St Lawrence C of E Junior School

FRIDAY FLYER

11th September 2026

Word from the Headteacher.....

This month's value: We are all treasures

To celebrate TA Appreciation Day, recognising all of our wonderful Teaching Assistants and HLTAs. Our support staff make such an incredible difference to the lives and learning of our children every single day, and we genuinely would be lost without you all! Thank you for everything you do for the children; day in, day out.

We have also been delighted to see our pupil leaders proudly receiving their new badges, awarded during our Achievement Assembly this week, followed by a special training session with Mrs Copsey in the afternoon. Leadership forms part of our 12 Before 12 experience found here. There was a buzz of excitement in the hall during the training sessions and we know that they are all thrilled to start their new roles. Time to dig out those high viz jackets!

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our SEND Coffee Morning today. It was wonderful to have such positive conversations and to hear your feedback. Several parents commented on how different the experience feels compared with when their eldest children attended the school many years ago, particularly in relation to the level of clear and accessible information now being shared with families. We are really pleased that this communication is making such a positive difference. A special thank you to Mrs Searle for her huge part in this.

Our Chelsea FC workshops have also been a great hit with the children! There has been lots of enthusiasm and excitement during the sessions and again we have received lots of positive comments from both children and parents alike. This forms part of our wider enrichment offer and we will seek out many more opportunities as the year progresses.

We are also pleased that our flexible maths groups in Year 3 have begun with such success this week. I have really enjoyed popping into classrooms every day to see the wonderful learning and behaviour taking place and continue to be blown away by the maturity of our youngest pupils. Well done Year 3.

Have an enjoyable weekend,
Mrs MacLean

Teaching Assistant Appreciation Day

This week we celebrated TA Appreciation Day in school, taking the opportunity to recognise and thank our wonderful Teaching Assistants and Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) for the invaluable contribution they make to the lives of our children every day.

During today's assembly, the children learned about the important role our support staff play in helping them to learn, grow and succeed. It was a lovely opportunity for us all to reflect on the care, dedication, and encouragement that our TAs and HLTAs provide.

We also hosted a tea party as a small token of our appreciation, giving us the chance to celebrate and thank our support staff for their hard work and commitment to our school community.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a caring and dedicated team, and we know you will join us in thanking them for everything they do for our children.





Artist of the week

ABBA

Names of members: Agnetha Fältskog, Björn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson, Anni-Frid (Frida) Lyngstad.
Genre: Pop, disco, pop rock
Type of artist: Band (pop group).
Country of origin: Sweden
Years active: 1972–1982, 2016–2024.
Awards won: Eurovision Song Contest (1974), Vocal Group of the Year (American Guild of Variety Artists, 1981), BRIT Billion Award (2023), Rockbjörnen Swedish Artist of the Century Award (2000), Vocal Group Hall of Fame induction (2002)



Five Facts:

1) "Waterloo" was ABBA's first number-one single in big markets such as the UK and West Germany.
2) Films and theatre shows have been made based on their music – Mama Mia & ABBA Voyage.
3) In March 1976, the band released the compilation album *Greatest Hits*. It became their first UK number-one album, and also took ABBA into the Top 50 on the US album charts for the first time.
4) ABBA was widely noted for the colourful and trend-setting costumes its members wore.
5) 3.5 million people applied for tickets to their 1977 London tour dates. Now that's popular!

SMASH HITS!

Dancing Queen (1976)

Super Trouper (1980)

Knowing Me Knowing You (1977)

Genre: Disco

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5vWBFidQWyZIrbgZbiocBz

School Development Priorities 2026 - 2027

Please find our priorities this year below:

- To build upon an inclusive culture for all pupils through the implementation and review of effective systems and processes
- To ensure a consistently well-planned and well-taught curriculum for all pupils
- To further raise the attainment in writing for all pupils (oracy, handwriting, spelling and dictation)
- To further close the attendance gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils
- To further develop an extensive and impactful programme of personal development for every pupil
- To further develop a detailed and insightful analysis of school performance amongst all leaders to evaluate the effectiveness of the school's provision

