

St Lawrence C of E Junior School

FRIDAY FLYER

127th February 2026



Word from the Headteacher.....

The children have bounced happily back into school with big smiles on their faces with the brighter mornings definitely helping to ease the transition after the half term holiday. Thank you for supporting them to arrive at school on time, ready for their crucial morning work. From 8.40, the children are practicing times tables, spellings, handwriting and reading so it is essential that they arrive promptly and are ready to learn from the very beginning of the day.

We look forward to meeting with all of you in a few weeks' time to continue to discuss your child's progress and look at areas that they need to develop further. Assessment papers will be shared with you and we know from experience that children have the best possible chance to succeed if school and home work together on the gaps. Please do ensure you have booked your appointment and arrive early to look at the books.

As the SATS hurtle towards us, we have prepared more maths videos [here](#) to support parents and children solve some of the most common arithmetic questions that appear in Paper 1. Thank you to Miss Evans for her work on this. Ms Raymonde will be producing more videos for years 3-5 in the coming months.

We continue to ask for help in giving a little of your time to support the children in reading and writing. We have had a good uptake so far but would really benefit from a few more volunteers! Every little helps so if you can spare as from as little as 30 minutes per week to help with reading or writing, we would be incredibly grateful. Why not do a half hour stint after drop off or before pick up? Click [here](#) to register your interest.

Have a lovely weekend with your families,
Mrs MacLean

Summer term extra- curricular clubs

***New* Summer term timetable coming soon on Parentmail
Bookings for school led clubs open W/C Monday 2nd March (tbc)**

***New* Rounders club**

Mrs Martin & Miss Gould will be running this club in the Summer Term. It is open to all students who want to stay active, and have fun with friends! Rounders is a fantastic team sport that builds confidence, coordination, and teamwork—perfect for players of all abilities. Whether you've played before or are completely new to the game, everyone is welcome.

***New* Splat HQ - Creating through togetherness**

Ms Raymonde will be running an art club for children and their parents or carers.

This club is for both an adult and child to attend together. The emphasis will be on having fun, enjoying each other's company whilst luxuriating in the delicious* feeling of producing a piece of artwork as a pair.

*Ms Raymonde's words - you can tell that she's keen!

***New* Em-Urgency First Aid Club**

This club is an introduction to First Aid and Defibrillation aimed at children. The course is kept at a basic level with no use of confusing terminologies. The course will be educational and practical, and instil the importance of helping someone who is poorly or injured.

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



Artist of the week

Gershwin

Name: George Gershwin

Type of artist: Composer and pianist

Country of origin: USA

Years active: 1916 – 1937

Awards won: Pulitzer Prize for Drama – the musical Of Thee I Sing (1931)



Five Facts:

1. He taught himself to play the piano.
2. He wrote his first big hit in 10 minutes – on a bus!
3. George and his brother Ira wrote more than 20 musicals together.
4. His famous piece – Rhapsody in Blue – helped bring jazz into big concert halls all over the world.
5. His first published song was written when he was just 17 years old.

Famous Works

Swanee (1919)
Rhapsody in Blue (1924)
An American in Paris (1928)
Porgy and Bess (1935)

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7Hesj4QlYZDOFzobOUbB0a>

Genre: Jazz –
Musical theatre

Parentmail app issues

We are aware that some users are experiencing issues with updating to the new Parentmail app. Iris is aware of issues and is working through them. In the meantime, the workarounds we have been advised of are–

- Update the app through your App store (you may have to do this more than once)
- Consider logging in on the web browser for better functionality

Safeguarding and safety

Please don't allow children to walk or play behind the new bike shelter in the alley from Church Rd to the playground.

School Noticeboard

**10th March
4pm**

Deadline for swapping between school dinners and packed lunches for Summer term 1

Daily equipment checklist



Water Bottle



PE kit including mouthguards and shin pads if necessary



Musical instruments



Correct school uniform including tie

Smartwatches

Just a reminder that we do not allow smart watches on site for the pupils at any time. If seen, they will be confiscated and the office will ask a parent to collect as soon as possible. Thank you.



Remember!

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



Gem Winners

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

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