



Newsletter 1 September 3rd 2025

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to you all and I hope you had a wonderful summer break with your children. Everyone is excited about the new term ahead and all those brilliant experiences waiting to happen! The school is filled once again with happy voices! I cannot get over how much the children seem to have grown!



This term we warmly welcome Kai, Own, Wilfred, Maeve, Elinor, Matilda, Woody, Oliver, Cameron, Theo, Casper, Jesse and Felix who join Foundation Stage. We also welcome Mrs Walczak. We hope that they will all have a very enjoyable time at St Laurence School and become familiar with the new faces and settle to routines quickly.

Curriculum Meetings

Next week we shall be holding curriculum meetings for each class in school. This is an opportunity for you, as parents, to meet your child's class teacher and hear about the year ahead. Each teacher will give you a brief overview of the topics being studied and their expectations of the children in their classes.

Robins – Monday 8th Sept

Owls – Tuesday 9th Sept

Bluebirds – Wednesday 10th Sept

Eagles – Thursday 11th Sept

All meetings will start at 2:30pm.

Courage is our value of the term.

'Be strong and let your heart take courage'

Psalm 27:14

Thank you!

We have been very fortunate to have had a new roof fitted over the summer holidays including 40 solar panels! Many thanks to ODST for funding this and to Stoic Roofing builders who completed the wonderful work. Fully tested with the rain overnight and thankfully no leaks!

School Uniform

The children are looking very smart indeed in their school uniform! Please ensure that they have indoor shoes in school. We would prefer indoor shoes to be black shoes; indoor shoes should support your child's feet during the school day.

PE day remains a THURSDAY. From this Thursday 4th September, the children will need to come to school in PE kits.

Nut Allergy

We have children in the school with nut allergies. May I remind you that no nuts are allowed in school in any form, including peanut butter in sandwiches, nuts in cereal bars etc. We are a NUT FREE school!

Illness

Please keep your children at home if they have a fever, vomiting, or diarrhoea, and they should remain out of school for at least 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea to prevent spreading illness.

Minor symptoms like a mild cough, runny nose, or sore throat are generally acceptable for school attendance, but please monitor for worsening symptoms.

Book recommendations from Mr Hook!

Reading books is one of the key ways children learn and develop but we also foster a love of reading for pleasure. If you are looking for some inspiration for your children why not try these books.

EYFS/KS1	Bluebirds	Eagles
<p>Dragon Post – Emma Yarlett</p>  <p>One day Alex finds a dragon living in the cupboard under the stairs. Luckily he knows just what to do. He writes letters to lots of different people – including the fire brigade and the butcher– to ask how he should take care of his surprise visitor. Children will love opening the five envelopes and reading the hilarious letters to Alex and then following his magical adventure with his new fiery friend.</p>	<p>The Dragonsitter – Josh Lacey</p>  <p>'Dear Uncle Morton. You'd better get on a plane right now and come back here. Your dragon has eaten Jemima.'</p> <p>It had sounded so easy: Edward was going to look after Uncle Morton's unusual pet for a week while he went on holiday. But soon the fridge is empty, the curtains are blazing, and the postman is fleeing down the garden path.</p>	<p>The Land of Roar – Jenny McLachlan</p>  <p>Believing is just the beginning ...</p> <p>When Arthur and Rose were little, they were heroes in the Land of Roar, an imaginary world that they found by climbing through the folding bed in their grandad's attic. Roar was filled with things they loved – dragons, mermaids, ninja wizards and adventure – as well as things that scared them (including a very creepy scarecrow...)</p>

Dates for Autumn Term 2025

September	Value - Courage
Wednesday 3 rd	Children return
Monday 8 th	Robins Curriculum afternoon @ 2:30pm Clubs start this week
Tuesday 9 th	Owls Curriculum afternoon @ 2:30pm
Wednesday 10 th	Bluebirds Curriculum afternoon @ 2:30pm
Thursday 11 th	SWIFT Coffee Morning with Caroline Gayle Eagles Curriculum afternoon @ 2:30pm
Monday 15 th	School Photos
Wednesday 24 th	Eagles trip to Hampton Court Palace
Friday 26 th	Open Afternoon @ 2:30pm
October	Value - Courage
Tuesday 7 th	History Guy – Bluebirds, Vikings Day
Tuesday 21 st	Parents Evening
Wednesday 22 nd	Parents Evening
Thursday 23 rd	Flu Jabs for all children
Friday 24 th	Break up for half term

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Cooper