Important reminder- Nut Free School

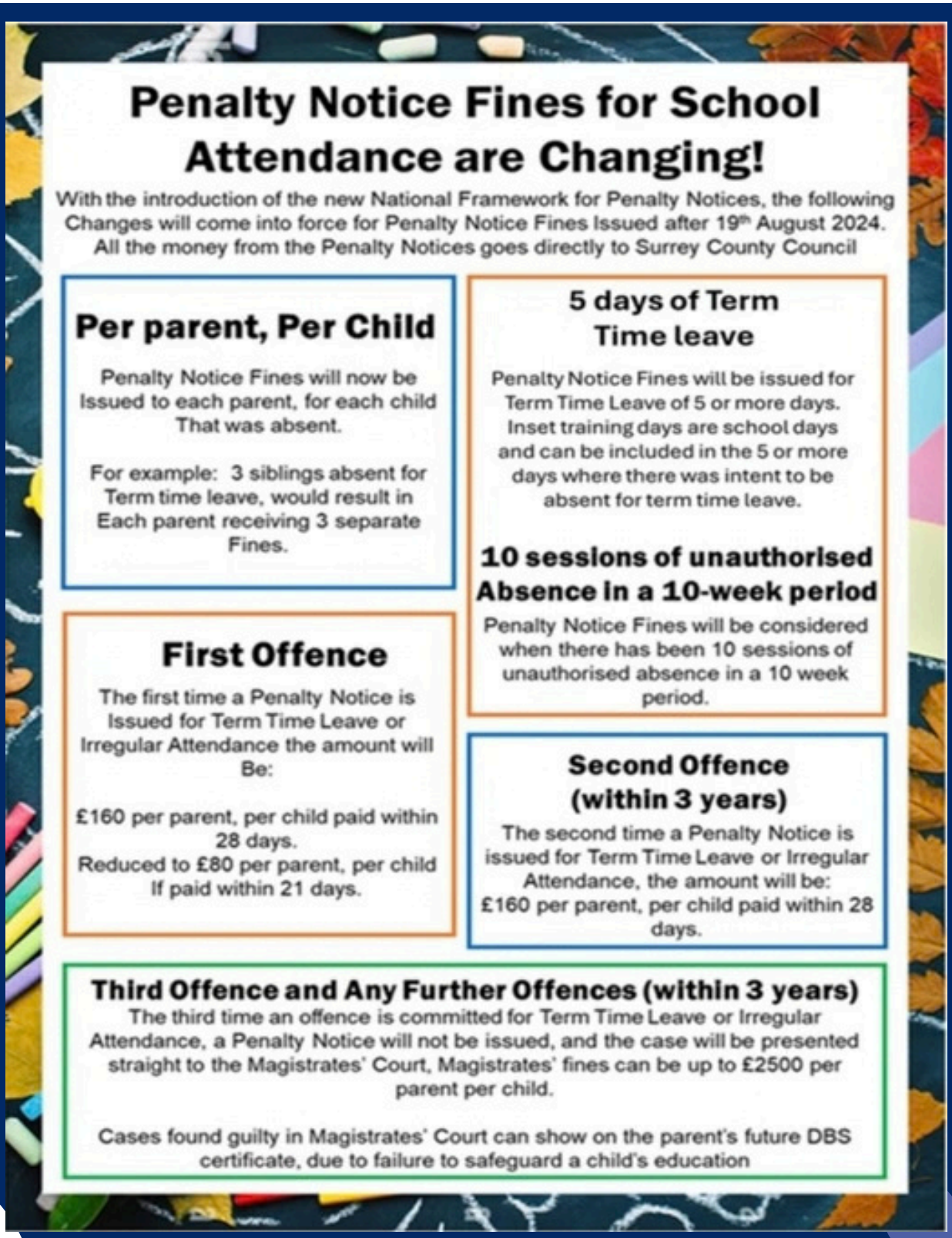
Please read our allergy policy here



Inclusion Matters

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 school office.



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

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.

1st October 2026
7th October 2026
4th November 2026
8th December 2026
7th January 2027
We look forward to showing you around!

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.

CONTACT US

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

General or non- urgent school enquiries-
office@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk
Always include child's name and class

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

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



Gem Winners

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