

Term 5

Newsletter



Thursday 21st May 2026

Welcome to our Term 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to our first newsletter of the term - and my first as Head Teacher. As part of this new chapter, we are moving to a termly newsletter format.

This term has been filled with energy, growth and joy. With the arrival of brighter weather, it has been wonderful to see our children making full use of our school grounds - learning, playing and enjoying time together outdoors. There has been a real sense of happiness and freedom in their play and it has been a delight to see friendships flourish in such positive ways.

We have also been fortunate to enrich our curriculum with a number of memorable experiences. A particular highlight was a visit from Canoe Wild, who delivered an engaging and important session on water safety. The children responded brilliantly, learning essential skills and knowledge that will help them stay safe, particularly as we approach the summer months.

Our Year 6 pupils have shown tremendous resilience and determination during their SATs this term. We are incredibly proud of the calm and mature way they approached the assessments. Their hard work and positive attitude have been commendable and they should feel very proud of their efforts.

Outdoor learning has continued to thrive through our Forest School sessions with Botany Bay. These opportunities allow children to explore the natural environment, develop independence and build confidence in a hands-on and meaningful way. It has been a pleasure to see their curiosity and teamwork grow in such a rich learning setting.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It plays a vital role in making our school such a positive and nurturing place for all children.

We wish you a restful half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 1st June.

Louise Buckland
(Head Teacher)



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Positive Playtimes

A Positive Playtimes workshop took place this term, which focused on introducing the children to a range of fun and inclusive playground games. The session encouraged active participation and provided pupils with new ideas to enjoy during breaktimes, helping to keep playtimes engaging, social and enjoyable for all. It has been wonderful to see the children already embracing these games and playing together so enthusiastically.



Congratulations!

We are delighted to offer our warmest congratulations to Miss Blades and Mr Spencer on the arrival of their beautiful baby boy, Luca! Miss Blades is currently enjoying her maternity leave and is due to return before Christmas. We very much look forward to welcoming her back later in the year.



Pupil Achievements

In pupil achievements, we are delighted to celebrate the success of Eloise and Hope who are now Champions of the Kent Schools Football Association! Both pupils performed exceptionally well; Eloise played as goalkeeper, demonstrating great skill and composure, while Hope impressed in the centre-left position with her determination and teamwork. What an incredible achievement!



We are also delighted to celebrate Frankie, who recently achieved great success by winning a karate tournament. This is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects Frankie's dedication, hard work and commitment to training. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and of the positive way Frankie represents St Laurence both in and out of school.



Staffing News

In staffing news, we share that Mr Bottle, our Year 6 teacher, will be moving on at the end of the year to take up a teaching role at Royal Harbour Academy. He has been part of the St Laurence family for the past 7 years, and we are extremely grateful for his dedication, commitment and the care he has shown our pupils during his time with us. He will be greatly missed by both staff and children alike. We wish him every success and happiness in the next stage of his career.

We are very pleased to share that we have already appointed a new class teacher who will be joining us in September. We look forward to welcoming them into our school community and will provide further details in due course.



Worship Shepherd Reflection

We have a number of children in school who volunteer to be Worship Shepherds. These children help to plan and deliver our class worship sessions. Erika has been reflecting on our value of joy:

We have been finding joy during breaktimes and lunchtimes, taking part in fun games and enjoying time together outdoors. We hope for more sunshine next term so that we can keep enjoying these moments of fun and being together with our friends!



PE Days for Term 6

Botany Bay (Miss Champion)	Friday
Palm Bay (Miss McQuillen)	Wednesday
Joss Bay (Mr Spencer)	Thursday
Epple Bay (Mr Bottle)	Tuesday

Term 6 is always a particularly busy time in school, with many additional events and activities taking place. As a result, there may be extra days when children are required to come into school in their PE kit; class teachers will communicate these changes directly with families via Class Dojo.

Pantomime

A gentle reminder regarding our whole school trip to the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury to see Peter Pan on Thursday 3rd December 2026.

Payments (£16, inclusive of train travel) can be made via MCAS, which is now live. Please note that the deadline for payment is Friday 11th September.



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Key Dates for Term 6

Please also refer to your child's year group newsletter at the start of Term 6 for information about any year group specific trips, visits, workshops or events relevant to their class.

Friday 5 th June	Break the Rules Day (Non-Uniform)
Monday 8 th June	Sports Day - Parent arrival from 1.30pm (start 1.45pm)
Thursday 18 th June	Pro-Strike Fundraising Day - more details to follow after half-term
Thursday 2 nd July	Transition Day (some secondary schools have more days for Y6)
Tuesday 7 th July	Reports home to parents
Wednesday 8 th July	Open Evening - parents welcome to look at work and talk with teachers
Thursday 9 th July	Y6 Leavers' Fest (5-6.30pm) No wraparound care on this day
Tuesday 14 th July	Y3-Y5 Trophy Assembly (invite only - 10.15am)
Tuesday 14 th July	Y6 Show to parents (1.45pm)
Wednesday 15 th July	Y6 Show to parents (5pm)
Friday 17 th July	Leavers' Service in Church (9.15am)
Friday 17 th July	End of term - children finish at 1.30pm (no wraparound care on this day)
Thursday 3 rd September	Children back - start of Term 1

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BREAK the RULES DAY



Rule Menu

Rules that can be broken and the charge for each is as follows:

- Non school uniform - £1
- Bring a teddy/toy to school - 50p
- Have hair down - 50p
- Have coloured hair - 50p
- Eat pudding first - 50p
- Eat chocolate at break - 50p
- Wear make up - £1
- Wear jewellery - 50p
- Bring juice or squash - 50p

Here's how it works:

All funds raised will be spent directly on the children. Taking part is simple: choose the rule you wish to break from the menu and pay the toll! (You may decide to break more than one rule, it's completely up to you!)

Friday 5th June 2026



Does your child love, singing, dancing or acting? Check out this 6-day summer holiday workshop run by Theatre Creatives

Join us for a
6-day summer
holiday workshop!



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Suitable
for
children
aged 7-16

3rd - 8th
August
2026

9:30-3:30
Monday-Friday
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Show day
Saturday!

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Dickens'
School,
Broadstairs


£185
(That's just
over £30 per
day!)


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