



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. Please scroll to the bottom of the Friday Flyer to find our calendar dates section. Newly added dates or changes to dates will be written in blue.



Word from the Head

The hall came to life on Wednesday morning during an exceptional drumming workshop given by Mr Oates, alongside some fantastic performances by Leo, Xavi and Xanthe. The children were incredibly engaged throughout the assembly and are now experts in the range of drums that exist. Well done to all those involved.

It was wonderful to meet some of you this morning at our SEND coffee morning led by Surrey County Council SEND advisor and our very own Mrs Searle. There was an over-riding sense of how useful it was, with one parent saying: 'This is excellent – really impressive.' Please look out for future SEND events, both here and at The Orchard.

We are excited to welcome Monica Harding, MP, to our school in a few weeks' time to meet our pupils, have a tour of the school and to discuss local and national issues with our senior leadership team and governors. SEND, funding and pupil numbers will be high on the agenda.

Enjoy the weekend with your families,

Mrs MacLean

Parents Evenings – time change from previous years!

Please note our change in times for our parents evenings in November. The booking process will go live closer to the time but for now, please add both dates and times to your diaries from the dates section below.

Parent Tours – first one next Thursday – spread the word!

Open Mornings all start at 9.15am, with a talk from Mrs McLean, tour from our excellent House Captains and a performance from our fabulous St Lawrence Choir. Please see our [Joint Brochure](#) with the Orchard that shows our upcoming tour dates and our joint approach. **Click** on the QR code to book on a tour. A warm welcome awaits 😊

Equipment donation request

Do you have a working washing machine you no longer need?

If you're in the process of buying a new one and looking to dispose of your current machine, please consider donating it to the school. We are currently in need of a washing machine and would greatly appreciate your support.

Pupil Leadership Roles

We have been busy electing our Pupil Leaders this week, look out for an announcement next week!

Smartphone Free Schools Gold Rating

We are proud to announce that we have a Gold Rating for our Smartphone Free Policy. The added benefit of a Gold rating is that children are not immediately picking up smartphones on the way home, which reduces the safeguarding risks associated with children showing each other content on smartphones, reduces peer pressure to own one, and according to the Metropolitan Police, even reduces the risk of mugging. Search our school to find out for yourself!

www.smartphonefreerating.org

The Orchard School

Vacancies

The Orchard School currently has three exciting vacancies available. These roles are now live on **Eteach** and applications are welcome. More information can be found by clicking on the position that you are interested in.

The available positions are:

- **Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)**
- **Extended School Club Assistant**
- **Office Administrator**

Tours

The Orchard have announced the dates and times of tours for prospective students, please see the flyer alongside this newsletter

Year 6 AIM high writing event

Yesterday, a group of Year 6 children attended a wonderful writing workshop held at Cardinal Newman school in Hersham, run by author Margaret Bateson-Hill. The children were tasked with producing a fact file and drawing their own imaginary dragons. Perfect poems were created about their dragon's attributes., which were shared with students from other visiting schools. In the afternoon session, students created a piece of writing about meeting their dragons for the first

time. It was a lovely day and the children worked hard and represented our school with impeccable manners. It was a pleasure to accompany them.

Mrs England



School dinners

If you would like to swap your child/ren between hot and packed lunches for next half term starting on Tuesday, 4th November **please inform the school office by 4pm, Tuesday, 7th October.** We will not allow any changes after this deadline as the kitchen staff order food for the numbers of children who have chosen hot lunches.

Fruit and veg snacks at breaktime

A reminder to all parents that snacks at breaktime should either a piece of fruit or some vegetable pieces - ideally something unprocessed, if possible. It is also crucial to remember that we are a nut free school - so **absolutely no nuts or products containing nuts!**

Halloween Fundraiser -A message from Mrs McIntosh

To help a local charity, Momentum, raise much needed funds I am running the London Marathon in April and having a series of fundraising activities to help me reach my target. My first fundraiser is a Halloween music night, at the Poyntz Arms. This one promises to be the best yet as we're combining the best music with Halloween vibes and of course fancy dress! To reserve a ticket please contact 07813 028096, or just click on the link below. I'm suggesting a £15 donation per ticket, but whatever you can spare is so appreciated - it all makes a real difference. ALL donations go to Momentum. DJ Liam, the venue and I don't take a penny.

