

# St Laurence Catholic Primary School



Spring Term - Newsletter 17 - January 2023

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



**Pope Francis** ✓  
@Pontifex

If, following the example of the Apostle Paul, we desire that the grace of God in us not be in vain (cf. 1 Cor 15:10), we must be opposed to war, to violence and to injustice wherever they begin to appear.

[#UnityOfChristians](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought I'd use this platform to introduce some new members of staff to you. We have been extremely lucky to have found some very dedicated and diligent people to work at St. Laurence. Recruitment, in education, is particularly challenging but we have been fortunate, this time.

EYFS and KS1 - Mr. Cooke

KS1 and KS2 - Mrs. Ambikapathy

KS2 - Mrs. Buckley

Caretaker - Mr. Tapp

We are delighted to have them on the team.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs McGhee Wallace and the team at St. Laurence

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

### Half-Term

***Monday 13th February -  
Friday 17th February***

### Easter Break

***Monday 3rd April -  
Monday 17th April***

***PD Day 17th April***

***Pupils return to school  
on Tuesday 18th April***

**Administrative Officer**

Mrs Rokitnicka

**Administrative Assistant**

Miss Tu

**Caretaker**

Mr. Tapp



**MON 13TH - SUN 19TH FEB 2023**

**DISCOVER FREE AND LOW-COST ACTIVITIES  
FOR FAMILIES THIS HALF-TERM**



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STORYTELLING  
GLASSHOUSE ADVENTURES  
SPACE EXPLORATION  
OCEAN CREATURES  
AFTER-HOURS DISCOVERY  
FAMILY WORKSHOPS

# TWILIGHT — WITH THE — MUSEUMS



This half-term, discover loads of  
museum-based and online activities  
especially for families.

Find the full programme at:  
[museums.cam.ac.uk/theme/twilight](https://museums.cam.ac.uk/theme/twilight)

OR USE THIS  
QR CODE:





# Spotlight on ... Owls!

## Owls

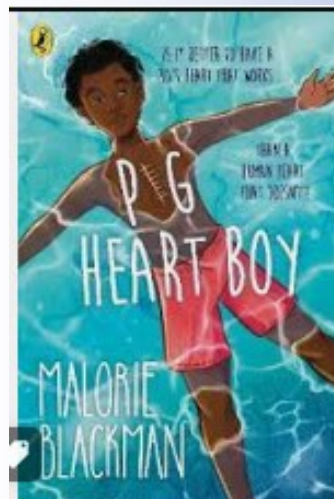
We have had a chilly but fun start of the new term in Owls class!

We are having an exciting time writing adventure stories and it has been great to see so much creativity and imagination in the class's writing. The book we are reading in class, 'Pig-Heart Boy', has also sparked some very interesting debates.

In RE, we have been learning about the Beatitudes and enjoyed reading the 'Beatitales', a series of short stories relating to each of the Beatitudes – they really helped us to understand their deeper meaning.

In the afternoons, we have been exploring North America, building electrical circuits, discovering what happened after World War 1 ended, and developing our teamwork skills through Netball – we can't wait to find out more!

Overall this term, we're focusing on working independently and contributing to class discussions and it has been great to see some great focus and discussions in Owls class.





# THE RED HEN PROJECT

## Thursday drop-in



**10:15 - 12:00**

**(term-time)**

**Arbury Community Centre  
Campkin Road, CB4 2LD**

**Join our friendly group for chat & a cuppa!**

With Maria and Vicky on hand for help and advice with

- behaviour strategies, routines
- reluctance to attend school
- confidence, self esteem, anxiety
- benefits, housing & debt issues
- bereavement, relationship breakdown

...and anything else that can, and often does, make life difficult



**For more information contact Maria  
07966 839 635 or [maria@redhenproject.org](mailto:maria@redhenproject.org)**

St Vincent de Paul Society  
(SVP)



## ***Supporting people in need this winter***

Increasing costs of living have stretched many families – if you are one of them, we can help – we can call, visit & listen, and provide practical financial support where needed.

For example, our local St Laurence's parish SVP can help families with the costs of children's shoes, provide grocery vouchers, source clothing etc

If you need help, please  
contact Ciaran Ward 07540 842 078  
or email [svp@saintlaurence.org.uk](mailto:svp@saintlaurence.org.uk)  
All enquiries will remain totally confidential.



# ONLINE SAFETY



*To learn more, click [here](#)*

# NSPCC





# Cost of Living Support Pop Up

Alongside the regular Hub Hospitality, with free hot drinks and refreshments!



