



# St Laurence Catholic Primary School



Autumn Term Newsletter 9 - November 2022

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



**Pope Francis**   
**@Pontifex**

Saints do not come from a "parallel universe". They are believers rooted in their daily activities with their families, study, work; social, economic and political life. In all these settings, they fearlessly strive to carry out God's will.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week, here, at St. Laurence. We held a meeting for parents on exciting changes to our curriculum and our Local Governing Body came into school to look at our culture of reading and the new reading curriculum.

Thank you to both the parents who came to listen and the governors as it's only when we work in partnership that we can truly provide the best education for our children.

Our week was concluded by another visit from Fr. Simon who came to say Mass for Y5 and Y6.

Please note we still have some vacancies in school. Adverts are attached to this newsletter.

Warm regards

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**

***School closes for the Christmas break on Wednesday 21st December.***

***PD Day 4th January***

***Pupils return to school on 5th January***



Parent Meetings are being held in school, face-to-face.

If you haven't yet booked an appointment, please contact the School Office to do so.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs McGhee Wallace

Head of School



# New Ways November 2022

MONDAY



TUESDAY

1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month

WEDNESDAY

2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way

THURSDAY

3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you

FRIDAY

4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

SATURDAY

5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

SUNDAY

6 Try out a new way of being physically active

7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show

27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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# December Kindness 2022

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

FRIDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

SATURDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

SUNDAY

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2023



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# ONLINE SAFETY



Guides and resources

## Parents and Carers



Click [here](#) for more information.





**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 - KS1 Advent Service at 2.30 p.m.**

**13/12/22 - KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal**

**14/12/22 - KS1 Nativity Performances – 2.15 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.**

**21/12/22 - Carol Service, in school, at 2 p.m.**

**Job Advertisement**  
**Graduate Intern**  
**St Laurence Catholic Primary**  
Arbury Road  
Tel: 01223 712 227

Email: [office@stlaurence.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@stlaurence.cambs.sch.uk)

Website: <https://www.stlaurence.cambs.sch.uk/>

Executive Headteacher: Mrs. Clare Clark M.Ed., LL.B (Hons)

Head of School: Mrs Jenny McGhee Wallace

- Salary scale UQT1
- Fixed term until July 2023
- 5 days per week
- Start date: ASAP

St Laurence Catholic Primary School has a fantastic opportunity for a graduate considering a career in teaching to gain some experience as a Teaching Assistant at our happy and supportive school. You be supporting teaching and learning in EYFS, Key Stage 1 and/or Key Stage 2, and will work with us to make learning accessible, irresistible, inclusive and effective for the children in our school. We would also request you take on wider responsibilities within the school.

**You will need to:**

- Hold a degree
- Be enthusiastic, confident and approachable
- Encourage excellent behaviour in line with our therapeutic approach
- Have strong communication skills
- Develop good relationships with pupils, parents and colleagues
- Be flexible, collaborative and supportive by helping colleagues

**We can offer:**

- Happy, enthusiastic pupils with excellent learning behaviours
- Excellent OLOW Trust support and professional development opportunities
- An inclusive, welcoming Catholic ethos
- Supportive training
- An opportunity to shine
- Excellent resources, space and facilities
- An outdoor wildlife learning area, pond and forest school

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References will be requested prior to interview and may be contacted on receipt of your application form. Please contact us to discuss this further if you have any queries.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check will be required.

This post will come under the requirements of the Childcare (Disqualification) 2009 Regulations and the successful applicant will be required to complete a declaration form to establish whether they are disqualified under these regulations.

**Closing date:** 21/11/22

**Provisional date for interviews:** 25/11/22





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## **Job Advertisement**

### **Teaching Assistant**

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Executive Headteacher: Mrs. Clare Clark M.Ed., **LL.B** (Hons)

Head of School: Mrs Jenny McGhee Wallace

- Salary scale Level 1A, [Point 3](#)
- Permanent
- 5 days per week
- Start date: ASAP

The children, staff and Trust of St Laurence Catholic Primary are looking for an excellent Teaching Assistant to join our team. You be supporting teaching and learning in EYFS, Key Stage 1 and/or Key Stage 2, and will work with us to make learning accessible, irresistible, inclusive and effective for the children in our school. We would also request you take on wider responsibilities within the school.

#### **You will need to:**

- Have experience of working or volunteering with children
- Have high expectations of pupil outcomes and progress
- Encourage excellent behaviour and act as a role model for our pupils
- Develop good relationships with pupils, parents and colleagues
- Be flexible, collaborative and supportive by helping colleagues

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Executive Headteacher: Mrs. Clare Clark M.Ed., LL.B (Hons)

Head of School: Mrs Jenny McGhee Wallace

- Salary scale point 12-15 depending on qualifications and experience
- Permanent
- 5 days per week
- Start date: ASAP

The children, staff and Trust of St Laurence Catholic Primary are looking for an excellent Higher Level Teaching Assistant to join our team. You will have experience of supporting teaching and learning in EYFS, Key Stage 1 and/or Key Stage 2 and will work with us to make learning accessible, irresistible, inclusive and effective for the children in our school. As HLTA you will be qualified to and expected to deliver lessons in the absence of the teacher; covering PPA time and sickness in line with requirements of your job description and cover lunch duty. We would also request you take on wider responsibilities within the school.

#### **You will need to:**

- Independently plan and teach groups of learners
- Run intervention sessions
- Teach phonics and speech and language catch-up programmes
- Have high expectations of pupil outcomes and progress
- Encourage excellent behaviour and act as a role model for our pupils
- Develop good relationships with pupils, parents and colleagues
- Be flexible, collaborative and supportive by helping colleagues
- Have HLTA qualifications

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## **Job Advertisement Caretaker**

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Executive Headteacher: Mrs. Clare Clark M.Ed., [LL.B](#) (Hons)

Head of School: Mrs Jenny McGhee Wallace

- Salary FTE £18,887
- Permanent
- 5 days per week, 4 hours per day
- Start date: ASAP

St Laurence Catholic Primary School is looking to appoint an enthusiastic, skilled and dedicated person to the role of Caretaker in our happy school. This permanent, part-time post is for 20 hours per week, working from 6am to 10am each day. Hours can be flexible by agreement with the Head of School.

We are looking for somebody to join our team who can:

- Act as principal key holder for the school and be the first point of out of hours contact
- Undertake a range of repair and maintenance tasks across the school site suitable to the role of Caretaker
- Maintain a high standard of health and safety through regular checks and monitoring
- Able to work on ladders with appropriate training

You will be:

- Organised, self-motivated and have the ability to adapt to changing workload or demands
- Knowledgeable of Health & Safety regulations (training can be provided)
- Able to work a small number of days during the school holidays to be negotiated with the Head of School

In return, we can offer:

- Welcoming and helpful colleagues
- A supportive Leadership Team and Governing Body#
- A strong partnership with children, parents and the wider community
- Opportunities for professional development

If you wish to visit our school and discuss this role further, then please contact the school office via email ([office@stlaurence.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@stlaurence.cambs.sch.uk)) or telephone (01223 712227) to arrange an appointment.

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**Closing date:** 17/10/22

**Provisional date for interviews:** 20/10/22