<https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/katie-mcintosh>

Momentum support families across SW London, Surrey and Sussex whose children are facing cancer or a life-challenging condition. They're there whatever the outcome, as long as needed, so that no family has to cope alone.

IF YOU'VE GOT IT, HAUNT IT!
SHAKE THAT BOO-TY!

TICKETS £15 EACH

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 7.30PM - 11PM THE POYNTZ MOLESEY

Get your fancy dress ready!

momentum

JOY ALARM

It's time to shake that boo-ty this Halloween. The incredible Liam Cottrell on the decks again - this time with a spooky twist! Come along for a fancy dress Halloween party - prizes for the best costumes £15 a ticket, all funds going to Momentum, a local charity which supports children with cancer and their families. To book a ticket email katie.mcintosh80@gmail.com or contact 07813 028096

Parking near school

Please make sure that you park **carefully and considerately** around the school

Please do not park or drop off within the zigzag markings. Do not turn in, park near or across the driveway. We must maintain access at all times in case of emergencies. Please try to be mindful of the safety of children and families at the beginning and end of the school day. Please be considerate of our neighbours and do not block driveways – even for a moment.

Cost of Living Fund/Support

Rising costs are making things harder for many working families who may not previously experienced financial difficulties. If you need support with unexpected costs, bills or just to get back on track, please contact Lisa Tanner, in confidence, on costofliving@spwm.org.uk who can offer support and financial relief.

Lisa is also able to support families with a range of other needs and can offer advice and signposting to other local charities and organisations. Please contact her on 07501 452165 or lisa.tanner@spwm.org.uk. Lisa was at the coffee mornings over the last two weeks and can come to school to meet with parents who would like to chat with her; please make contact with her via email / phone / WhatsApp and this can be arranged, or contact the school office



Homework

Please look out for the weekly homework grid that will be sent via the office every Thursday for the homework pages your child needs to complete. Any questions regarding homework, please speak to your child's class teacher. All homework books are due back for marking on Tuesdays.

Gem winners

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

Have a lovely weekend.

St Lawrence School Office

[Visit the school website here:http://www.stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk/](http://www.stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk/)

[Email:office@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk)

DATES FOR DIARIES

New dates or changes to previously communicated dates will be in blue

SEPTEMBER 2025			
W/C 29th	Year 6 Bikeability training		
OCTOBER 2025			
Thursday 2nd	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	
Friday 3rd	Swifts class assembly	9am	Parents welcome
W/C 6th	Year 6 Bikeability training		
Monday 6th	PTA AGM		
Friday 10th	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	
Tuesday 14th	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	
Wednesday 15th	Individual pupil photos		Date change
Thursday 16th	Visit from Monica Harding		Pupil event
Thursday 16th	Year 5 Hockey tournament		
Friday 17th	Swans class assembly	9am	Parents welcome
Friday 17th	PTA quiz		
Monday 20th	Year 5 trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor		
W/C Monday 20th	Harvest donations		
Monday 20th	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	
Tuesday 21st	Athlete visit		Pupil event
Friday 24 th	Harvest festival		Pupil event
Monday 27th to Sunday 2nd November	HALF TERM HOLIDAY		Return on Tuesday 4 th November
NOVEMBER 2025			
Monday 3rd	INSET DAY		School closed to pupils
Tuesday 4th	Nasal flu vaccinations Year 6 height and weight check		Consent before 29/10

Wednesday 5th	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	
Friday 7th	Year 6 Royal Courts of Justice trip		
Friday 14th	Kites class assembly	9am	Parents welcome
Tuesday 25th	Parent consultations	3.50pm-7pm	
Thursday 27th	Parent consultations	1.30pm-4.30pm	
Friday 28th	Christingle Service at St Paul's church	9.15am	Year 3 Parents welcome
	DECEMBER 2025		
Monday 5th	Year 3 Hampton Court Palace trip		
Monday 15th	Rock Steady concerts		By invitation
Tuesday 16th	PTA Silent disco		
Friday 19th	Carol service at St Pauls' church		
	Years 3 and 4	9.15am	Parents welcome
	Years 5 and 6	10.15am	
Friday 19th	End of Autumn term		School closes at 1.30pm
Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January 2026	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		Return on Tuesday 6 th January 2026