



# 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

It was a pleasure seeing so many of you this week at the parents' evenings and we hope that you found the information useful. I always find looking through the assessment papers helpful in terms of working out next steps. Thank you also about the positive feedback in terms of the afternoon appointments as we know for some families these are more convenient.

We all came together to celebrate Christingle this morning; the first time we have invited Year 3 parents to attend. It was a beautiful celebration symbolizing the Christian story of Jesus as the "Light of the World," with each part having a specific meaning: the orange represents the world, the lit candle signifies Jesus's light, the red ribbon symbolizes the blood of Christ, and the sweets and dried fruit represent God's creation and blessings. Thank you to Mr Noble, Miss Gould and Mrs Martin for preparing the children so well.

We look forward to welcoming the Year 2 children from the Orchard on Monday morning for the Year 4 dress rehearsal of their Christmas production, as well as parents on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening. Please do arrive early for a cup of spiced drink and a mince pie.

Have a lovely weekend with your families,

Mrs MacLean

## Winter uniform reminders

There are still children in school without school ties and without school shoes. Please ensure your child has these on every day as it helps them to feel fully part of the school community. Ties can be purchased on Parentmail in the 'Shop' section in 'Uniform for sale'. Orders will be sent to class within 2 working days, wherever possible.

## 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.

# 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

## Per parent, Per Child

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.

## 5 days of Term Time leave

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.

## 10 sessions of unauthorised Absence In a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

## First Offence

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.

## Second Offence (within 3 years)

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.

## Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

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


## Artist of the week

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

# Danny Elfman

**Name:** Daniel Robert Elfman  
**Type of artist:** Composer, Singer/songwriter  
**Country of origin:** USA  
**Years active:** 1971 – present  
**Awards won:** Grammy Award, 2 Emmy Awards, 4 Oscar Nominations





### Five Facts:

1. **He made The Simpsons theme!** That catchy tune at the start of *The Simpsons* was written by him.
2. **He sings as Jack Skellington!** In *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, he's the singing voice of Jack.
3. **He worked with Batman!** He made the music for the 1989 *Batman* movie.
4. **He was in a band!** Before movies, he sang in a fun band called *Oingo Boingo*.
5. **He loves spooky sounds!** His music often sounds magical, spooky, or like a fairy tale.

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0sFBkgT7XcEZxhl2UR6QJT?si=ZXE7KWVFTsanJPak285pkw>

#### Famous Works

*Batman* (1989)  
*Edward Scissorhands* (1990)  
*The Nightmare Before Christmas* (1993)  
*The Simpsons* theme (1989)  
*Spider-Man* (2002)  
*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (2005)

### Genre: Film Scores

## 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](mailto:costofliving@spwm.org.uk) who can offer support and financial relief.

## Charity News

### Children in Need

The grand total from our recent charity day is **£436.85** from online and cash donations. Thank you all for your generosity.

## Harvest donations



# Thank you!

## St Lawrence

For your incredible fundraising efforts in support of East Elbridge Foodbank.  
You raised a HUGE 286.00kg!

Your dedication and support have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

**FlDay**  
Foodbank & Volunteer Co-ordinator

## 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

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

<b>Autumn Term 2025</b>			
<b>DECEMBER 2025</b>			
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Dress rehearsal of Year 4 Christmas production	9.30-10.45am	Pupil event with Year 2 Orchard children
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Year 4 Christmas production	2pm	Year 4 Parents welcome Ticketed event
<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>	Year 4 Christmas production	5pm	Year 4 Parents welcome Ticketed event
<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>	Rescheduled session of Girls football club		For session missed on 10 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 3 Hampton Court Palace trip		Correction to day
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Choir performing at Royal Cambridge Home		Selected choir members
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Catch up flu sessions		See Parentmail message
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	School tours for prospective parents	9.15am	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Rock Steady concerts	2pm	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>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		Return on Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026

