



St Lawrence Headlines

July 2025

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9



Dear Families

And we made it! We are finally at the end of what has felt like a very long and hot summer term and I must say I am incredibly proud of everything we have achieved as a school, from excellent academic results to sporting and musical successes. I can hardly believe it has only been two years since stepping into the headship of St Lawrence - I feel as though I have always been here! As I said this morning at the poignant leavers service, the success of the school is built on the contributions of every single one of our staff who pull together and believe in the vision, and for that I am truly grateful.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers this morning, smiling, clapping - and crying! - at just how far the children have come. They have, as Miss Evans said in her speech, 'kept us on our toes' and I know they will go on to achieve their dreams if they put their minds to it. Thank you, parents, for your part in their success - we couldn't have achieved it without your support and input.

There were lots of opportunities to come together last week, including at our very popular Open Classroom event, Rocksteady Concert and summer disco and prom. It is always a joy to celebrate the children's achievements with you and to celebrate how much they have learnt and grown.

So, all it leaves me to say is I wish you all a well-deserved long summer holiday with your family and friends. We are off to France with the boys and hope that all the driving to Scotland will put us in good stead for the long car journey down south! Enjoy whatever plans you have with your own.

Please remember that Wednesday 3rd September is an INSET day. We therefore warmly welcome your children back with us on Thursday 4th September for the autumn term.

With very best wishes,
Mrs MacLean

What's been happening this half term?



Music News by Mr Noble

As we come to the end of another year, I'm so proud of the position Music is in at St. Lawrence. Over the summer, I will be 'diving deeper' into the wealth of creative ideas and musical activities the Charanga Music Scheme has on offer, in an attempt to further tailor and improve our whole-class music learning for September.

Choir has continued with gusto; we are currently putting the finishing touches to what I hope will be a moving rendition of Elton John's 'Your Song' for the Year 6 Leavers Service.

On Monday, we saw our Summer Rock Steady concert, led by our new band leader, Luke. As I've said previously, it's been so brilliant watching these bands grow and develop and, as I always say, any opportunity to make music should be celebrated!

On the subject of celebrations, it's been amazing to hear about so many children not only sitting, but excelling in their graded music exams on a wide range of instruments! I've noticed a real upturn in this over the past year - long may this continue - and a huge 'well done' to everyone who's attempted an exam. Going forward, I want to give children the opportunity to demonstrate their talents more frequently than we do currently, and I have some ideas in mind for how to facilitate this, so watch this space!

On a personal note, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our enthusiastic parents. Thank you for believing in me and what I'm trying to build at St. Lawrence. If it isn't plainly obvious, music has played a very important role in my life. I feel very humbled to be in a position now where I am able to bring it to the forefront for others.

Have a wonderful Summer break.

Mr. Noble.

Pupil Leaders



This term saw our School Council collecting donations to spruce up some of our wet play and structured play provision. Thank you to those who have donated and thank you to the school councillors who came to sort the donations on Monday.

Last week, our Worship Ambassadors took an assembly at The Orchard where they spoke about moving on to the next year, using the example of packing a bag. They did a fantastic job remembering their lines and their various props. I know the Orchard pupils were very excited to have a visit from us, and this all helps us support the transition between the two schools.



Year 4 Pizza Project



A Slice of Success!

Year 4 have been busy cooking up creativity with their exciting pizza project! As part of a cross-curricular enterprise initiative, the children created their own pizza companies, complete with logos, advertising campaigns, and unique pizza designs. After practising their recipes one week, they sold their delicious creations the next, raising an impressive amount for the local food bank charity.

The project was a huge success, showcasing some real chefs in the making. We're especially proud to announce that Averno, our local Italian restaurant, has chosen the winning pizza to feature on their menu—so keep an eye out and get ready to taste Year 4's culinary talents!



Head Teacher for the Day

Message from Mr Cooney

(pictured with Mr Naydenov, Deputy Headteacher for the Day)

I was honoured to be the Headteacher of this amazing school, thank you everyone for coming. I hope everyone enjoyed Friday as much as I did. Thank you again.

Mr H.Cooney.



Sports News



Sporting Summary of the Year by Ms Saunders

What a fantastic year of sport it's been at St Lawrence! From thrilling inter-school competitions to enthusiastic running at the Mini London Marathon, our pupils have shown outstanding teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout. We've celebrated success in football, netball, athletics, and cricket, with many pupils proudly representing St Lawrence in local events. Sports Day was a definite highlight - full of energy, encouragement, and friendly rivalry. Weekly PE lessons and a wide range of clubs have helped our children develop their skills and confidence, offering a large number of opportunities to get active. A huge thank you to all the staff, coaches, and families who have supported our sporting journey this year - here's to even more achievements in the year ahead!

Cricket - Connellan Trophy news by Mrs Copsey

On 11th July a strong team of Y5 hardball cricketers took part in the final of the Connellan Trophy at Weybridge Vandals CC. Initially a Y6 team, we put forward our Year 5s for the final as Year 6 were away at PGL. The team played absolutely fantastically against some confident teams, holding their own in a competition we haven't entered before. The matches were close and, although we didn't lift the trophy, I know everyone involved was very impressed with how well the team represented St. Lawrence! Well done to JJ, Hugo, Max, George, Jesse, Noah, Evie, Sophie, Digby and Raf.

Sports Morning with The Orchard

Year 5 hosted The Orchard's Year 2s at a "mini Olympics" on 8th July. The Year 5 children ran a carousel of different activities, including long jump, tennis, javelin and football dribbling, which the younger children took part in with great enthusiasm. And the sun shone!

