



# St Lawrence C of E Junior School



## Headlines Summer term 1

May 2026

### *Word from the Headteacher.....*

We were all blown away by the maturity and confidence shown by Toucans class this morning for their class assembly. It was certainly a packed hall, which was wonderful to see. What a talented bunch. A special mention must go to Sophia whose standard of piano playing blew me away on entry. Absolutely beautiful. Thank you Mrs Grant – an excellent way to end the term.

Well done to our Year 4 children who have worked tirelessly on their times tables, ready for their Multiplication Tables Check after half term. It has been such a joy watching them perform their 'Rolling Numbers' with aplomb every week. These children will be well prepared for the challenges of Year 5 mathematics when they come. Thank you to Mrs Rey, Mrs Galvin, Mrs McIntosh and Mrs Searle who have prepared the children so well.

Our wonderful Maypole Movers had their penultimate practice session this morning, ready to perform at the summer fair on the 6th June. We are all really looking forward to the show. Thank you to Mrs Marin, Mrs Searle and Ms Chalmers who have taught the children for the last half term. They will be fabulous, I'm sure.

There are many wonderful opportunities coming up after half term for the children to look forward to including Sports Day, Rocksteady concerts, a trip to Wittering, Head Teacher For The Day, the Year 6 production and residential at PGL.



Our Year 4 children are looking forward to working together on interesting science activities with the Year 2 children from the Orchard and our Year 5 children are particularly excited about hosting them for the 'Sports Morning.' There will also be an opportunity for your child to meet their new class teacher during the transition morning in July and for you to come in and see the work that your child has produced this year during our Open Evening. More information to come on these events.

All that leaves me to say is have a fun and relaxing half-term break with your friends and family. It appears as though, for once, we will not be cursed with the usual bank holiday downpour! Please remember that Monday 1st June is an INSET day. We therefore welcome your children back with us on Tuesday 2nd June for the final summer term.

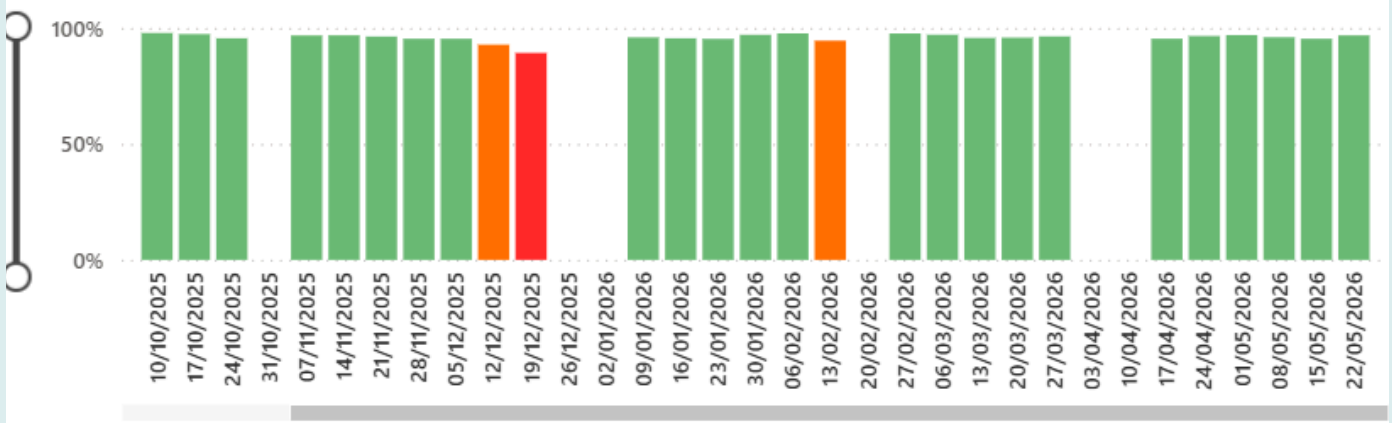
Wishing you all the best – and good luck to year 5 (and their brave teachers!) who are taking part in the science sleepover tonight!

