



St Laurence Catholic Primary School



Autumn Term Newsletter 1 - September 2022

Through God's grace, a community growing in knowledge and understanding.



Pope Francis 
@Pontifex

God works through unplanned events, as well as through setbacks. Let us ask the Lord to send us His Spirit so that He might help us to discern and to recognize His presence even in the unforeseen and painful situations in our lives. [#Discernment](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the community of St. Laurence! I am delighted to be with you as your new Head of School. I hope to serve you and your children with the grace and guidance of our Lord. Hopefully, you've all had a great summer and your children are ready for their next learning journey.

We've had a lovely start to the term and the new school year. The children seem happy to be back in school and are already working hard.

In the newsletter, each week, it will contain an item from one of our classes as well as news from school events and other items such as online safety and some information from our SENCo.

Below, in red, is a link to the newsletter from our RSE programme, for parents.

Have an amazing weekend!

Mrs McGhee Wallace

[Ten:Ten Newsletter](#)

Committed to the words of Christ and the Gospel Values.



Head of School

Mrs McGhee Wallace

Assistant Head

Mrs Chalklin

SENCo/Inclusion

Mrs Harvey

Our Classes

Wrens Miss Tanvir

Skylarks Miss Armstrong-Mortlock

Nightingales Miss Peck

Kingfishers Mrs Chalklin

Doves Mr Jiggins

Quails Miss Ward

Swallows Miss Corcoran

Magpies Mr Fitt

Owls Miss Beringer

Kestrels Mr Pepper



Today, on Emergency Services Day, we had our first fire drill of the year.

The children filed out of the building in a calm and orderly manner. We are very proud of them, especially our new children in Wrens class.

TERM DATES

Autumn Term

Inset days: 1st and 2nd September

Monday 5th September –
Friday 21st December

Half term:

Monday 24th October –
Friday 28th October

Administrative Officer **Administrative Assistant**

Mrs Rokitnicka

Miss Tu

St. Laurence

PTA



22/09/22 (6.30—8 p.m.)

Cheese and Wine Recruitment Evening

Come and join us in the KS1 library to learn all about the PTA and how you can be part of it.

To book a space, please email:
stlaurenceschoolpta@gmail.com



28/09/22 (3.15—3.45 p.m.)

Nearly New Uniform Sale

We will be at the front of the school with a wide selection of preloved uniforms. If you are unable to attend on the day, please contact us through the above email address and request items (subject to availability).

06/10/22 (6.30—8 p.m.)

Annual General Meeting

This will be held in the KS1 library. If possible, please confirm attendance via email.

07/10/22 (3.15—3.45 p.m.)

Cake Sales on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds (subject to the weather).



Spotlight on... *Magpies!*

We have had a really entertaining first week back in Magpies this week!

We have had a lot of fun learning a new game called “keep or throw away” which helps us with our knowledge of place value – our first unit of work in Year 5/6. We have also had fun learning a new book called ‘What we build’. We then had an opportunity to build a place where we felt safe so most of us built a home or a room in our home. We also learnt about our pulse rate and saw that our working pulse rate is a lot quicker than our resting pulse rate!

Mr Fitt





St. Laurence opening hours:

- ***Gates open at 8.45 a.m.***
- ***Classes open for registration from 8.55 - 9.10 a.m.***
- ***Please do not drop your children at school before 8.45 a.m. as there will be no one available to supervise.***

Safeguarding is of the utmost importance to us, here in school, please support us in doing so by sticking to these times.

If you are having difficulty around the drop off times, the Breakfast Club at The Nest is available. Please contact us for more information.



We have a family, in school, who have very kindly offered a piano which, soon, they will no longer need.

If you are interested in acquiring this piano, please email the school office at -

office@stlaurence.cambs.sch.uk

TAKE A LEAF OUT OF SOMEONE'S BOOK



Meaning

- implement actionable advice
- follow an example set by another person
- imitate another person
- emulate
- copy

Example Sentence

I couldn't decide what to do after high school, but my dad makes great money welding, so I **took a leaf out of his book** and went to trade school instead of college.

Origin

The use of this expression can be traced back to the early 1800s when it was used by B. H. Malkin to describe his translation of Gil Blas. His usage was more literal, in that, he translated the literature by taking it directly from the pages of the original **book**. In its literal sense, to "**take a leaf from someone's book**" means to plagiarize or tear pages from a book.

To understand the idiom fully, you must understand its etymology. A "leaf" within a book, magazine, or other reading material refers to two pages. When you open a magazine to the middle, you will see many sheets of paper folded and stapled at the center. You are seeing the leaves, not just the individual pages.

WEEKLY UPDATE - ONLINE SAFETY!



internet
matters.org

[Click here for more information.](#)





23/09/22 - Beginning of Term Mass, in the Hall at 2.15 p.m.

21/10/22 - YR Welcome Liturgy, in the Hall at 2.30 p.m.

04/11/22 - LK\$2 Mass, in the Hall at 2.15 p.m.

11/11/22 - UK\$2 Mass, in the Hall at 2.15 p.m.

15/11/22 - Parent Evening, times tbc

16/11/22 - Parent Evening, times tbc

07/12/22 - YR Nativity Performance at 2.15 p.m.

14/12/22 - K\$1 Advent Service in the Hall at 2.15 and 5.30 p.m.