

St Lawrence C of E Junior School

FRIDAY FLYER

11th September 2026



Word from the Headteacher....

This month's value: We are all treasures

A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us for our coffee mornings across all year groups this week, as well as our additional maths and SATS sessions for Year 4 and Year 6. It was wonderful to see so many of you engaging with the sessions, and I know the children got a great deal from them too! Please do take a look at the curriculum webs that have been emailed out, alongside the recommended reading lists. These can be really useful for giving you a little inspiration at home, particularly on a wet afternoon when a trip to the library might be just the thing!

On the theme of additional resources, Year 6 parents, please do make use of the maths videos available on our website [here](#). These are designed to support the children with the arithmetic paper, including the dreaded long division! We are incredibly proud that 100% of our Year 6 children passed their maths SATS tests last year – a first for the school! This success is a result of the bespoke support we put in place in school, including our flexible grouping and targeted precision teaching, alongside your additional practice at home. The partnership really does work.

We continue to welcome new pupils to the school due to our growing reputation in the community. Many are choosing St Lawrence over other local schools due to the combination of academic focus and wider opportunities. In fact, we are bucking the trend locally with pupil numbers rising, as opposed to falling. This is important as increased pupil numbers means increased funding to the school. Let's keep the momentum going – please spread the word about the upcoming tours below.

Have a relaxing weekend,
Mrs MacLean

Inclusion Matters

PINS Project

We are delighted to have been selected to take part in Surrey's Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project. This initiative continues to build on our work to ensure every child at St Lawrence can thrive and achieve their full potential. Please watch this video to learn more: <https://youtu.be/5t-pgPfwIVA>

Please take the time to fill in this parent survey by 25th September, Your feedback will help shape our priorities for this year.

Young Carers

Did you know that 1 in 12 children are Young Carers? A young carer is a child who lives with someone affected by a long-term illness, disability, mental health condition, or substance misuse. These circumstances can have a significant impact on children's lives, even when they are not providing direct care. The leaflet attached provides more information. If you think your child may be a Young Carer or would like to discuss, please contact the office or myself.

Important reminder– Nut Free School

Please read our allergy policy [here](#)

Due to the severe allergies of some of our pupils



This would include Nutella, hummus, pesto pasta if made with cashews and **anything** that physically contains nuts or sesame. Please be extra vigilant with this.

Pupil Leaders

Congratulations to our successful **house** and **sports** captains. All the candidates impressed us with their speeches, and some of the results were very close indeed. Our new captains will be in post for the Autumn term and will be kept busy!



House Captains:

OAK – Jack B & Saige

PINE – Julie & Jacob

ELM – Luca & Lucy

BEECH – Eliza & Otto

Sports Captains:

OAK – Ilya & Martha

PINE – Evie & Xanti

ELM – Jess & Henry

BEECH – Finley & Wilf

This week the pupils learned about the different leadership positions available to them. These are: Wellbeing Ambassadors (2 per class), Eco Warriors (2), Reading Ambassadors (1), Worship Ambassadors (2) and School Councillors. See the separate email for a copy of the slides and further information about deadlines and how to apply.

Chelsea Foundation

This week marked the start of our sessions with the Chelsea Foundation. Linked to Chelsea FC, the Foundation offer a range of curriculum and wellbeing-related sessions to schools and we were very excited to be given the opportunity this year.

Pupils don't need to have a particular interest in, or knowledge of, football. This half term, Year 4 and 6 are having PSHE sessions, with Year 5 and 6 girls receiving some bespoke 'Inspire HER' sessions. Selected pupils across the school have been offered some 1:1 or small group sessions too. Feedback from pupils and staff has been overwhelmingly positive and we are looking forward to our next sessions already.

We are hopeful that – subject to their funding – the Foundation will be able to offer more sessions after half term, including PSHE to Year 3.

Thank you for persevering with us as we ironed out some teething problems with the initial set up and consents.



Artist of the week

Pet Shop Boys

Names of members: Neil Tennant, Chris Lowe.

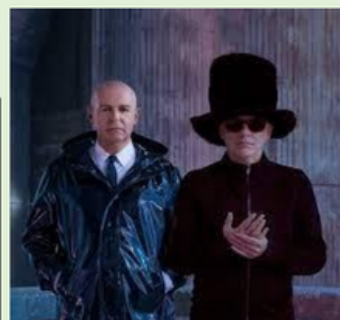
Genre: Synth-pop, dance-pop, disco, house, hi-NRG, art pop.

Type of artist: Synth-pop duo.

Country of origin: England, United Kingdom

Years active: 1981 to present.

Awards won: 3 Brit Awards, Brit Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music (2009), NME Godlike Genius Award (2017), MTV Europe Music Awards Pop Pioneers Award (2024).