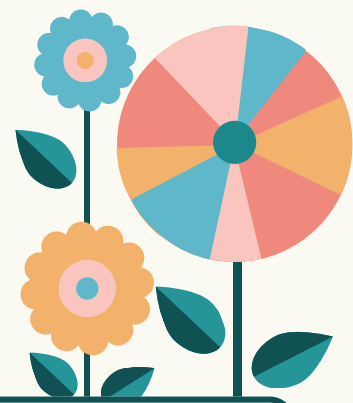
Mrs MacLean

## Whole school Attendance Data

### Weekly attendance

Tally of present marks by week's end





## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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



## Year 3 news

This term has been filled with exciting opportunities for Year 3, as they delved into the world of plants and nutrition. Our recent trip to Kew Gardens provided a fantastic hands-on experience, allowing them to explore a variety of plant species and understand how they reproduce. Back in the classroom, students have been nurturing their own plants, learning about the growth process and the elements that plants can't live without!

In Design Technology, our budding chefs have been busy creating delicious vegetable tarts. This project has been a wonderful way to connect with the theme of food origins, as students learned where their ingredients come from and the significance of healthy eating. By engaging in these practical activities, students are not only developing essential cooking skills but also fostering an appreciation for nutritious foods. We are excited to see how these experiences will influence their choices and understanding of a balanced diet.

I'd like to say a big thank you to you, our parents, who have been instrumental in supporting our vision this half term, whether through volunteering for trips or subsidising ingredients for our cooking sessions. Your involvement has made a significant difference to the children, creating a vibrant learning community where they feel both valued and encouraged.

We wish you a restful and well-earned half-term break.

I would encourage the children to rest and have fun in equal measure, as we approach the final run-in!

Warm regards.

Mr. Noble and the Year 3 Team.



## Year 4 news

Year 4 have had a fantastic and incredibly busy half term, with so much exciting learning taking place across the curriculum. In English, the children have thoroughly enjoyed writing their own narratives inspired by *The Mousehole Cat*. They have worked hard to develop their use of descriptive language, sentence structure and storytelling techniques, showing great creativity and imagination in their writing.

In Maths, we have been focusing on time, building confidence in reading, writing and converting between the 12-hour and 24-hour clock. Alongside this, the children have continued to practise their times tables in preparation for the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), showing great determination and progress.

Across the wider curriculum, the children have had many opportunities to explore and learn in different ways. They have enjoyed their regular library sessions, encouraging a love of reading and allowing them to explore a wide range of texts. In RE, we have been learning about different celebrations and their significance, while in Geography, the children have been developing their understanding of rivers, including how they are formed and why they are important. In Art, the children have shown fantastic creativity through building their own sculptures, and in PE they have been active and engaged, developing their skills in both dance and athletics. In Science, we have been exploring classification and learning all about animals, with the children showing great curiosity and enthusiasm for the topic.

Looking ahead to next half term, we have lots to be excited about. The children will begin our exciting Pizza Project, as well as developing their persuasive writing skills in English. The MTC check and Sports Day are also coming up, and we will be working hard to complete the final parts of the curriculum as the children prepare for their transition into Year 5. It is set to be another busy and rewarding half term.

We would also like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support this half term. It makes a real difference to the children's progress and confidence, and we truly appreciate your help at home.



## Year 5 news

This term was wonderfully full of learning, laughter and the occasional dramatic discussion about commas and Vikings. In English, the class stepped aboard *The Railway Children*, writing diary entries in character, mastering speech punctuation and discovering that a new line for each speaker really did save everyone's sanity. Their setting descriptions of the railway landslide were wonderfully atmospheric – thankfully with no actual mudslides in the classroom.

In Maths, they bravely tackled decimals, angles, and coordinates. There were moments of triumph, moments of confusion, and at least one occasion where a protractor was held completely upside down.

History transported everyone back to the age of the Vikings, learning why they invaded Britain and meeting legendary figures such as Alfred the Great and Aethelflaed. Science focused on human development, from tiny babies to awkward adolescents and beyond: a topic met with equal parts fascination and giggling.

PE kept everyone active with athletics and gymnastics, while Art inspired imaginative dream buildings worthy of their own architectural TV show.

Computing explored coding functions through music, Minecraft and creative programming, proving that learning and fun can happily go hand in hand.

As I write this, it's the morning of the Science Sleepover – what will tonight bring us all on the final day of Summer One?

Best wishes to all our lovely parents and carers and I hope you have a great half term holiday.

Ms Raymonde



## Year 6 news

Year 6 have had an incredibly busy and exciting few weeks and we are so proud of everything they have achieved. The children approached their SATs with maturity, determination and resilience, giving every test their absolute best effort. They should all feel extremely proud of themselves for the hard work and perseverance they have shown throughout the year.

