



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

Christmas arrived at the school in full force this week with the Year 4 production – an impressive show from children only a few months into Year 4. The glitz, costumes, delivery of lines and outstanding singing all came together to create a very enjoyable event. Thank you to the Year 4 team who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring it to life.

Thank you for all the feedback during the parents' evenings last week. At first glance, the surveys all read very positively. We are really encouraged by these comments and appreciate your ongoing support for the school. We have noted that it would be useful for homework to be given out earlier and will action this in the new year.

A huge well done to Toucans who performed expertly to their parents this week during their flute recital. It always amazes me that so many of these children have never played a flute before and yet can produce such beautiful notes by the end of series of lessons. Thank you to Kate Swallow who guides the pupils so well.

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs MacLean

Christmas Reminders

Please see separate Parentmail about cards and Christmas accessories in school. Please note the postboxes will be in place from **Monday 8th December (not 10th)** and that 'no gifts' in cards includes non-edible items in too.

Carol Service – Friday 19th December (see times in the dates section below)

We are looking forward to celebrating our end of year church service with you all. Please see some reminders about the service:

1. All children will be led into the church by their teachers first.
2. Parents and family members are to wait **outside** the church until welcomed inside.
3. We will encourage the children to be as quiet as possible before the adults enter the church so please assist us with that by coming in without talking!

Supporting Your Child with the Five Ways to Wellbeing

At St Lawrence, we are committed to helping every child thrive, not just academically but emotionally and socially too. One way we do this is by encouraging the Five Ways to Wellbeing, which are simple, evidence-based actions that can make a big difference to mental health and happiness. Mrs Rey shared these in assembly today.

Here are the five ways and how your child can work on them at home and school:

1. Connect

- Spend time talking and listening to family and friends.
- Share stories about your day or play a game together.

2. Be Active

- Enjoy physical activities like walking, cycling, or playing outside.
- Join in with sports or dance at home.

3. Take Notice

- Encourage your child to notice the world around them—nature, sounds, and feelings.
- Try mindfulness activities such as breathing exercises or drawing what they see.

4. Keep Learning

- Learn something new together—cook a recipe, try a craft, or explore a fun fact.
- Celebrate curiosity and praise effort, not just results.

5. Give

- Help others by doing something kind—tidying up, writing a thank-you note, or sharing something they own.
- Talk about how giving makes us and others feel good.

These small steps can help children feel happier, more resilient, and ready to learn. Thank you for supporting us in promoting wellbeing at home and at school.

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. This has improved in recent weeks so well done! Plates are looking a lot more colourful!

Attendance – leave of absence forms

Please do be mindful when requesting leave of absence that when the school has an early finish at the end of term, it is still counted as a full day due to the afternoon register taking place. 5 days of consecutive absence (excluding illness) will trigger a fine from the local authority.

Please complete a leave of absence form for **all planned absences** (excluding illness)- including but not limited to, appointments, school visits, exams and holidays.

Please complete a form as soon as you are aware that your child will be absent from school, to allow office staff adequate time to process your request. As you can probably imagine, the last few weeks of any term are very busy with such requests and the office team would really appreciate your help with this.

Extra- curricular clubs

Due to the volume of queries about extra- curricular clubs, a separate Parentmail has been sent out this morning with a reminder of the finish dates.


Parentmail forms

The office team are trialling the use of Microsoft forms as a potential alternative to Parentmail forms, for selected events. Instead of receiving a notification of a form as current, you will instead receive a Parentmail email and in the body of the message, there will be a link to the form for you to complete. If you would like to receive confirmation of your response, you can select that option after the 'thank you for submitting your response' message.

This week's safeguarding focus: Severe allergies

We have had to remove Nutella from a lunchbox today, please make sure that the contents of your child's lunchbox do not contain ANY nut products. We have several children with severe allergies in school.

Due to the severe allergies of some of our pupils



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This would include Nutella, hummus, pesto pasta if made with cashews and **anything** that physically contains nuts or sesame. Please be extra vigilant with this.

The image shows a sign for an 'Allergy Aware School'. At the top, it says 'WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL'. Below this is a red circle with a diagonal slash through it, containing images of various nuts and seeds. Underneath the circle, it reads 'Please do not bring any peanuts, tree nuts or sesame seeds into this school.' At the bottom of the sign, it states 'This would include Nutella, hummus, pesto pasta if made with cashews and anything that physically contains nuts or sesame. Please be extra vigilant with this.'

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. Children who persistently do not have the correct uniform will be given a reminder sticker in their Home-School contact book.

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.

Artist of the week

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

The Selecter

Names: Pauline Black, Arthur Hendrickson, Neol Davies, Charley Bembridge (and others)
Type of artist: Ska band
Country of origin: USA
Years active: 1979–1982, 1991–2006, 2010–present
Awards won: Pauline Black received an *OBE* in 2022 for her contributions to music and culture

Five Facts:

1. They play happy, bouncy music! Ska music makes people want to dance and smile.
2. Their name comes from DJs! "Selector" is a Jamaican word for someone who picks music to play.
3. They wear cool clothes! The band is known for stylish suits, hats, and bold looks.
4. They sing about fairness! Their songs talk about treating everyone kindly and equally.
5. They helped start a music movement! The Selecter was one of the first bands in the 2-Tone ska scene, which mixed black and white musicians to spread peace and unity.

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7bMjk1JXLgzEZ8CmbPo611?si=dMeKQ0LeRqeLJLcl8w8BnQ>



Famous Works

"On My Radio" (1979)
"Too Much Pressure" (1980)
"Missing Words" (1980)
"Three Minute Hero" (1980)
"Celebrate the Bullet" (1981)

Genre: Ska

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 costofliving@spwm.org.uk in confidence who can offer support and financial relief.

Gem winners

Congratulations to **Eagles** 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

DECEMBER 2025			
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 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