All Welcome! Everyone that attends will get FREE entry into a prize draw to win a mini cooker!

**Downing Place United Reformed Church CB2 3EL**  
**Wednesday 15th February**  
**1 - 3pm**

## What support will be available?

- Bringing down your household bills
- Improving your home's energy efficiency
- Housing, health and financial advice
- Avoiding energy and cost of living related scams
- Checking you're receiving all the benefits, discounts and grants you're entitled to
- Saving money on pet care

**Citizens Advice Cambridge \* Woodgreen \* Cambridge Water**  
**Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency**  
**Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams**  
**Cambridge City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council Officers**



Cambridgeshire  
County Council



Think  
Communities

MORE INFORMATION

[www.cambridge.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support-popups](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support-popups)



# Cost of Living Support Pop Ups



Drop in to get information and advice. Helping you with the challenges you're facing this winter.  
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Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency  
PECT \* Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams  
Cambridge Water \* Cambridge City Council and Cambridgeshire  
County Council Officers**



Cambridgeshire  
County Council



**TURN OVER FOR INFORMATION ON WHERE TO FIND YOUR NEAREST EVENT**

**MORE INFORMATION**  
[www.cambridge.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support-popups](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support-popups)







**Friday 3rd February - PTA Discos - KS1 (5 p.m.)**

**- KS2 (6p.m.)**

**Wednesday 22nd February - Ash Wednesday Service (2.15 p.m.) *Parents and carers are welcome to attend.***

**Friday 3rd March - KS2 Reconciliation Service (2.15 p.m.) *Children only.***

**Friday 10th March - YR and KS1 Lenten Liturgy (2.30 p.m.) *Parents and carers are welcome to attend.***

**Friday 17th March - Y3/4 Mass (2.30 p.m.) *Parents and carers are welcome to attend.***

**Wednesday 22nd March - Y5/6 Stations of the Cross at St. Laurence Church (9 a.m.)  
*Parents and carers to drop their child at the church.***

**Wednesday 29th March - Passion Play - time tbc**

**Friday 10th February - Parent Curriculum Meeting (2 p.m.)**

**Tuesday 21st March - Parent Consultation Evening (early)**

**Wednesday 22nd March - Parent Consultation Evening (late)**

**Friday 31st March - Parent Curriculum Meeting (2 p.m.)**





# Teacher Required



**Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School,  
Sporle Road, Swaffham, Norfolk. PE37 7HL**

We are looking for an exceptional classroom practitioner with experience of working in either Key Stage One or Key Stage Two. The successful candidate should have the ability to promote and achieve high levels of pupil engagement, wellbeing and attainment. They should be able to demonstrate a proven track record of making a positive impact within school.

We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic and passionate teachers, to join our hard working and supportive team. Sacred Heart is a school where love, faith and hope are central to our mission, combining a Catholic ethos with an environment that focuses on the development of the whole child. This is an exciting time to join our school team for many reasons. The school is currently developing a new curriculum, focussed around a research-based teaching and learning pedagogical model. We are also preparing for a new future in a brand-new school building within the next couple of years. Please click on this [link](#) to find out more about our school.

## **We offer:**

- *An inclusive and caring ethos*
- *Enthusiastic, well-motivated and inquisitive children*
- *Welcoming and supportive staff*
- *Opportunities for professional development*
- *A supportive Governing Body*
- *A caring school community*
- *For an outstanding candidate, we are able to offer a recruitment and retention incentive.*

**Any questions relating to the post should be emailed to  
[admin@sacredheartcps.uk](mailto:admin@sacredheartcps.uk)**

**We warmly encourage prospective candidates to visit the school. Please contact  
the Headteacher, Simon Blain by telephoning the school: 01760 721 330**

## **How to apply:**

To download an application form, please visit our school website for the application form and associated documentation (<https://www.shcprimary.co.uk/vacancies/>).

Completed forms should either be returned via email to – [admin@sacredheartcps.uk](mailto:admin@sacredheartcps.uk) or by post to the school address. Please contact the school if you have any queries.

**Closing date\*:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 10am

**Interview date\*:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

*\*We reserve the right to interview and appoint for this position prior to the closing date for exceptional candidates*

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding pupils. Any offer of employment will be subject to satisfactory references, health check and Enhanced DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) and proof of right to work in the UK. The successful applicant will also be required to complete a declaration form to establish whether they are disqualified under these regulations. We are an equal opportunities employer.