Year 3

This final half term has been an exceedingly busy one in Year 3. We have undertaken geographical studies in both East Wittering and East Molesey; learned how to print - using a range of techniques - in Art; and have prepared ourselves as fully as possible for the transition into Year 4.

Our Wittering trip was great - the children enjoyed their adventure to the seaside almost as much as eating their ice creams! We conducted a traffic survey, a land use study and a sketch - we even had time to do create some seaside-inspired artwork using shells in the sand. To enable us to compare our data, we then performed a copy of our study in Molesey. Not surprisingly, the range of traffic in Molesey was far greater than in Wittering. It was interesting to observe, however, that Wittering surpassed Molesey in our pedestrian tally.

In art, we've enjoyed making seaside bunting. First of all, we discussed our ideas and researched which items were synonymous with a beach setting. We then carved designs into polystyrene for our first print. To further build on this idea, we created a physical stamp out of cardboard which we used for our final piece. The children really enjoyed the printing - they also learnt a lot about the difficulties that come with being over-detailed using these techniques. The simpler designs were often the most effective.

It was both sad and lovely in equal measure to see the children beginning the transition process to Year 4. We're very proud of the resilience they've shown but will each miss our classes dearly. It's been so wonderful watching each and every child flourish as they've progressed through the first year of their St. Lawrence journey.

Have a wonderful Summer break. Thank you for all of your help and support this year; we really couldn't have done it without you.

Warmest regards.

The Year 3 Team.

Year 4

Geography Field Trip to East Wittering

As part of our geography topic on contrasting locations, Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic day trip to East Wittering, comparing it to our local area of East Molesey. The sun shone brightly as the children explored the beach, chased the tide in and out, and of course, enjoyed a well-deserved ice cream!

Despite the long drive, spirits were high and the children represented the school wonderfully throughout the day. It was a memorable and enriching experience that brought our learning to life.



Year 5

Well! What a cracking year for these year 5s: the 2024-25 cohort. A spectacular set of children without a doubt - one might even call them motorway-closing-worthy!

Yes, this was the start of our year together and I think this event and how the children responded to it is indicative of how they are as a group. When it came to writing about their memories, many of them cited the M25 breakdown as their favourite event of the whole year!

The resilience and humour they showed faced with this situation is

They have worked hard this year too and we have kept them going (Meanies that we are!) until the very end. They wrote some fantastic pieces of writing inspired by our work on the Hunger Games, where they were able to use many of the suspense-building techniques they have learned this half term. Incredible vocabulary use too, as we have come to expect!

The flexible grouping in maths has worked well, and our initial thoughts as teaching staff about its seeming success was backed up by a very pleasing set of assessment data at the end of the term. The children have been very positive about the groupings, and this positivity has come from each of the groups. In art, we made some fantastic installations, which were created from objets trouvés and things that the kids brought in from home. All of their artworks were so distinctly different from each other's that this made me feel really proud of their creativity.

Year 5 continued

There is in fact, as I write this, still one remaining installation in a locker in Quetzals' classroom. Whether this will be gone by September, or will remain as a piece of art for all perpetuity remains to be seen!

Headteacher for the day was a fun-filled event last week, with many Year 5s beginning to think about how to launch their own political campaigns next year. Teachers vs Kids bench ball was a highlight of the day and our Year 5s demonstrated their kindnesses in the way they gave me game tactics, "For you, it's about staying near the back and keeping in the corner." Love 'em!

I can't finish this roundup without talking about the science sleepover! I wasn't exactly looking forward to this event, but in the end, it was really good. The kids were beautifully behaved and showed great resilience and good humour throughout. Just one more example of what a lovely group of kids they are. Thank you so much, Year 5, you have made this year a wonderful one and I will really miss you next year.

Year 6

PGL Residential - A Week to Remember!

Our Year 6 pupils returned from their PGL adventure tired, happy, and absolutely buzzing with memories that will last a lifetime. Over the course of three days, they threw themselves into every challenge with energy and enthusiasm - from zip wires and abseiling to problem solving, climbing, archery and canoeing. There were some impressive moments of bravery, determination and teamwork - and even a few unexpected splashes during canoeing. It was wonderful to see so many children stepping out of their comfort zones and cheering one another on every step of the way.

Evenings were just as special. From friendly tournaments to singing songs and toasting marshmallows around the campfire, there was a strong sense of camaraderie and celebration. Our final morning was spent squeezing in a few last activities before enjoying a cooked lunch and heading home - tired, muddy, and full of stories.

We are so proud of the way our pupils represented the school - with resilience, kindness, and a fantastic sense of fun. A huge thank you to the staff who supported the trip and to our families for your encouragement and trust. What a send-off to their final term in primary school!



School Information

School Dinners

Meal Costs
£2.90 per day

Please book your meals on Parentmail. All meals must be paid for in advance

Thank you so
much for the
end of term
gifts!

*The
Office Team*

Stationery for next term:

Please remember that pencil cases are not required next term. We will have everything that your child needs. If you have not done so, please make payment via Parent-Mail.

3rd September—Inset Day

4th September—Children return
to school

Curriculum Coffee Mornings

8th Sept—Y6

16th Sept—Y5

17th Sept—Y4



Thank you!

Thank you to all parents who have generously given up their time this year to help read, go on trips, stamp and label books and transport to and from events.

A big thank you to the PTA for organising this year's events. They have been a huge success and great fun! These events have raised some much needed funds for the school. The money made goes directly back into school projects.

If you have any ideas and can spare some time to help the PTA next year please get in touch at ptastlawrenceschool@gmail.com.

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Goodbye & Good Luck

We would like to wish all our leavers, teachers and pupils lots of luck and best wishes for the future!

Have a happy and restful summer break.
We look forward to seeing you all on
Thursday 4th September.

