



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

St Paul's church was festively decorated at the very end of last week by our very own Worship Ambassadors who demonstrated the school value of 'community.' Vicar Anne was very pleased with the result and we thank Mrs Chalmers for taking the children along to 'give back' to others.

Year 3 enjoyed themselves immensely during their Hampton Court Palace trip on Friday where they experienced 'Christmas like the Royals.' Well done to the whole year group who behaved impeccably.

The residents of the Royal Cambridge Care Home were treated to a delightful concert by our very own exceptional choir this week, with one stating it was 'the best day of his life.' To follow up, the children across the whole school are making Christmas cards today to send to the residents which I'm sure will be received positively.

It was a poignant day today as we came together to celebrate Christmas Pause Day, an opportunity to stop, reflect and pray as a school. It was a moment to slow down, breathe deeply and remind ourselves about the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to Mrs Chalmers for organising the day so well.

Year 5 finish their hockey PE sessions next week and have achieved so much in the weeks they have been coached by Charlie from Surbiton. In January, it is the turn of Year 4 so please do sort long socks, shin pads and mouth guards ready for the new year.

Enjoy the festivities this weekend,

Mrs MacLean

Extra- curricular clubs

Please refer to the finish dates at the end of this newsletter and add to diaries as appropriate.

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!

This week's safeguarding focus: Reporting absences

Reporting absences due to illness

Please let us know if your child is absent from school by emailing the school at:

Reportanabsence@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Alternatively, you can contact the school office on 020 8941 0846 and leave a message in the absence voicemail inbox (option 1) **or** use the Parentmail app.

Remember to include your child's name, class and the reason for their absence in any correspondence.

In the case of your child having diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms, they must not return to school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours and feel well.

A message is required **on every day of the absence**.

Please note: all pupil absences must be reported no later than 9:30am each day

Reporting planned absences

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 especially busy with such requests and the office team would really appreciate your help with this.

Winter uniform reminders

The school office now has no spare ties to lend to students, as those that we did have, have not been returned. Please check at home if you have one of them, they should be labelled 'office'.

Ties can be purchased on Parentmail in the 'Payment' section, then find 'Shop' and select the item you require in 'Uniform for sale'. Orders will be sent to class within 2 working days, wherever possible.

Christmas

Some Fun Christmas Song Facts:

1. **"Jingle Bells" went to space!**
Astronauts played "Jingle Bells" on harmonica and bells during a space mission in 1965.
2. **"Jingle Bells" wasn't made for Christmas!**
It was originally written for Thanksgiving by James Lord Pierpont in 1857.
3. **"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was a poem first!**
It started as a story written for a department store before becoming a famous song.
4. **"Silent Night" was written in a tiny village!**
It was first performed in Austria in 1818 with just a guitar because the church organ was broken.
5. **"White Christmas" is the best-selling song ever!**
Bing Crosby's version has sold over 50 million copies worldwide.
6. **"Frosty the Snowman" has a birthday!**
In the song, Frosty comes to life and says, "I'll be back again someday!"
7. **"Deck the Halls" is super old!**
The tune comes from a Welsh song from the 1500s.
8. **"All I Want for Christmas Is You" took just 15 minutes to write!**
Mariah Carey and Walter Afanasieff wrote it quickly—and it became a holiday hit.



Famous Works

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3KC2WwaXwrQqLl5lkX3w6K?si=k2Q7yLs5Q4OkBvDbcn0WPg>

Genre: Christmas

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.

St Pauls Room Hire

You should all be familiar with St Paul's church, as it is an integral part of our school. They have a hall to hire which is ideal for birthday parties and events. The cost is £20 per hour on a weekday and £25 per hour at the weekend. Please see attached flyer which contains more information of the facilities available.

Are you looking to hire a space for a children's party?

The parish hall at St Paul's Church, East Molesey can be hired out for parties and other events.

We can offer a kitchen with servery, WI-FI, 16 tables and 100 folding chairs. The hall has 2 wheelchair accessible toilets with baby changing facilities and a cloakroom area. There is free parking around the church and surrounding area.

