

St Lawrence C of E Junior School

FRIDAY FLYER

16th January 2026



Word from the Headteacher.....

We had such an inspiring start to our Friday morning when we all gathered in the hall to watch Quetzal's class assembly. It was a brilliant show displaying everything they had learnt so far in class, including some exceptionally descriptive language and an incredible dance! Thank you to Ms Raymonde and Mrs Lai who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring it all together. I was delighted to also hear some very supportive comments from parents about the behaviour of all 310 children in the hall, with one saying they were so quiet it was 'like magic.' We place very high emphasis on teaching behaviours and routines conducive to learning so thank you for noticing this!

Vicar Anne, of St Paul's church, will be visiting us next week to see some English lessons taking place, alongside Mrs Copsey. She is looking in particular at how we master the 'foundational concepts' of handwriting, including correct posture, dictation, spelling and sentence structure, without which the children cannot progress successfully in their writing. We are also working alongside the Orchard on creating a smooth transition for all our pupils in terms of their writing.

We reminded all the children in assembly this morning about the importance of reading every single day and bringing in their signed diaries daily. Thank you for your support in this – I know too well the juggle that comes with fitting in daily reading(!) but all the evidence shows that children who can read fluently and can comprehend well develop into happier and more successful young adults. It really is the key to everything. We say at school that 'practice makes permanent.' Happy reading.

Have an enjoyable weekend – it's almost February!

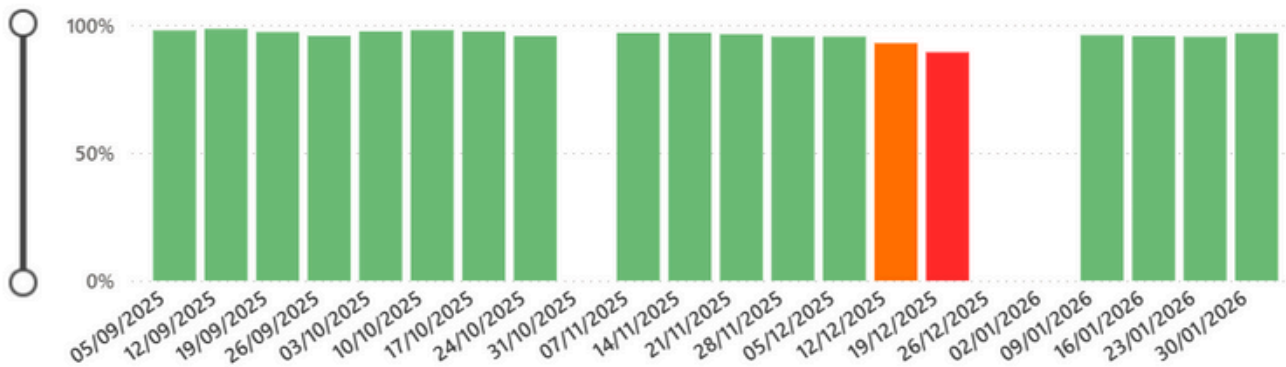
Mrs MacLean

Safeguarding Focus - Attendance

As you can see, the graph clearly shows the dip in attendance before the Christmas holidays. Whilst we appreciate that some of this was due to illness, a large proportion of this was due to term time holidays. These should be avoided and will always be recorded as unauthorised.

Weekly attendance

Tally of present marks by week's end



Library News and February Sponsored Reading Challenge

Call for parent support!

We are about to start redecorating and improving the library - the goal is to turn the library into an inspiring space for our students to explore their love of reading in a setting they can be proud of.

For this to happen, we need some support from our St Lawrence parents. There are a few ways you can help:

- Encourage your child to get sponsored and take part in our latest reading challenge. Information on this and sponsorship forms are being sent home today. The purpose of this challenge is to celebrate the year of reading and our upcoming World Book Day and any money raised is gratefully received.
- And/or donate to the library fundraiser on Parentmail in the Reading Challenge payment item.
- And/or let the office know that you can help us redecorate - we'll need help with painting, basic carpentry and some heavy lifting! If you're interested in helping in any way, big or small, please let us know by emailing the office FAO Miss Carter.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Carter



Artist of the week

Duran Duran

Name: Nick Rhodes, John Taylor, Roger Taylor, Simon Le Bon, (Andy Taylor)

Type of artist: Pop band

Country of origin: UK

Years active: 1978 – present

Awards & Recognition: 2 Grammys, 2 Brits, 1 MTV



Five Facts:

1. **Movie Stars in their Music Videos!** They were among the first bands to use creative music videos—one even for a James Bond theme!
2. **Fashion Icons:** Known for their fancy clothes and hair, they were part of the “New Romantic” trend of the early '80s.
3. **Global Superstars:** They've sold over 100 million records worldwide.
4. **Awards Galore:** They've won 2 Grammys, starred on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and joined the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.
5. **Yet Still Rocking:** From Birmingham in 1978, they're still making music and performing today

Famous Works

Hungry Like a Wolf
The Reflex
A View to a Kill
Rio
Ordinary World

Genre: Pop

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5zG85bkM5MtaniDgHxdXQ>

SENCo Virtual Consultations – Monthly Appointments

Following the positive feedback received from our recent virtual consultations, we are pleased to confirm that these sessions will now take place on a monthly basis.

These appointments provide an opportunity for parents and carers to book a virtual meeting directly, without the need to contact the school beforehand. Meetings may be used to discuss concerns and ask questions relating to your child's SEN/D provision.

If your query is urgent, please continue to speak to your class teacher in the first instance, or contact Mrs Searle directly via email (senco@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk).

Appointments can be booked using the link below. Please ensure that you select the correct date when making a booking. The next consultation session will take place on **Tuesday 10th February**, and the first Tuesday of the month thereafter (except during holidays).

[Book here](#)

Please email the school office if you experience any issues.

School Noticeboard

**Thursday 5th and Friday
6th February**

No Jez Weeks clubs-
Athletics
Lunchtime football
Basketball

Daily equipment checklist

- Water Bottle
- PE kit including mouthguards and shin pads if necessary
- Musical instruments
- Correct school uniform including tie
- Reading diary

Mrs Rey's running club

Bookings close on Wednesday 4th February at 12 noon, or when sold out, whichever happens first.

Running club will start on Friday 6th February at 8am.

Meeting place is outside the front of the school .



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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