

St Lawrence C of E Junior School

FRIDAY FLYER

20th March 2026



Word from the Headteacher.....

This month's value: COMPASSION

We all enjoyed a wonderfully talented assembly this morning led by our 'Perfect Parrots.' The children proudly showcased their many strengths, including some high-quality writing, excellent maths demonstrations, and finishing off with an impressive moon-walking performance to the tune of Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. It was a joyful and memorable way to start the day, and we are very proud of them all. Thank you to Mrs Chalmers for pulling together such an entertaining show!

We're also pleased to share some of the fantastic wellbeing work taking place across our school community with our newly elected Wellbeing Ambassadors taking part in their official training delivered by Eikon, a Surrey-based charity that supports young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing. The training was engaging, thoughtful, and empowering, equipping our pupil leaders with the skills and confidence to support their peers and promote positive wellbeing throughout the school and during social times. They have been instrumental in the success of the new lunchtime zones on the field – well done to all!

To continue raising awareness, we encouraged everyone to wear green as a symbol of support for mental health, while also helping to raise funds for Momentum Charity. This was a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together for an important cause. We would also like to wish Mrs McIntosh and all of our families the very best of luck as they take on the marathon and mini marathon this weekend. We will be cheering you all on!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs MacLean

Attendance Data

Weekly attendance

Tally of present marks by week's end



House Captains Summer term

ELM
Lila S
Teddy G

PINE
Edith B
Nicky M

BEECH
Sonny C
Ella M

OAK
Henry G
Sophie W

Wellbeing Ambassadors Summer term

Year 3
Riley C-J
Mae G
Emily S

Year 4
Chloe B
Seyna N
Molly C
Alecia W
Zepphiryn S
Megan L
Rhiannon C
Ryan E
Sid C

Year 5
Teddy T
Jacob
Lukas C
Kaoser S
Erin L
Amelie
Otto L
Henry T
Monty C

Year 6
Lily H
Sophie W
Ella M

Academic Mentors and Volunteers

Our volunteer numbers are growing! Could you join them and help with some one-to-one reading or writing? Even 30 minutes per week makes a huge difference to our children. Please click [here](#) to register your interest in becoming a volunteer with us. Thank you.



Artist of the week

Benny Goodman

Name: Benny Goodman

Type of artist: Clarinetist & Band Leader

Country of origin: USA

Years active: 1926–1986

Awards: none recorded but performed at Carnegie Hall



Five Facts:

1. He started playing at age 10! His dad signed him up for *free music lessons* at a local synagogue because the family couldn't afford much—but it changed his life.
2. He got his first job at age 13. Benny was already so good that he played on real stages as a child and earned money to help his family.
3. His nickname was the "King of Swing". He became world-famous for a fun, exciting dance style of music called swing.
4. He helped break racial barriers. Benny hired Black and white musicians to play *together* at a time when that was rare in the U.S.
5. He played at Carnegie Hall—normally for classical music only! His 1938 concert helped show that jazz was serious music too.

Famous Works

King Porter Stomp
(1930s)

Sing Sing Sing
(1937)

Let's Dance
(1934)

Moonglow
(1937)

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7o6TftdDiisT3AhpsLcSUh>

Genre: Big Band

We Are the Voice launch party

Saturday 25th April, 5–7pm at West Molesey Hub, Ray Rd.

This is the party to celebrate the release of We Are the Voice Choir's new song (available on all music streaming platforms), 'HOPE' and the music video which will be released on Saturday 25th April, live at the party. As you will recall, members of St Lawrence choir played a prominent part in both the song recording and the video!

All participants of the St Lawrence choir and their parents are invited to join the celebrations on Saturday.

It is also hoped that the children involved in the recording will join We Are the Voice in singing 'HOPE' live at the party. There are some distinguished guests attending and it would be brilliant to have the children sing together one more time.

If you would like to and are able to attend, please RSVP to Aleisha via info@wearethevoice.org.uk.



