



ST LAWRENCE JUNIOR SCHOOL

HEADLINES

Spring term 1 2026

Word from the Headteacher

We come to the end of a very productive half term at St Lawrence and are proud of everything the children have achieved both inside and outside of the classroom. Children's Mental Health Week was marked with an array of activities run by the Wellbeing Ambassadors, including a daily meet and greet at the gate with bunches of early daffodils and a range of active challenges outside on the playground each lunchtime. The Sports Captains were also integral to the week, helping to run a thrilling inter-house dodgeball competition for the whole school. Thank you to Mrs Searle, Mrs Rey and Mr Paddington for all your efforts behind the scenes!

We watched in awe this morning as Kingfishers demonstrated maturity, confidence and talent during their class assembly all about aspiration. Thank you to the musicians who wowed us with their skills on the piano and drums, with a special mention to Benji for playing us in and out of the hall. A confident performance by all – great work! Thank you, Mrs Rey – a real success.

I joined some governors and Sally Cary on a very informative learning walk at The Orchard this week, seeing all the wonderful learning taking place. It was very insightful to get a sense of how the foundational concepts of handwriting, spelling, dictation and number bonds were being practiced and useful to see how we build on these in our setting. We hosted their subject leads on Wednesday in a joint professional development meeting to get a sense of continuity across both schools, including sharing units being taught, progression documents and comparing the trips and visits that both schools offer to ensure progression.



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Thanks to both teaching teams who showed passion and enthusiasm during the session.

The children have been working incredibly hard on their presentation across all subjects and are keen to share their books with you during our next parents evening. English and Publishing books are particularly impressive so please do take the time to look at the progress they have made. They are awarded a 'Plus' if their presentation has improved so look out for this! Please find further booking information for parents evening from our admin team in the new half term.

Well done to Year 4 who took part in the Old Cranleigh hockey PE sessions with such enthusiasm. The lessons have been a real success and I hope have continued to give the children an insight into the wonderful world of hockey. Year 3 are next to benefit after half term so please get organised with long socks, shin pads and mouth guards, ready for the first Thursday back. Children without moulded mouthguards will not be able to play, as per Hockey England's regulations.

Thank you again for everything that you do as parents to help the children thrive. We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated parents at the school, spurring the children on to be the best they can be.

As mentioned previously, please do sign up [here](#) to offer just 30 minutes a week to be a volunteer to someone who needs a little extra support with their writing. The impact we are seeing is truly phenomenal and our volunteers tell us it is the most rewarding thing they have done!

Have an enjoyable half-term – hopefully without buckets of rain thrown in! We will see the children back with us in full winter uniform – ties and shoes - on Monday 23rd February.



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Year 3

Spring 1

Highlights

Spring 1 has been a busy half term for Year 3. In Science, we've been learning about light, reflection and mirrors, which the children have really enjoyed – especially bouncing light off objects around the classroom to prove that it travels in straight lines.

We've been exploring the incredible Stone Age period in History, which culminated in this week's brilliant visit from Chertsey Museum. It was amazing to see the children's reactions to holding replica objects, and seeing the teaching from our classrooms really coming to life.

We have a very busy, but exciting, Spring 2 half term ahead of us.

Have a happy and restful break!
Mr. Noble and the Year 3 team.



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Year 4 Spring 1

Highlights

What a fantastic half term it has been in Year 4. The children have shown enthusiasm and determination across all areas of their learning, and it's been wonderful to see their confidence grow week by week.

In PE, they have really embraced our hockey and football lessons. They've been developing control, coordination, and teamwork, and it's been great to see their skills improve as they practised dribbling, passing, and working together and developing their own skills.

In English, we've been focusing on writing to inform. Year 4 has worked hard to organise information clearly, use precise vocabulary and fronted adverbials, and think carefully about how to present facts in a way that is engaging and easy to understand. Their progress in structuring paragraphs and using formal language has been impressive.

In Maths, we've been exploring fractions, building a stronger understanding of wholes, parts, and how to compare and calculate with them. Alongside this, the children have been practising their times tables recall in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Their effort and determination to improve their speed and accuracy have been brilliant. Watch out for the weekly certificates for the top three Rock Stars for the week and 'Gone Green' certificates from after half term.

Our History lessons have taken us back to the world of the Ancient Romans.

Year 4 has loved learning about how the Romans so far and using this knowledge in English. Their curiosity and thoughtful questions have led to some excellent discussions.

Thank you for all the support you give at home – from encouraging them to read to helping with times tables practice. It makes a real difference, and we can see the impact in the children's growing confidence and enthusiasm for learning.

We're excited for another busy and rewarding half term ahead.



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Year 5

Spring 1

Highlights

What a fantastic Spring Term One we had in Year 5! Here's a cheerful round-up of everything the children got up to.

French

The class learned the language of food – describing preferences and explaining whether foods were healthy or not.
Excellent preparation for future café trips!

Science

- Year 5 became fully-fledged investigators, exploring:
- Research using secondary sources
 - Comparative and fair testing
 - Observing over time
 - Pattern seeking
 - Identifying, classifying and grouping
- If anything in your house was suddenly being “tested” or “classified,” now you know why.

Mathematics

The children worked hard on multiplication and division, mastering written methods and practising with increasingly large numbers.

They also wrestled (successfully!) with an impressive range of fraction skills:

- Mixed and improper fractions
- Converting between forms
- Borrowing from the whole
- Adding and subtracting like-denominator fractions
- Multiplying fractions by integers
- Finding fractions of quantities

And of course – weekly reasoning questions and Times Tables work kept their minds sharp.



