

St Lawrence C of E Junior School

FRIDAY FLYER

9th January 2026



Word from the Headteacher.....

What a week we have had! There was great excitement as the children enjoyed being out in the snow on Wednesday, many of whom have never actually experienced snow before and felt compelled to taste it!

The children have settled back in beautifully to school life, with the majority remembering everything they need for the school day. On this note, we are moving forward with a new system whereby if a child forgets an item, we will attempt to provide the relevant item, rather than calling home. Thank you for encouraging your child to take responsibility for their belongings.

We gathered together this morning to listen to our brave Year 6 children give their passionate House Captain speeches. A huge well done to all our pupils who went forward for the role. I would have been much too shy at their age!

Congratulations to:

Beech - Lana S and Sophie G

Elm - Toby J and Theo M

Oak - Mali C and Dylan I

Pine - Elodie B and Aisling F

Year 4 had a brilliant first hockey PE lesson run by John Shaw - a former England international field hockey player and a highly respected coach. He currently coaches at Surbiton High School and Old Cranleigh Hockey Club. Mr Shaw represented England at the 1992 and 1996 Summer Olympic Games and was a member of the Great Britain team that won a bronze medal at the 1984 Men's Hockey Champions Trophy in Karachi, Pakistan! Mr Shaw transitioned into coaching, serving as head coach for several prominent teams, most notably Southgate Hockey Club Men's 1st XI and Oxford University Hockey Club. Thank you, John - the children had an excellent time!

We had our final prospective parent tour on Thursday this week; well done to the House Captains who did such a sterling job during the morning! There were many positive comments including:

'Tidy, well organised with a calm environment'

'An excellent school with caring teachers and very well-behaved children'

'Excellent ethos with an impressive focus on the vision of the school'

Let's hope it's not too wet this weekend!

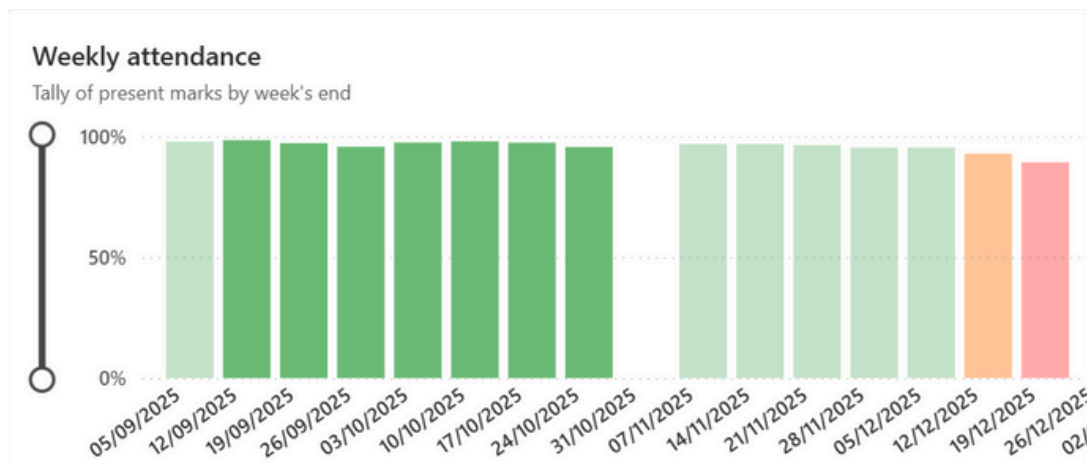
Mrs MacLean

Safeguarding - Attendance

Our overall attendance has dropped considerably, especially during the last two weeks of term. We completely understand that this time of year brings lots of nasty bugs, but we also noticed a significant number of leave of absence requests for holidays.

Please remember that we do not authorise holidays during term time, as this has a direct impact on your child's education.

Before booking any future holidays, please check our term dates, which can be found [here](#). Your support in improving attendance is greatly appreciated and makes a big difference to your child's learning.



Extra- Curricular Clubs

We've now reviewed all the clubs for the Spring Term which you can find on the [timetable](#). Please note that some clubs may not be able to run if we don't have enough participants.

Clubs currently at risk:

- Futsal – Wednesday lunchtime
- Boys' Football – Thursday lunchtime
- Lego Robotics – Friday lunchtime
- Futsal – Monday after school

We encourage you to take some time over the weekend to review the available clubs and sign your child up for any they'd like to join this term. If a club does not reach the required numbers, either the club organisers or the school will contact you next week to inform you of the decision that has been made.

Full details of all clubs are available [here](#).



Artist of the week

Stiff Little Fingers

Name: Jake Burns, Ali McMordie, Ian McCallum, Steve Grantley

Type of artist: Punk/Rock Band

Country of origin: Northern Ireland

Years active: 1977–1982, 1987–present

Awards: Legends Trophy at the Northern Ireland Music Awards



Five Facts:

1. The band's name, **Stiff Little Fingers**, comes from a song by another punk band, **The Vibrators**.
2. Their first single "**Suspect Device**" was sent to BBC DJ John Peel, who loved it and played it on the radio every night.
3. They were the first punk band from **Belfast** to release a record.
4. Their songs often talk about real-life issues like growing up during *The Troubles* in Northern Ireland, making them history teachers through music.
5. Even after more than 40 years, they are still touring and performing live concerts around the world.

Famous Works

Nobody's Hero (1980)
Tin Soldiers (1980)
At the Edge (1980)
Wasted Life (1979)

Genre: Punk
Rock

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5AFa6sfO6D0exKUwnv2tz6>

Year 4 hockey sessions started with gusto this week



Wraparound care

Breakfast Club runs from 7.35am till 8.40am.

Come and Play Club runs 3.15pm runs till 5.30pm.

We have updated our terms and conditions for [Breakfast Club](#) and [Come And Play Club](#).

School Noticeboard



15th January

Deadline for all Reception and Year 3 applications

Please share this with friends and family



Daily equipment checklist



Water Bottle



PE kit including mouthguards and shin pads if necessary



Musical instruments



Correct school uniform including tie



Earrings

A reminder that we are a 'no earring' school. Please wait until the beginning of the summer holiday to get your child's ears pierced. Children with newly pierced ears will have to sit out of PE lessons for 6 weeks.

Thank you for your support with this.



Remember!

School starts at 8.55 and finishes at 3.15pm. Please don't be late



Gem Winners

Congratulations to Swifts who are the gem winners this week. Well done! What a lovely, polite and courteous class you are.



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