard children

Wednesday 9th July- Friday 11th July

Year 6 PGL Residential



Word from the Head

We have had an action-packed week this week as we head into the final few weeks of school. It all seems to be happening at St Lawrence! The children enjoyed meeting their new class teachers on Tuesday and I know they will settle in beautifully in the autumn term. A special well done to our Year 2 children who were calm and sensible during the morning – a good sign of things to come!

Year 3 had a fantastic time at Wittering beach on Wednesday, comparing East Wittering to East Molesey as part of their geography unit. They were busy conducting a field study and a traffic survey, however the highlight was of course the ice-cream and playing football on the beach!

Year 4 are very much looking forward to their chance to go on Monday 😊 They have also been working creatively on their pizza project and are excited to sell their goods after school on Thursday. Please bring along your pennies!

Year 6 performed an outstanding dress rehearsal on Thursday to the whole school and the Year 2 children from The Orchard. There were many happy faces as they left the hall with exclamations of 'I loved it! It was brilliant!' We really do have some exceptional actors and singers in the year group. I look forward to watching it on Monday evening with many of you and I know that it will be very well received.

We welcome our Year 2s again next week for a special sports morning run entirely by our wonderful Year 5s and the week after for a science morning with our Year 4 children. I am always incredibly impressed by the confidence and maturity shown by our pupils during these special events.

Enjoy the long weekend,

Mrs MacLean

BBC Surrey radio - interview on smartphones

We continue to educate the children about online safety through PSHE lessons, bespoke PAPAYA workshops and regular conversations when issues arise. This week we were contacted again by BBC Surrey to do a follow up interview on our progress to delay smartphones in school. Listen below to the interview at **3.23**. We are proud to spread the word!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002dwvn>

Open classroom event – Thursday 17th July 5-7pm

Please join us for our annual Open Classroom where you can pop in to see the wonderful work in your child's books, chat to their current teacher and introduce yourself to their new teacher. There will also be a wonderful ukulele concert from 5.30pm in our Studio for you all to enjoy. We hope to see many of you there, including our incoming Year 3 children!

Reminders Parentmail

You will have seen a parentmail recently about reminders for the new academic year. Please do make note of changes around earrings, smartphones and PE kit expectations.

Volunteers' Afternoon Tea - Tuesday 15th July

We know that many parents give their time to St. Lawrence through reading, writing, supporting with school projects, accompanying school trips, supporting in the library, running or assisting a club, accompanying sports events and more. If this is you, we would love to invite you to a Volunteers' Tea to say thank you. The event will be held at school on Tuesday 15th July at 2pm. Please see the flyer below/attached, or RSVP through this link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/VXSMPAm0TA> Also via this link are some feedback questions. We would appreciate your feedback even if you can't attend the tea so please do click the link to share your thoughts. We hope to see as many of you as possible on 15th July.

Year 6 Leavers

Please ensure you have enough money on your ParentMail lunch account to cover all lunch costs until the end of term and please ensure all debts are cleared well in advance of the last day of term.

District Sports Event – A Huge Success!

On Friday, our talented athletes represented St Lawrence brilliantly at the District Sports event, coming an impressive 3rd out of 13 schools in the borough! Despite the intense heat, our pupils gave outstanding performances in running, throwing and jumping events, earning numerous individual medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Their determination and sportsmanship were matched by their exceptional behaviour, which was commented on positively by many – they did us proud in every way! Mrs Rey and I had the pleasure of attending, and we are especially grateful

to Mr Barrington Brown for transporting and setting up the school gazebo, and for helping prepare the children for their events. The atmosphere was fantastic, and it was wonderful to see so many parents there supporting. A big thank you to everyone who made the day so memorable – it was a real team effort and a true celebration of school spirit!

Cricket - Connellan Trophy

In this week's group stage fixture of the Connellan Trophy, our year 5 and 6 boys delivered a commanding performance against Hurst Park to secure their place in the final four of Surrey's premier hardball cricket competition for state primary schools.

Hurst Park won the toss and chose to bowl first. St. Lawrence capitalised brilliantly, attacking the ball with intent, running on almost every delivery, and applying constant pressure that forced a high number of wides and no-balls. We posted a strong total of 94 for 3 from 8 overs, resulting in a net score of 79. Every player contributed—whether with the bat or through sharp running between the wickets.

In reply, Hurst Park struggled to gain any momentum against a disciplined and lively St. Lawrence bowling attack. Accurate, fast bowling pinned them down and wickets fell steadily. Hurst Park ended their 8 overs on 23 for 7, giving them a net score of -11.

Final result: St. Lawrence won by 90 runs.

This emphatic win sees St. Lawrence top Group D and progress to finals day on Friday 11th July, where our Y5 boys will face the winners of the other three groups. With 12 schools entered, reaching the final four is a fantastic achievement—and sets up an exciting finish to the tournament.

Thank you to Mrs De Silva for accompanying the children and for those parents who supported with umpiring and scoring, and a special thank you to parent Rob Devonport for facilitating the match and for the match report.



Y5 Dragons' Den

On Monday, 6 Year 5 children attended a Dragons' Den event at Tiffin Girls' School. It was the first time St Lawrence have taken part and all the pupils agreed it was a really enjoyable and engaging day where they worked as a team to create and market a product (this year's was a scented candle). They chose their scents and made the candle themselves in science, made packaging in DT, produced a jingle and advert in music and drama, and had a business session to put together a business plan and pitch. The team had to then stand on the stage and present it to fellow students, parents and the three "dragons".

Amazingly, St Lawrence were declared the winners! This was thanks to their great product, the Lush Life candle - "be inspired, be relaxed, be refreshed; find your inner peace" - and the way they

worked so well as team to present confidently with clever marketing ideas. Throughout the day, the TGS staff commented on their fantastic ideas, great manners and enthusiasm for the task. The win was well deserved!

As a prize for their win, our whole school will receive a free falconry display to be arranged for some time next academic year. Well done team!



Equipment donation request from Mrs Searle

The school needs a new desk top printer that has a scanner. Before we use up our precious budget on purchasing one, we just wondered if anyone was upgrading their printer and might be able to donate their old one?

Just let the school office know if by any chance you can help.

Many thanks in advance.

St Lawrence Bike Bus

The St Lawrence Bike bus is growing! Get involved!

Bike. Helmet. Tunes. Fun. Chats. No register - just turn up!

The St Lawrence Bike Bus provides a safe way to bike to school while building confidence and cycling skills. Most importantly though - it is lots of fun, a chance for us to start the day chatting with our mates and the tunes are good! If you'd like to come along, just scan the QR code below to join our community. Children just need to have a working bike, a helmet, and be able to cycle. They do not need to have done their Bikeability or anything like that. Each child needs a dedicated adult to ride/run/skateboard/whatever works for them, but we do have some families who share this responsibility between them.

All the info is on the WhatsApp community - or you can contact the team on 07813 028096



SEND Events and information

The Orchard and St Lawrence SEND team have one more coffee afternoon planned for this half term, which we hope will be useful as we move towards the end of the academic year.

Monday 7th July 1.45-3.00pm at St. Lawrence

Focus: Supporting neurodiversity in the home.

Ana Smith, the neurodiversity adviser from the Surrey Learners' Single Point of Access (L-SPA), will be talking to us about ways to support neurodiversity at home. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Gem winners

Congratulations to **Kingfishers** who are the gem winners this week. Well done! What a lovely, polite and courteous class you are.

Have a lovely weekend.

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