Five Facts:

- 1) Before forming the Pet Shop Boys, Neil Tennant worked as a journalist and writer at several publications, including becoming the deputy editor of Smash Hits Music Magazine!
- 2) Every Pet Shop Boys album had a single word as its title: Please, Actually and Yes, to name a few.
- 3) The boys have worked with many music artists over the years, including David Bowie, Elton John and Robbie Williams.
- 4) In 2001 the boys created a West End show called 'Closer To Heaven'.
- 5) Doctor Who actor David Tennant (David McDonald) named himself after Neil Tennant for his stage name.

SMASH HITS!

West End Girls (1986)

It's a Sin (1987)

Always on my Mind
(1987)

Genre: Electronica

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/6t59T2jLU5LnsfkYvccBNk>

Smartphone free school

Just a reminder we are a smartphone and smartwatch free school for pupils. If your child is found with one of these devices, it will be handed into the office and a parent will be asked to collect them at the end of the day. Supporting all our Year 6 children with delaying the use of smartphones will help everyone. It only takes one or two not to follow this rule for other pupils to feel left out.

Stationery and CGP homework payments

Please make sure you have made the payment for these items on Parentmail so that your child has the correct equipment in school. Those in receipt of Pupil Premium funding can be subsidised.

If you misplace your child's homework book, there is a £5 fee, payable via Parentmail.
Thank you.

Reading Resources

The Book Trust [Bookfinder](#) resource is really helpful and user-friendly with excellent recommendations:

Books For Topics – Great for Non-fiction

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

[KS2 \(Junior\).](#)

School Reading List

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

We hope you will find these recommendations useful.

Academic Mentoring

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the form to become an Academic Mentor. We are currently finalising the information and requirements needed for our volunteers to complete the onboarding process and will be in touch next week with further details.

If you have not yet signed up, we encourage you to consider joining this valuable programme by completing [this form](#). Our Academic Mentors make a significant difference to students' learning by providing additional support with reading, writing, and mathematics.

Governors fund. Air con donations needed!

Looking ahead, one of our future priorities is the installation of **air conditioning**, initially in the Studio and Group Room. This will provide more flexibility during periods of very hot weather, enabling us to rotate classes into cooler spaces and ensure a more comfortable learning environment for all children.

Please donate [here](#)

Extra-Curricular Clubs

There are still places available in our after-school clubs, and we would love to see more children join! Please email the [school office](#) by Monday 21st September

Athletics Club does not have sufficient numbers to continue this term, unless more children sign up, we may have to cancel the club. Although the club is based outdoors, poor weather does not stop the fun. When conditions are unsuitable, the children enjoy a range of athletics skills and activities in the Studio Room. Please see attached flyer for more details.

Netball Club is running this term, but the numbers are quite low. We would love to see more people join this club who is run by Mrs Marin. If there is extremely adverse weather, the children will have access to a classroom.

Important changes to Free school meals and Pupil Premium

If your circumstances have changed or if you are not sure if you are entitled to financial support and would like us to check your eligibility, please follow the link below-

[**Eligibility Checker form**](#)

For more information visit

[**Department for Education website**](#)

School Tours

Thinking about joining our school community, or know someone who is? We would love to welcome you for a tour. All tours start at 9.15am and can be booked [here](#).

Upcoming tour dates for prospective students are below. This is a great chance to take a look around our school, learn more about what we offer, and meet some of the people who make our school such a vibrant place to learn.

21st September 2026

1st October 2026

7th October 2026

4th November 2026

8th December 2026

7th January 2027

We look forward to showing you around!



CONTACT US

Urgent school enquiries- Call 020 8941 0846

General or non- urgent school enquiries-
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
07799 380 157 During club hours

Pick up arrangements and messages to class-
Reading diaries

Daily reminders

- ☒ Water bottle and morning fruit snack
- ☒ Mouthguards and shin pads (if necessary, for hockey)
- ☒ Equipment needed for the school day **and** clubs
- ☒ Reading diaries
- ☒ **Correct** school uniform including coats and/ or hats depending on weather



Gem Winners

Congratulations to Eagles who are the gem winners this week. Well done for such lovely, polite and courteous behaviour.

High school Open events



THAMESMEAD SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 8th October 2026

5.30pm - 8.00pm

Headteacher's talks at 5.30, 6.15, 7.00, 7.45pm



We warmly invite parents and primary school students to visit our successful school

You do not need to book to attend but will need a ticket on arrival if you would like to go to the Headteacher's Talk.
More details are on our website.

Thamesmead School, Manygate Lane, Shepperton, TW17 9EE

Tel: 01932 219400 Email: info@thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk

Website: www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk

Morning tours of the school are also bookable via the school office

"I wanted to say how impressed my husband and I continue to be with the quality of care provided by Thamesmead. Both of my children are so happy within the school environment" – Year 7 & Year 9 parent

"We never had any doubt choosing Thamesmead was the right decision. We're proud to be part of the Thamesmead community." – Year 8 parent.

"As parents, we see not just the academic progress, but the confidence, independence and character the school helps to develop in its students" – Year 9 parent.

NEW OFSTED REPORT CARD AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

