



St Laurence Catholic Primary School



Autumn Term Newsletter 8 - November 2022

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



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

May we never allow opportunities for encounter between civilizations, religions and cultures to evaporate. Let us never permit the roots of our humanity to dry up! Let us work together! Let us work for togetherness, for hope! [#ApostolicJourney](#) [#Bahrain](#)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the very busy half-term which runs up to Christmas. Before we know it, you'll be joining us for nativities and carols!

This week, we were lucky enough to be able to send a group of children to attend the renaming ceremony for the now Equiano Bridge. Please see more information within this newsletter.

We were honoured to be there. Diversity and inclusion are extremely important to us, here, at St. Laurence.

Enjoy your weekend!

Mrs McGhee Wallace and the team at St. Laurence

[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



For yours and your children's safety, please do not enter the car park unless you have permission to do so, in your car.

TERM DATES

Autumn Term

Inset days: 1st and 2nd September

**Monday 5th September –
Wednesday 21st December**

Half term:

*Monday 24th October –
Friday 28th February*



We're holding a Curriculum Meeting, for parents, next Wednesday morning after drop-off.

You will have presentations on some of the latest developments in school and should last from 45 - 60 minutes.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs McGhee Wallace

Head of School

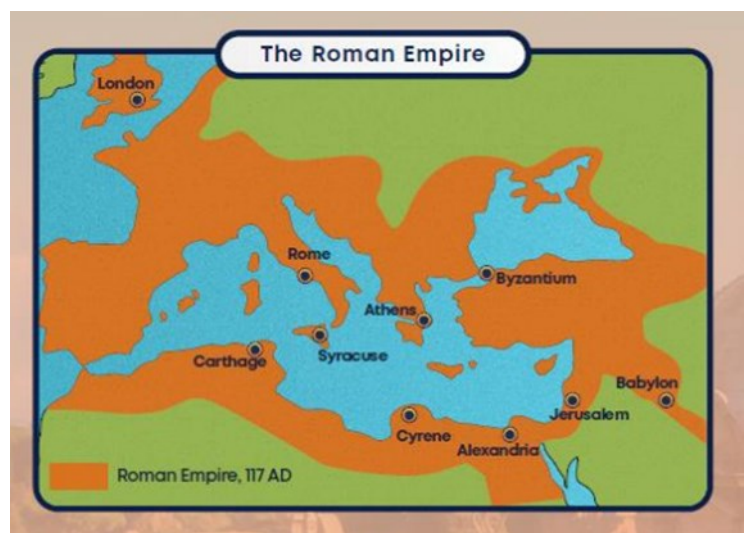
Spotlight on... *Kingfishers!*

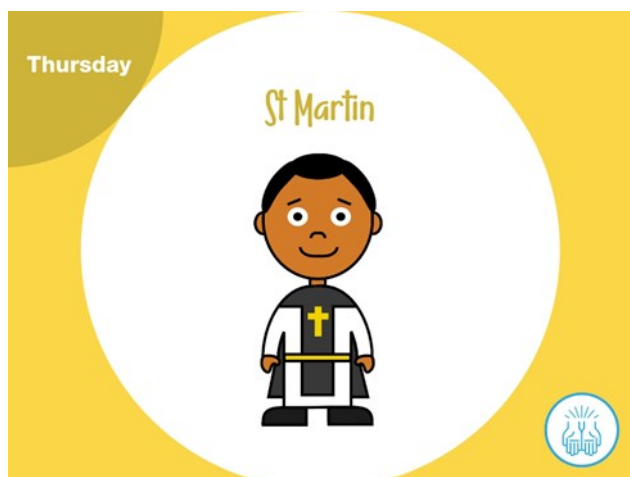
Kingfishers



Kingfishers have had an exciting start to this half term. We are learning about Roman Britain and have started to explore just how big the Roman Empire was by 117 AD!

We have been amazed by the amount of modern countries that were under the rule of the Romans! We have been able to link this with our understanding of Jesus' life as we already knew that Jerusalem was ruled by the Romans when Jesus was





On Tuesday we celebrated the feast of All Saints. Each day this week we have learnt about the lives of different saints. Yesterday we heard about how St Martin showed kindness to others.

We all decided to put a feather in our pockets or up our sleeve and when we found it later it would remind us to think about how we can show kindness to others. This morning the children have shared their experiences of re-finding their feathers and how they then showed kindness to their families.

ONLINE SAFETY



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Parents and Carers



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A bridge in Cambridge has officially been renamed after a local man who was a leader in the anti-slavery movement. Riverside Bridge will now be known as Equiano Bridge to commemorate Olaudah Equiano, a well-known abolitionist.

Olaudah Equiano (1745-1797) was enslaved as a child and purchased his freedom as an adult. He married and settled in Cambridgeshire, and one of his daughters, Anna Maria Vassa, is commemorated by a plaque at St Andrew's Church.

The renaming event on October 31st was attended by representatives from community groups Circles of Change and the Cambridge African Network, as well as by members of Cambridgeshire County Council. A crowd of around 100 people gathered to see a new name plaque and information board being unveiled by our schoolchildren, along with the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Dr Nik Johnson.

You can find the full article [here](#) in Cambridge News online.



09/11/22 - Parent Curriculum Meeting at 9.15 a.m.

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

15/11/22 - Parent Evening

16/11/22 - Parent Evening

06/12/22 - YR Nativity Dress Rehearsal

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

08/12/22 - K\$1 Advent Service at 2.30 p.m.

13/12/22 K\$1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal

14/12/22 K\$1 Nativity Performances – 2.15 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.