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Spring 1

PE

This term's physical activities included:

- Dodgeball: strategy, quick thinking, speed and accuracy
- Yoga: creating and leading their own flow sequences
- Golden Mile: completed daily, building stamina and determination

PSHE

The class explored why dreams and goals matter, compared their own opportunities with those of children in developing countries, and discussed whether the world is fair – with thoughtful and empathetic reflections throughout.

RE – Salvation

The children explored what Christians believe about salvation, God's solution to the Fall, and how these ideas are expressed in Christian life. Lots of thoughtful discussion was had.

Computing

The children stepped up their coding skills using:

- Nested loops
- Functions
- Conditionals

They solved some seriously tricky puzzles – coding confidence definitely levelled up!



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English

This term, Year 5 became master debaters, delivering one-sided arguments to convince their audience that a fictional character was definitely either a hero or a villain. (Some very strong opinions were expressed!)

They also read a variety of short fiction and non-fiction texts, practising important reading skills while sharpening their detective abilities.

Grammar work included:

- Using parenthesis (for clarity and drama)
- Playing with sentence order and structure
- Adding detail with relative clauses
- And constant spelling practice through the Spelling Bee and daily sessions

All in all, their writing became punchier, clearer and far more persuasive – sometimes a little too persuasive at home!

Music

We continued our in-depth Charanga study of Adele's "Make You Feel My Love," with composing, performing and using instruments both with and without musical notation. Beautiful work all round.

Geography

The children explored the Amazon Rainforest, discovering its location, climate, foods, people and fascinating biodiversity. They compared temperate and tropical rainforests, and even debated the future of the Amazon – with some extremely passionate arguments about its protection. David Attenborough would be proud.



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Year 6 Spring 1

Come Dine with Me

This half term in DT, Year 6 kicked off their exciting Come Dine With Me project by creating a delicious menu. Our celebrity judges - Miss Raymonde, Mr Noble, and Mrs Cosey - were blown away by the creativity, flavours and presentation, and couldn't stop raving about how impressive the dishes were!

Our hero ingredient last week was peppers, and the children worked brilliantly to incorporate them into their recipes while practicing key cooking skills. This week, the competition continued as pupils moved on to their mains, inspired by salmon, followed by pineapple-based desserts.

'I feel like Gordon Ramsey!' Jack, Owls

'Last week we cooked starters and it was really fun! We made all sorts of amazing dishes. Me and my partner made some spring rolls and they were delicious! Our judge scored us 10/10. Now I know the recipe, I want to cook them at home for my family!' Ben, Eagles.





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Extra- Curricular News

Spring 1

Music

Choir have been working really hard, practicing for Dorking Halls on the 3rd of March. There are so many songs to learn that we've been singing together on both Monday and Friday lunchtimes! I hope that, as always, the performance comes together well, and that all of the extra work and dedication from the children pays dividends. I'm sure it will!

I'd like to also say a huge thank you to all of the children that took part in the recording of 'Hope' with We Are The Voice Choir. The feedback I received separately, from both of the choir's founders, really encapsulates what we consistently aim for at St. Lawrence: immaculate behaviour, brilliant attitudes and sky-high accomplishments.

Well done again to all of the children involved in choir this half term. Enjoy your rest, kiddos; we have another busy half term ahead!

Mr. Noble.

PE

This half term, pupils across the school have taken part in a fantastic range of PE activities. Dodgeball has been a big hit, helping children develop agility, teamwork, and quick reactions – and our inter-house dodgeball competition this week brought brilliant energy and sportsmanship from all teams. Thank you to Sports Captains and Mr Paddington for helping me facilitate this whole school event.

Many classes have also enjoyed yoga, building balance, flexibility, and focus through calm, controlled movement. In games lessons, pupils have been developing their skills in football and hockey, working on ball control, passing, and tactical play.

Meanwhile, gymnastics has given children the chance to explore balance, coordination, and body control through simple sequences and shapes.

The weather has delayed the final football match of round one, and the netball league will continue after half term.

Next half term, all year groups will begin their athletics learning in preparation for Sports Day in the summer term.



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School Noticeboard

February 2026

02 March 2026

Secondary school application outcomes sent out from 5pm

16 March 2026

Secondary school respond to offer deadline

16 April 2026

Primary application outcomes sent out from 5pm

Job vacancy

The Orchard is currently recruiting for an After School Club Manager. You can find out more information and apply for the role [here](#).

World Book Day Thursday 5th March!

Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character or to represent their favourite book.. Please don't feel that you need to purchase a full costume. We would much prefer to see creative, homemade outfits where possible – a simple prop, accessory, or themed clothing can be just as effective.
Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Carter



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Sponsored read

Half term is the perfect opportunity to enjoy some extra reading time and add more pages to your sponsored reading challenge total towards our school library renovation! Every page counts, and remember – the student who raises the largest amount in sponsorship will receive a prize. What a fantastic reason to curl up with a good book! Keep reading, keep collecting those sponsors, and most importantly... enjoy your stories.

Useful school website links

[Clubs timetable](#)
[School Day Timing](#)
[Term dates](#)
[School Uniform information](#)

How to contact us

General or non- urgent school enquiries- office@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Urgent school enquiries- Call 020 8941 0846

Report an absence- ReportanAbsence@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Breakfast and CAP club queries- bccap@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Pick up arrangements and messages to class-Reading diaries



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Attendance

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 19th 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