St Lawrence C of E Junior School

FRIDAY FLYER

11th September 2026

Word from the Headteacher.....

This month's value: Generosity

The school has been buzzing with activity this week as we continue to roll out our wider curriculum offer to all our pupils. Year 3 had a brilliant time during Forest School, with one pupil saying, "It was the best - we even got to cook food and eat it!" We look forward to seeing all the other year groups enjoying their Forest School experiences in the coming weeks.

Chelsea FC sessions have also got underway with additional football and PSHE lessons, and these have once again been very positively received by the children.

On the subject of football, we are delighted that every year group will soon have weekly lunchtime football sessions, run by several of our wonderful parent and church volunteers. A huge thank you to Luca's mum for running the Year 6 sessions, and to Elijah's mum for running the Year 3 and 4 sessions from next Friday. We are also very grateful to Koko for running the Year 5 sessions. The children are absolutely over the moon, as you can imagine!

Our House Captains also shone this week during our second parent tour. One parent commented that they "gave an amazing tour and spoke brilliantly." Well done to all of you - what maturity, confidence and pride you have shown. You represented our school wonderfully.

Next week proves to be just as exciting, with special art workshops for the whole school run by Art Social, as well as local walks for Year 3, a Dorking Halls live Zoom session for choir and Eagles' class assembly. Phew, roll on half term!

Have a great weekend with your families,
Mrs MacLean

Artist of the week

Edward Elgar

Names: Edward Elgar.
Genre: Classical music, Romantic music.
Type of artist: Composer, conductor.
Country of origin: England, United Kingdom
Years active: Approximately 1870s–1934.
Awards won: Appointed Master of the King's Musick (1924), created a Baronet (1931), awarded the Order of Merit (1911).



Five Facts:

1) Elgar did odd jobs so as to make ends meet. He worked at a solicitor's office alongside accompanying choirs and local groups.
2) Finally achieving the recognition that his wife wanted for him, Elgar was knighted in 1904 by King Edward VII.
3) Alongside music, Elgar enjoyed football. He was a keen supporter of Wolverhampton.
4) Elgar's Land of Hope and Glory is performed every year at Last Night of the Proms.
5) Elgar was also an inventor. He was an amateur chemist who created a Sulphuretted Hydrogen Apparatus.

SMASH HITS!

Salut d'Amore (1888)

Pomp and Circumstance Marches (1901 – 1930)

The Dream of Gerontius (1900)

Genre: Classical

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/6AvZdrXon6sKN2O80h2fb2

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.

School Office Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for an Administrative Assistant in our busy school office.
If you are interested in joining our friendly and dedicated team, please apply via Eteach.
Position: Administrative Assistant
Hours: Full-time, 35 hours per week
This is a fantastic opportunity to become part of our school community and help support the smooth running of the school.
If you would like to visit the school before applying, please contact Mrs Padrao-Vilar, who will be happy to arrange a tour and answer any questions you may have.
For further details and to apply, please visit Eteach. We look forward to hearing from you!

Earrings

Earrings are no longer permitted at St Lawrence as of the 1st September 2025. Children wearing earrings will be asked to sit out of PE until they are removed. Thank you for your support with this.

Fashion haircuts and school shoes

Please remember that fashion haircuts are not allowed. This includes highlights, colours, very close shaves or lines and patterns shaved into the hair. School shoes, not trainers, must be worn on uniform days, unless there is an exceptional circumstance.

Inclusion Matters

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. If you think your child may be a Young Carer or would like to discuss, please contact the school office.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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