



# St Laurence Catholic Primary School



Spring Term - Newsletter 20 - February 2023

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

**Attendance Goal - 96% Last week's attendance - 95.3%**



**Pope Francis** ✓  
@Pontifex

#Lent is the "favourable time" to return to what is essential, to divest ourselves of all that weighs us down, to be reconciled with God, and to rekindle the fire of the Holy Spirit hidden beneath the ashes of our frail humanity.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our spring term!

The start of this half-term has coincided with the start of the Lenten season.

We had our traditional pancake races on Shrove Tuesday (photos inside) and our Ash Wednesday Mass the next day. As ever, the singing and prayerfulness was very inspiring. And it was wonderful to see some many members of our extended school community there also - parents, grandparents, governors and others. You are all extremely welcome!

Update The Parent/Carer Partnership Agreement has been approved by our governors.

Have a lovely 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

### 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



# Spring & Summer

## at Anglesey Abbey



### World Book Day

4 & 5 March

Free child entry and free childrens lunch boxes from Redwoods restaurant for every child who is dressed up, brings their favourite book, or can tell a member of the team their favourite book. There will be storytelling, a creative writing competition and a mad hatters tea party in Redwoods.

For the full terms and conditions see our website.



### Easter adventures at Anglesey Abbey



1-16 April

Join the egg-citement this Easter and head on an adventure inspired by the magic of books. Don't forget your chocolate egg reward!

**Pre-booking essential**  
**£3 per trail**

Come and enjoy a summer of play at Anglesey Abbey. To find out all the latest information and what's on visit our website.



[nationaltrust.org.uk/Anglesey-Abbey](https://nationaltrust.org.uk/Anglesey-Abbey)

# Spotlight on ... Mini Vinnies!

The Mini Vinnies have been busy this term applying their Faith in Action goals.

We were given a donation of winter packs which we have delivered to “It takes a City” to support their work caring for homeless people during the cold weather.





On Tuesday the Mini Vinnies organised the annual fund-raising Pancake Race to mark the start of Lent. The donations will be sent to the St Vincent de Paul society to support families in need. The Mini Vinnies did a great job organising the races and great fun was had by all!



# STORYTELLING MAGIC

**HOME  
START**  
Cambridgeshire

*With award winning children's author Pippa Goodhart*



**FREE EVENT**

*Please join us for a Stay and Play session with  
storytelling and activities with snacks provided*

**Papworth Village Hall, CB23 3RD**

**Thursday 2nd March 2023**

**11.00am - 1.00pm**





# What is Lent?



Lent is the solemn Christian religious observance in the liturgical year commemorating the 40 days Jesus Christ spent fasting in the desert and enduring temptation by Satan, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a **period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.**

During Lent, we **seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting.** We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.

## Rules

On Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent: **Everyone of age 14 and up must abstain from consuming meat.** On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Everyone of age 18 to 59 must fast, unless exempt due to usually a medical reason.

# 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  
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# OPEN MORNING INVITATION

## SATURDAY 4 MARCH 2023

### Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form Entry

We warmly invite the families of your current Year 5 pupils, who are considering secondary education in September 2024 to our Open Morning on Saturday 4 March 2023.

Christ's Hospital was established 470 years ago as a charitable boarding school and is proud to maintain its founding principles and ethos. It offers an independent boarding education of the strongest quality to children with academic potential, from all backgrounds in a caring and supportive environment.

Our means-tested bursaries are granted to 630 of our 900 pupils; 11% of those receive a free place with 35% paying less than 10% of the full boarding fee.

To book a place for the Open Morning and for more information please email: [hello@christs-hospital.org.uk](mailto:hello@christs-hospital.org.uk)



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

*Friday 3rd March - World Book Day*

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.***

Tuesday 21st March - Parent Consultation Evening (early)

Wednesday 22nd March - Parent Consultation Evening (late)

Wednesday 29th March - Passion Play - time tbc

Thursday 30th March - Parent Curriculum Meeting - 6.30 p.m.

***(moved to a remote session)***