Library Update

Last Friday, we were delighted to officially reopen our school library—an occasion that truly felt worth celebrating!

We were honoured to welcome special guests MP Monica Harding, Elmbridge Mayor Steve Bax, and 11-year-old author James Rowley, who helped make the day so memorable.

The opening ceremony brought the whole school together in the hall and was streamed live for our community to enjoy. A real highlight was the moment the ribbon was cut, marked by a huge crescendo of cheers from the children—an atmosphere full of excitement and pride.

The celebrations continued with a fantastic book signing in the playground, rounding off a very special day.

It's clear the library has been greatly missed. Since reopening, there have been queues out of the door at lunchtime, with eager readers keen to borrow their next book—exactly what we had hoped for!

We would like to extend a **huge** thank you to all of our parent volunteers for their time, energy, and dedication. In particular, **Alison Manning and Katy Dixon**, whose vision and commitment have been instrumental. We are especially grateful to Katy for sharing her professional expertise through her interior design work, helping us create such a beautiful and welcoming space.

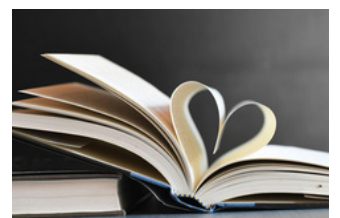
A big thank you has to also go to **Mrs Murthy** for taking stunning pictures of our brilliant new library.

Congratulations also to the parents of **Quetzals and Wrens**, whose incredible volunteer efforts earned their children well-deserved mufti days—what a fantastic contribution!

Finally, thank you to all the children who helped raise funds through the sponsored bounce for books and sponsored read, and to everyone who supported our book sales last term.

We are thrilled to now have a fully functioning library—a comfortable, inspiring space where our children can develop a lifelong love of reading.

Many thanks,
Ms Carter



Library opening photo gallery



Photos courtesy of Clare Murthy

Library opening photo gallery



SEND Coffee morning

We are pleased to invite you to join us for a SEND Coffee Morning at **9.00am on Wednesday 20th May**.

This will be an informal and welcoming opportunity to come together, enjoy a coffee, and share open conversation. During the morning, we will discuss:

- The Government White Paper Every Child Thriving and Achieving – what this means for SEND provision and for your child
- What SEND provision looks like at St Lawrence – including changes we have already made and the challenges we face
- How we can best support you as parents and carers
- Your thoughts on future SEND coffee mornings, including topics you would like more information or discussion about

This will be a relaxed and supportive space to ask questions, share views, and help shape how we work together going forward. Your voice and experiences are truly valued, and we welcome all parents and carers of children with SEND to attend.

Please register your attendance by emailing senco@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Summer term extra-curricular clubs update

Cheerleading club needs more sign ups, please email office@ and we will reopen the Payment item for you.

Year 6 First Aid club Summer term 2, (5th June to 17th July) Friday lunchtimes- We will be opening up bookings for this 6 week course on Monday 4th May at 8pm on Parentmail. Spaces are limited.

Chess club with Mr James, if you would like to sign up, he still has spaces available, details are on our website [here](#).

Sports Days 2026

Please save the following dates-

Wednesday 17th June and Tuesday 23rd June. The reserve date in case of poor weather is **Wednesday 24th June**. Further details will follow shortly.

School Noticeboard



Gem Winners

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

**Thursday 30th
April**

**Year 3 September 2026
intake.**

Deadline to accept or decline your child's Junior school placement offer.

Daily equipment checklist



Water bottle and morning fruit snack



PE kit including mouthguards and shin pads if necessary



Musical instruments



Correct school uniform



Reading diaries



PE days change

Next week during Mock SATS week, there are some changes to PE days for Year 4 and 6. Please check your Parentmail inbox for full details

How to contact us

Urgent school enquiries- **Call 020 8941 0846**

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office@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk

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**