



St Laurence Catholic Primary School



Spring Term - Newsletter 18 - February 2023

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



Pope Francis ✓
@Pontifex

We have been called to offer our lives for our brothers and sisters, and to bring them Jesus, the One who alone heals the wounds of every heart.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely it is to have those slightly longer and brighter days! Spring is most definitely on its way.

Next week, there's a lot going on in school. We will have Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week. Miss Corcoran and Miss Peck are busily preparing activities for the children to take part in.

Also, as it is the last week of the half-term, we are holding another Parent Partnership Meeting where you can learn about what's happening in school and how you can be more involved in your child's education.

The meeting begins on Friday at 2 p.m. and at 2.45 p.m. you will have the opportunity to visit your child's class, for 10 minutes. This will allow your child to share some of their work with you. After that, you are very welcome to join us in the Hall, again, for our weekly Celebration Assembly. We hope to see you there!

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

OR USE THIS
QR CODE:



Spotlight on ... Magpies!



Magpies

We have had a fantastic week in Magpies class!

We have had a lot of fun learning about the features of an explanation text including sub-headings, headings and learning about the passive voice.

In Maths, the Year 6 children have been learning about units of measurement including grams, kilograms, centimetres and metres, for example. We have also started our new unit of work on ratio!

The Year 5 children have been very busy completing their assessments, this week, so very well done to all of them!

In Geography we have started researching a major city of our choice, in North America, focusing on a famous landmark, the population of the city and also how changes in population can affect issues like schooling and hospitals.

In History, we have been learning about a significant event in the Nazi's control of Germany called Kristallnacht (The Night of Broken Glass).



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**



Primary school governors play an important role in supporting our schools to give children the best possible start to their education. The work of school governors often goes on 'behind the scenes' and has a strategic focus, supporting school leaders with the big decisions that have a long-term effect on children's education and providing challenge which helps school leaders to understand the school's next steps.

Governors as a group aim to be representative of their local community, so schools need volunteers from different backgrounds and of different ages and to reflect the diversity of the school community. Foundation Governors need to be practising Catholics, while parent governors are drawn from within the parent body and do not need to be of any faith. There is plenty of training on offer to help someone new to the role.



If you are interested in volunteering to support children's education by becoming a school governor at St Laurence School in Cambridge, please email the school office on office@stlaurence.cambs.sch.uk

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
All enquiries will remain totally confidential.

ONLINE SAFETY



Help keep your family safer online

With Family Link, you decide what's best for your family. Easy to use tools allow you to understand how your child is spending time on their device, share location, manage privacy settings, and more.*

To learn more, click [here](#)



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



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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**Citizens Advice Cambridge * Healthy You * Woodgreen
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





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

- KS2 (6.15 p.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.)