To celebrate the end of SATs week, the children enjoyed a well-deserved celebration day filled with fun activities and time to relax with their friends. The day included board games, delicious ice creams and plenty of free time out on the field. Pupils enjoyed playing cricket and football, as well as taking part in arts and crafts activities. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces after such a busy and successful week!

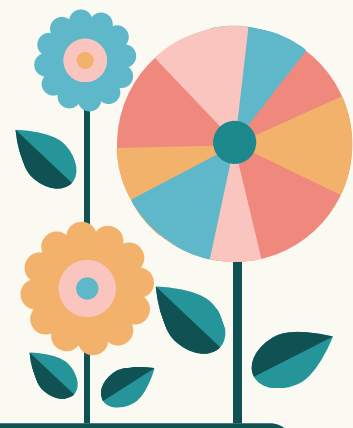
Alongside SATs, Year 6 have continued throwing themselves into lots of exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. In Geography, the children have been exploring sustainability in preparation for an exciting project next term where they will design and create their own sustainable cities.

Next term, pupils will also begin a Maths project focused on planning a holiday within a budget, giving them the chance to apply their budgeting and problem-solving skills in a real-life context.

There is also lots to look forward to next term as production preparations begin in full swing! Auditions for The Wizard of Oz are just around the corner and excitement is already building.

To top it all off, the children were thrilled to receive their leavers' hoodies - a special reminder that their final weeks at primary school are fast approaching.

Well done, Year 6 - you continue to impress us every day!



## PE news

We are also incredibly proud of the many children who took part in District Sports trials—well done to all! Mr Paddington and I have been so impressed by the high standard of performance and determination on show. We can't wait for the competition to begin!

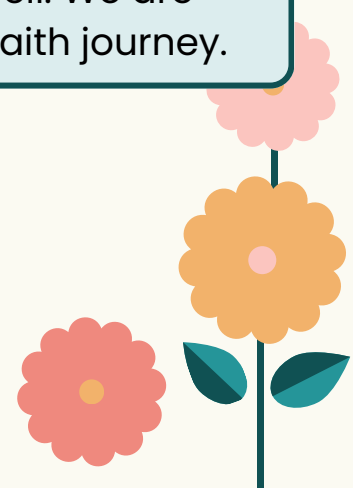
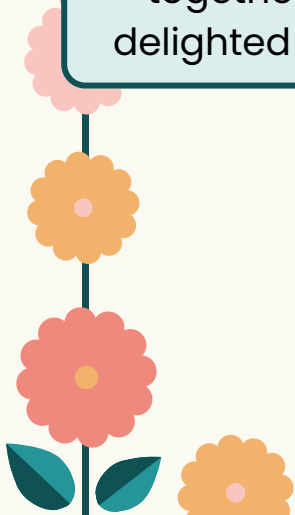
Our teams have continued to shine, representing the school brilliantly in netball and football league matches. We are especially excited for the upcoming play-off fixtures for our Year 5 netball team and Year 5 boys' football team—good luck to both teams! There are even more opportunities on the horizon, including the swimming gala and cricket competitions for our Year 5 and 6 pupils.

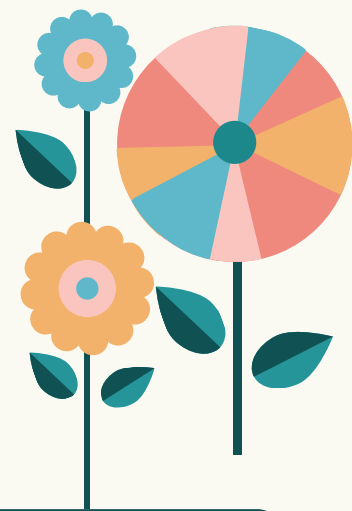
Looking ahead, we have even more to celebrate, with District Sports and Sports Day taking place next half term—further details will be shared soon.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in ensuring children are well prepared for PE and able to make the most of the wide range of exciting opportunities on offer.

## Pupil celebrations

Many congratulations to Darcie B in Herons, who recently made her First Holy Communion ; a very special and memorable occasion. It is particularly fitting that, as part of the RE curriculum, Year 4 have been learning about Communion as a time of celebrating and remembering together. Darcie's celebration reflects these values so well. We are delighted to share in her joy of this important step in her faith journey.