The cost of hire is £20 per hour on weekdays or £25 at weekends plus a one off standing charge of £15. The hall floor area is approximately 56.25 sq metres, (2m 56cm high).

Contact: stpaulsparishroom@gmail.com to enquire about booking.



Christmas Reminders

Please see the separate Parentmail about cards and Christmas accessories in school. Please note that 'no gifts' in cards includes non-edible items too.

Gem winners

Congratulations to **Kites** 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

[Visit the school website here:http://www.stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk/](http://www.stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk/)

[Email:office@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk)

DATES FOR DIARIES

[New dates or changes to previously communicated dates will be in blue](#)

DECEMBER 2025			
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

EXTRA- CURRICULAR CLUBS- FINISH DATES

Day	Title	Provider	End date
Monday	Dodgeball	Mr Paddington	15-Dec
		(SportStart UK)	
Monday	Choir	Mr Noble	
Monday	Youth Alpha/ Youth Alpha Plus	PAIS team	
Monday	Futsal	ESP	15-Dec
		(Elite Sport Provision)	15-Dec
Monday	Photography	Mrs Lamacraft	15-Dec
		(Lightbox Photo Club)	
Monday	Times Tables	Mrs Rogers	15-Dec
		(Little Stars to A Stars)	
Tuesday	Badminton	Mr Paddington	16-Dec
		(SportStart UK)	
Tuesday	Sewing	Magpie Makes Sewing	16-Dec
Tuesday	Coding	Technokids	16-Dec
Tuesday	Art	Magpie Makes	16-Dec
		Art	
Tuesday	American Football	Mr Paddington	16-Dec
		(SportStart UK)	
Tuesday	Colour and chill club (Teacher led club)	Mrs McIntosh	02-Dec
Tuesday	Multisports club (Teacher led club)	Miss Harman & Miss Evans	02-Dec
Tuesday	Netball club	Mrs Marin	09-Dec
Wednesday	Drama	Mrs Russ	17-Dec
		(Theatre Works)	
Wednesday	Street Dance	Mrs Jenkinson	17-Dec
		(KIDZ got TALENT)	
Wednesday	Hockey Club	OCHC	17-Dec
Wednesday	Drum Club	Mr Oates	Confirm with provider
		(Robert Oates Drumming)	

Wednesday	Singing Lessons	South England Music Academy	Confirm with provider
Wednesday	Futsal SFCC	Mr Melham (Surrey Football Coaching)	10-Dec
Wednesday	Elevate Eleven	Mrs Hill (Elevate Eleven)	10-Dec
Wednesday	Netball	Ms Williams (Surrey Netball Coaching)	17-Dec
Wednesday	Ukulele	Mr Johnson	17-Dec
Thursday	Gymnastics	England Sports Group	18-Dec
Thursday	Hockey Club	OC Hockey club	18-Dec
Thursday	Athletic Development club	Jez Weeks	18-Dec
Thursday	Sewing	Magpie Makes Sewing Mr James	18-Dec
Thursday	Chess	(Chess Champs)	18-Dec
Thursday	Boys Football club	Jez Weeks	18-Dec
Thursday	Sewing	Magpie Makes Sewing	18-Dec
Thursday	Foot Tennis	ESP	18-Dec
Thursday	Football	ESP	18-Dec
Thursday	Tennis	England Sports Group	18-Dec
Thursday	Ukulele (experienced players)	Mr Johnson	Confirm with provider
Thursday	Musical theatre (Teacher led club)	Miss Carter	04-Dec
Friday	Basketball club	Jez Weeks	19-Dec
Friday	Cheerleading club	SB Cheerleading club	19-Dec
Friday	Girls football (Teacher led club)	Ms Raymonde	05-Dec
Friday	Running Club (Teacher led club)	Mrs Rey	28-Nov

Friday	Futsal	ESP	12-Dec
Friday	Times Tables	Mrs Rogers (Little Stars to A-stars)	12-Dec
Friday	Art	Magpie Makes	12-Dec
		Art	