



# 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**

We had several visitors this week conducting walks of the school and both commented on the 'exceptional behaviour' and 'very strong teaching' that they could see. This is a testament to the quality of teachers at the school and the brilliant pupils that we have here who are keen and ready to learn.

We had another wonderful pupil tour this morning, led by our House Captains and School Council and again the feedback from the prospective parents was very positive. Our talented 60 strong choir sang their hearts out with Mr Noble on the piano and impressed them all with their voices but also their maturity and impeccable presentation. Excellent work one and all.

Our Great Athletes Fundraiser is underway and we have now found out that we will be visited by GB sprinter Victoria Ohuruogu on the 21<sup>st</sup> October. Victoria has had multiple sporting achievements, including winning a bronze medal at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and a silver at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. We can't wait to meet her!

We look forward also to welcoming Monica Harding on Thursday and the School Council have been tasked with coming up with suitable questions to ask her during their Q and A.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs MacLean

## **PTA – thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who turned up at the PTA AGM on Monday evening. We wanted to say a huge thank you to the PTA for agreeing to fund many aspects of our school development plan, including a classroom laptop for each classroom in the school, a brand new scheme for computing and handwriting, a trained pupil Mental Health First Aider and a revamping of the MUGA pitch, we simply couldn't do it without you all. We are incredibly grateful and know these things – and more – will benefit all the children currently in the school.

## School Development Priorities 2025 - 2026

Please see attached our School Development Priorities for the coming year. We are very excited to be working on our curriculum, our teaching pedagogy, our writing and inclusion for all. Everything that we focus on at St Lawrence is evidenced-based with a sharp focus on the positive impact it will have on your children.

### This week's safeguarding focus: Attendance

Please see the poster below for the latest information from Surrey County Council regarding absences from school in term time.

## Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following Changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines Issued after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.  
All the money from the Penalty Notices goes directly to Surrey County Council

<b>Per parent, Per Child</b>  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.	<b>5 days of Term Time leave</b>  Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.
<b>First Offence</b>  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.	<b>10 sessions of unauthorised Absence in a 10-week period</b>  Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.
<b>Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)</b>  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	<b>Second Offence (within 3 years)</b>  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.

## Parent Tours – spread the word!

Open Mornings all start at 9.15am, with a talk from the head, tour from our excellent House Captains and a performance from our fabulous St Lawrence Choir. Please see all tour dates below- please note that 3 new dates have now been added on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026. A warm welcome awaits 😊

## Artist of the week

Next week's Artist of the Week is Stevie Ray Vaughan! Please listen to and discuss the music with your children at home.

# Stevie Ray Vaughan

Name: Stevie Ray Vaughn

Type of artist: guitarist, singer and songwriter

Country of origin: USA

Years active: 1965–1990

Awards won: 6 Grammy Awards, 10 Austin Music Awards, Rock and Roll



## Five Facts:

1. Stevie Ray Vaughan started playing guitar at age 7, inspired by his big brother Jimmie.
2. He could play guitar behind his back and even with his teeth—just like Jimi Hendrix!
3. His band **Double Trouble** got its name from a song by blues legend Otis Rush.
4. He helped bring blues music back into the spotlight during the 1980s.
5. He played on David Bowie's hit album *Let's Dance* before becoming famous himself.

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5ztIkCW58q8WWbFSYsNysO>

## Famous Works

*Texas Flood* (1983)  
*Couldn't Stand the Weather* (1984)  
*Soul to Soul* (1985)  
*Live Alive* (1986)

Genre: Blues

## Gem winners

Congratulations to **Wrens** 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

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## DATES FOR DIARIES

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

<b>Autumn Term 2025</b>			
	<b>OCTOBER 2025</b>		
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Individual pupil photos		
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Visit from Monica Harding		Pupil event
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5 Hockey tournament		
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Swans class assembly	9am	Parents welcome
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	PTA quiz		
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5 trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor		
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Athlete visit		Pupil event
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Harvest donations	9am	
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Harvest festival		Pupil event
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	HALF TERM HOLIDAY		Return on Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Deadline for Secondary school applications		
	<b>NOVEMBER 2025</b>		
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	INSET DAY		School closed to pupils
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Nasal flu vaccinations Year 6 height and weight check		Consent before 29/10
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 Royal Courts of Justice trip		
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Kites class assembly	9am	Parents welcome
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	

<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent consultations	3.50pm-7pm	<b>NO</b> sessions of- Colour and chill Multisports clubs
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent consultations	1.30pm-4.30pm	NO session of-Musical theatre club Lunchtime clubs retimed
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Magical Molesey		Community event
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Christingle Service at St Paul's church	9.15am	Year 3 Parents welcome
	<b>DECEMBER 2025</b>		
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Dress rehearsal of Year 4 Christmas production</b>		Pupil event with Year 2 Orchard children
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Year 4 Christmas production</b>	2pm	Year 4 Parents welcome
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Rescheduled sessions of following clubs-  Colour and chill  Multisports		For session missed on 25 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 4 Christmas production</b>	5pm	Year 4 Parents welcome
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Rescheduled session of Musical theatre club-		For session missed on 27 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 3 Hampton Court Palace trip		Correction to day
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<a href="#">School tours for prospective parents</a>	9.15am	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Rock Steady concerts		By invitation
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	PTA Silent disco		
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Carol service at St Pauls' church  Years 3 and 4  Years 5 and 6	9.15am  10.15am	Parents welcome
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	End of Autumn term		School closes at 1.30pm
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>		Return on Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026