



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 have cranked up the heating this week in light of the fact that the weather has suddenly plunged into winter! The children have been enjoying the crisp, sunny playtimes and watching the wisps of snow coming down from their classroom windows.

We welcomed Bella, our new Therapy Dog, to our school last week and she has brought happiness and joy to the faces of many of our children (and staff!). Bella is a hypoallergenic, small, gentle dog who has spent many years working with vulnerable people. Thank you to Clay's grandma, Vanessa, who has been wonderful with the children and helped them feel really comfortable around Bella.

Mrs Carter and some of our wonderful governors helped to run the book fair this week and I know the children enjoyed choosing some interesting new reads. All the money raised will go towards new books for our school library and of course our curriculum.

Mrs Copsey has been busy encouraging parents to sign up to help with one-to-one reading, writing and maths and we are rebranding this volunteer support as 'Academic Mentors.' Thank you to all those who have signed up. Please do fill out a form if this is something you can help with as it does greatly impact on the children in terms of their confidence levels and outcomes.

We look forward to meeting many of you next week at Parents Evening to share how your children have settled into their classes and how they are getting on academically. Please also find the IEPs in your child's school bag today and a follow up email from Mrs Searle regarding these.

Enjoy the weekend,





Mrs MacLean

Hot lunches – vegetables and salad cart

Please do remind your children to take some vegetables from the lunch hatch and salad from the salad cart. We have noticed that some children are not taking these options, even when prompted. We will also remind the children more generally about this in assemblies over the next few weeks.

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

Outdoor Classroom

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring the safety of all children during pick-up time. Recently, we have noticed some children jumping from the ledge of the outdoor classroom. This poses a significant risk of injury.

Please remind your child to stay off the ledge and avoid jumping from it. Your cooperation will help us keep our school environment safe for everyone.

Please Collect Bikes and Scooters

Before the construction of the new bike shelter, 4 bikes and 8 scooters were removed from the bike area for safekeeping. These items are currently stored under the dugout in the playground.

If any of these belong to your child, please collect them as soon as possible. Any bikes or scooters not retrieved by **today** will be disposed of.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep the playground tidy and safe.

Artist of the week

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

Ivy Benson

Name: Ivy Benson (and her all girls band)

Type of artist: Band leader, saxophonist and pianist

Country of origin: UK

Years active: 1921–1982

Awards & Recognition: First all female to be the BBC's resident dance band, honoured for wartime entertainment efforts



Five Facts:

1. **Child Star:** Performed as “Baby Benson” in clubs at age 8
2. **All-Female Band:** Created one of Britain's first successful all-women swing bands.
3. **Wartime Heroine:** Her band entertained troops across Europe during WWII.
4. **BBC Fame:** Became the BBC's official dance band in 1943.
5. **Style Icon:** Her band was known for coordinated fashion and glamour on stage.

Famous Works

A Tree in the Meadow
A Home Coming Waltz
I Cover the Waterfront
How Sweet Are You

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2aROzsz0ld1eC6Zah614UW?si=GrA4aCXfSOatgn2cAUZdrg>

Genre: Jazz & Swing

Cost of Living Fund/Support

Rising costs, especially in the run up to Christmas, 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.

Gem winners

Congratulations to **Owls** 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

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Autumn Term 2025			
	NOVEMBER 2025		
Friday 21st	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	
Friday 21st	BCCAP bookings go live	10am	
Tuesday 25th	Parent consultations PTA Uniform and coat sale	3.50pm- 7pm	NO sessions of- Colour and chill Multisports clubs
Thursday 27th	Parent consultations PTA Uniform and coat sale	1.30pm- 4.30pm	NO session of-Musical theatre club Lunchtime clubs retimed
Thursday 27th	Magical Molesey		Community event Choir performance
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 Ticketed event, details to follow
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 Ticketed event, details to follow
Thursday 4th	Rescheduled session of Musical theatre club		For session missed on 27 th November

Friday 5th	Rescheduled session of Girls football club		For session missed on 10 th October
Friday 5th	Year 3 Hampton Court Palace trip		Correction to day
Wednesday 10th	Choir performing at Royal Cambridge Home		Selected choir members
Thursday 11th	Catch up flu sessions		See Parentmail message
Friday 12th	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	
Monday 15th	Rock Steady concerts	2pm	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

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