## External Parent events

On 28th May, Autism Family Support Service runs a free workshop through our **You Are Not Alone** service called 'What you can do right now to support your child diagnosed with autism and/or PDA'.

This online workshop takes place on Thursday 28th May from 8pm - 9pm (on Zoom). This workshop is free of charge. If you attend the workshop, you will also be invited to a free online Q&A session on Tuesday evening 2nd June from 7 - 8.30pm.

You are invited to bring your questions, thoughts or feelings and we look forward to helping you.

We have 100 places in this workshop. To book a place you send an email to [team@youarenotalone.community](mailto:team@youarenotalone.community) to request the Zoom link. You will receive the Zoom link the night before the workshop takes place. If you please forward this to any parent that you think would benefit from this workshop, it will be very much appreciated.

Please find attached to your Parentmail message a flyer about this workshop.

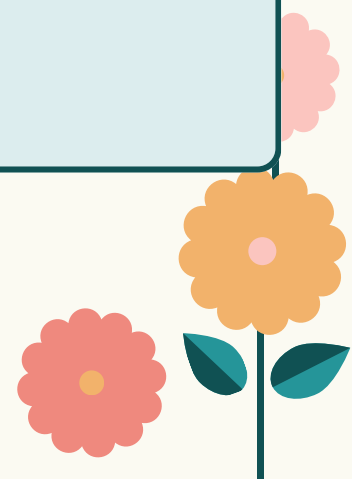
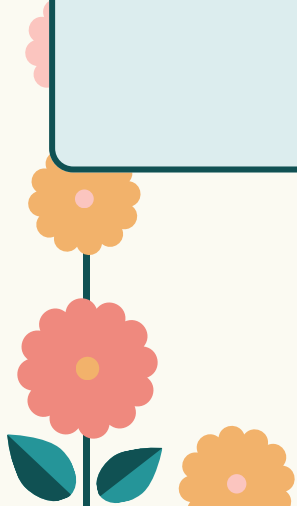
If you have any questions, please let us know.

Kind regards,

Erik & Sally

Autism Family Support Service

[www.autismfamilysupportservice.com](http://www.autismfamilysupportservice.com)





## Internal pastoral events

**5th June** - Parent coffee morning (EIKON)

**Tuesday 9th June and Tuesday 16th June** (evening) - Parent support programme exploring, including: Anxiety, Managing emotions, Effective communication, Positive reinforcement and praise, Active listening Self-care strategies (places are limited).

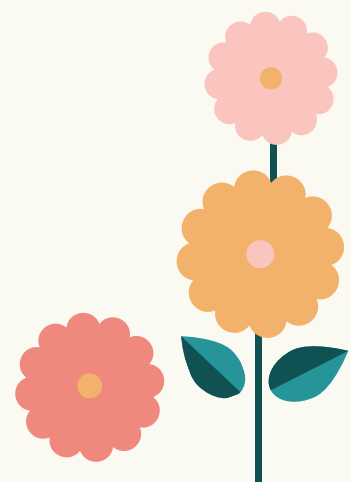
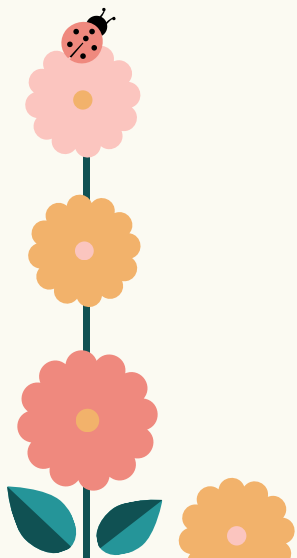
## Internal notices

### Lost property

This will be on display in the playground, until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, at which time, it will go to textiles recycling

### Class photos

You should have all received an order information leaflet by today. You can order directly with the photography company.





## School Noticeboard

**Tuesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Return to  
school

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

**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
- Sunscreen applied before school

**How to contact us**

**Urgent school enquiries- [Call 020 8941 0846](tel:02089410846)**

**General or non- urgent school enquiries- [office@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk)**

**Report an absence- [ReportanAbsence@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ReportanAbsence@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk)**

**Breakfast and CAP club queries- [bccap@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:bccap@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk)**

**Pick up arrangements and messages to class- [Reading diaries](#)**