



Friday Thursday 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 this edition of the Thursday Flyer to find our calendar dates section. Newly added dates or changes to dates will be written in blue.



Word from the Head

What a busy week at St Lawrence! Parent Tours with our fabulous choir took place on Tuesday, followed by a special visit from Monica Harding today. Monica arrived in style on the bike bus and joined us for a special breakfast before touring the school, talking to our school council and meeting with senior leaders in the school. She ended her visit with a beautiful rendition of the Congolese children's song: 'Banaha,' sung by the whole school in assembly. I want to say a huge thank you to all the staff but particularly Mrs McIntosh who organised the bike bus and Mrs Copsey who organised the visit. Thank you, Monica for visiting us – you have inspired us all to get more involved in the community!

Some of our Year 5s enjoyed an exciting mixed hockey tournament today at Old Cranleigh Hockey Club. We are yet to hear the final result but cannot wait to find out how it all went. Good luck team!

The children all looked very smart on Wednesday for their individual and sibling photos and we look forward to seeing the final results.

We are all very much looking forward to Swans class assembly tomorrow and as I write they are all practising in the hall with Mrs McIntosh and Mrs Searle. Please also be reminded that our special athlete, Victoria Ohuruogu, is visiting on Tuesday and *all children need to come to school in their PE kits* for an exciting sports-filled day!





Good luck to the quiz teams tomorrow night, may the best quizzers win!

Mrs MacLean



This week's safeguarding focus: Designated Safeguarding Leads 2025- 2026

Please see the poster below for details of all of our Safeguarding Leads-

<u>The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) in this school</u>			
DSL	Mrs G MacLean		Headteacher
Deputy DSL	Mrs R Copsey		Deputy Headteacher
Deputy DSL	Mrs L Searle		Inclusion Lead
Deputy DSL	Mrs S Walker		Breakfast & After School Club Manager / Teaching Assistant

Governor's Fund: Supporting Our School's Future

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the Governors Fund—your support truly makes a difference.

Due to the end of Windows 10 updates, we must upgrade all school computers to Windows 11. Sadly, our staff PCs are over 10 years old and not compatible, so we're investing in new machines to be installed over the half-term break.

As we are a Voluntary Aided School, for every capital purchase, the school must contribute 10% of the cost. We rely on the Governors Fund donations to help cover this. While we suggest £120 per child annually, we're grateful for any amount—especially during challenging times.

Though our building is relatively new, it's beginning to show signs of wear. Your contributions will help us maintain a safe, thriving environment for all pupils over the next few years.

Donations can be made via bank transfer using the details below, or through ParentMail under Shop, Governors Fund Contribution 2025- 2026.

ACCOUNT NAME: St Lawrence Junior School No1 S/Fund

BRANCH NAME: Lloyds Bank Plc – Walton-on-Thames

SORT CODE: 30-19-22

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 07064721

Please use your child's surname and initial as the reference if paying by bank transfer.

Thank you again—every donation counts.

Parent Tours – additional dates!

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 21st November, Friday 12th December and Thursday 8th January 2026**. All bookings can be done on our website in 'Admissions'. A warm welcome awaits 😊

A visitor made the following remark upon leaving after our recent tour "What an inspirational space. Thank you for everything you do for the children"

Artist of the week

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

Nina Simone

Name: Eunice Kathleen Waymon (stage name: Nina Simone)
Type of artist: Singer, pianist, songwriter, composer, and civil rights activist
Country of origin: USA
Years active: 1954–2003
Awards won: Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, Grammy Hall of Fame Award

Five Facts:

1. Nina Simone started playing piano at age 3 and gave her first concert at 12!
2. She changed her name to **Nina Simone** to hide from her family that she was playing in nightclubs.
3. Her music helped support the **Civil Rights Movement** in the 1960s.
4. She could play classical music by ear and loved composers like **Bach and Beethoven**.
5. Her song "**Sinnerman**" became popular again when it was used in movies and remixed into dance music!

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2X39VsbW2aB3at5Prd3Eeb>



Famous Works

Little Girl Blue (1958)
I Put a Spell on You (1965)
Sinnerman (1965)
To Be Young, Gifted and Black (1969)
A Single Woman (1993)

Genre: Jazz / Blues

Visit the school website here: <http://www.stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk/>

Email: office@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk

DATES FOR DIARIES

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

Autumn Term 2025			
	OCTOBER 2025		
Friday 17th	PTA quiz		
Monday 20th	Year 5 trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor		
Monday 20th	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	
Tuesday 21st	Athlete visit		Pupil event
Wednesday 22nd	Harvest donations	9am	
Friday 24th	Harvest festival		Pupil event
Monday 27th to Sunday 2nd November	HALF TERM HOLIDAY		Return on Tuesday 4 th November
31st October	Deadline for Secondary school applications		
	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
Friday 21st	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	
Tuesday 25th	Parent consultations	3.50pm-7pm	NO sessions of- Colour and chill Multisports clubs
Thursday 27th	Parent consultations	1.30pm-4.30pm	NO session of-Musical theatre club Lunchtime clubs retimed

Thursday 27th	Magical Molesey		Community event
Friday 28th	Christingle Service at St Paul's church	9.15am	Year 3 Parents welcome
	DECEMBER 2025		
Monday 1st	Dress rehearsal of Year 4 Christmas production	9.30-10.45am	Pupil event with Year 2 Orchard children
Tuesday 2nd	Year 4 Christmas production	2pm	Year 4 Parents welcome
Tuesday 2nd	Rescheduled sessions of following clubs- Colour and chill Multisports		For session missed on 25 th November
Thursday 4th	Year 4 Christmas production	5pm	Year 4 Parents welcome
Thursday 4th	Rescheduled session of Musical theatre club		For session missed on 27 th November
Friday 5th	Year 3 Hampton Court Palace trip		Correction to day
Friday 12th	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	
Monday 15th	Rock Steady concerts		By invitation
Tuesday 16th	PTA Silent disco		
Friday 19th	Carol service at St Pauls' church Years 3 and 4 Years 5 and 6	9.15am 10.15am	Parents welcome
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