



# Friday Flyer

*Inspired by the Christian faith, our children will treasure a **love of learning**, a **belief in themselves and others**, and a **respect for the world around them**, helping them to grow and flourish throughout their lives.*

Dear Parents and Carers

Here are the weekly reminders for next week and school information:

## Upcoming Dates

**Friday 18 October**

Kingfisher's assembly **9am**

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Swimming Toucans and Swans



## Word from the Head

We shared a beautiful moment on World Mental Health Day when the choir belted out their very special rendition of 'Yellow' to parents. The emotion in the room was palpable and it was certainly a very moving way to start the day. The school was a sea of yellow as the children engaged in happy, calm activities of their choosing during the afternoon, including extra PE sessions, art activities with positive affirmations, the Daily Mile and hand massages. The staff were also treated to an extra break and some delicious treats in the staffroom. Thank you to the School Council and Mrs Copsey for organising such a wonderful day. 😊

Thank you for all for coming along to Parents Evening this week and for completing a parent survey. At first glance, there are many incredibly positive comments with one parent saying to me that the feel of the school was 'just so positive now,' so thank you. We are always looking at ways to continue to build on the work that we do and will ensure any feedback is carefully considered.

St Lawrence was very proud this week to have been able to share to a wider audience our current thinking on smartphones and social media. You may have seen that Mrs Williams (parent of Mali and ambassador of Smartphone Free Childhood) and I were interviewed by BBC Surrey Live on the topic. Please read the BBC article [here](#) and listen to the radio piece [here](#) (The relevant part of the video is from 1.06 – 1.18). We will continue to analyse the results from our school survey on the topic and will inform you once a decision has been made about our phone policy for September 2025. In order to be able to collate the views of the parents on this topic, please can you complete our school survey on Smartphones [here](#). Thank you also to Mrs Rowe for all your efforts on the ground with the movement.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs MacLean

## Parent Tours

'I wish I had sent my eldest child here,' was a recent comment from a prospective parent who was bowled over by the school. Please pass on the word that our upcoming Open Mornings all start at 9.15am, with a talk from the head, tour from our excellent House Captains and a performance from our fabulous St Lawrence Choir. A new bookable form can be found on the website. A warm welcome awaits 😊

## Parent Tour Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday 23rd October

Friday 8th November

Tuesday 19th November

## Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact

Please do sign the Parent Pact [here](#) to unite on this very important topic. It takes 30 seconds and will help empower the movement and show solidarity with other parents.

## Foodbank Donations

During this Harvest time, we will be supporting our local Foodbank. Donations (non-perishable only) for this year's collection are welcomed on **Wednesday the 23rd October**. We have attached a flyer with some of the items Children should take their donations to the classroom where they will be collected and re-organised to be collected around lunch time. For this reason, **we will not be able to accept any donations that are brought in to the school after 12pm**. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Hot Dinner / Packed Lunch options:

Please can you let the office know by the **13th October** if you would like your child to change their meal option after half term. Please note, that any requests after this date will only be actioned for the start of the Spring Term.

## Valuables:

We have 4 pairs of glasses, one watch and a set of 2 keys that have been handed in to the office. If you are missing any of these items, please pop into the office to claim them.

## Earrings:

Please remember that only **one pair of simple studs** may be worn in school. If your child has PE, **please do not send them to school with earrings** as they are not allowed to be taped over. If your child does wear earrings on a PE day, they will be asked to remove them or to sit out of PE.

## **Gem winners**

Congratulations to **Quetzals** who are the gem winners this week. Well done for demonstrating our school values so well this week!

Have a lovely weekend.

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