



# St Laurence Catholic Primary School



Spring Term - Newsletter 22 - March 2023

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

**Attendance Goal - 96% Last week's attendance - 93.9%**



**Pope Francis** ✓  
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In **#Lent**, may we be increasingly concerned with speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring is most definitely in the air! The sunshine, over the last couple of days, has been most welcome.

We've got one week of this term left and it will be a busy one with Lenten activities and the Passion Play, from Y4.

Do take the time to read through this week's newsletter with a submission from Quails class and our team of Mini Vinnies.

In other news, Mrs Peloe, HLTA in Lower Key Stage 2, is leaving us at Easter for a new career adventure, we will of course miss her, but wish her well.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs McGhee Wallace and the team at St. Laurence

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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



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## 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

# 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.

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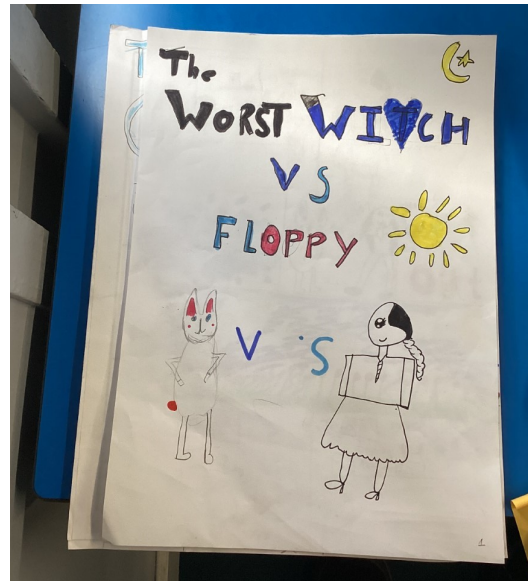
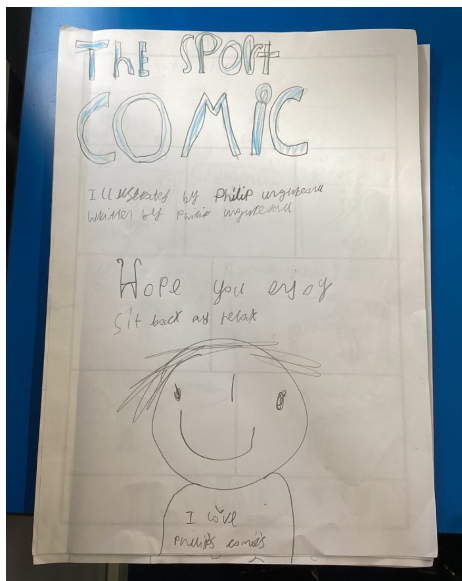
# **Spotlight on ... Quails!**

Over the last two weeks, the Quails have had World Book Day, which saw some very colourful characters such as Dog man. As part of World Book Day the pupils in Quails were given the chance to create a comic book. The comics will be judged next Thursday. The pupils have loved this task and it has encouraged some children to widen their reading choices.

Last week, we had Science Week. The children dressed up as scientists such as serpentologists and Covid scientists. As part of Science Week, we had a challenge session of building a bridge with paper, Lego and cubes that had to stand the weight of a book. It was great to see the leadership skills and the children working together. At the end of the week we had a Silly Science session, which the pupils loved, that involved leaf blowers, balls, fire and darts.

During R.E., the pupils wrote their Lenten promises and the Year 4's are busy preparing for the Passion Play and they have been very respectful. I am looking forward to watching them perform.





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”

“

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Karen, Proud Parent

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### Mini Vinnie News

The Mini Vinnies have been busy this term applying their "Faith in Action" pledge

We were given a donation of winter packs, which included hats, gloves, space blankets, socks and toiletries which we have delivered to "It takes a City" to support their work caring for homeless people during the cold weather.



This week the Mini Vinnies organised the annual fund-raising Pancake Race at St Laurence. The race traditionally marks the start of Lent. The donations collected 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 were supported by Mrs Harvey and Mrs Quail, the Young Vincentian co-ordinator for East Anglia. Great fun was had by all and most importantly money raised for a good cause.



The children also took the opportunity before Mother's Day to plant up some pots and sell them at home time to raise money for their chosen charities. The children are growing in confidence at seeing opportunities to raise money and put their faith into action. They are looking forward to joining the residents of Buchan House later this week for an Easter Egg hunt and to hand over the Easter Cards they have made.



# Attendance Matters



## Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



### Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

**Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance**

Next week, all of the children with attendance of 96% (our target attendance) or more will be entered into a draw.

The child who is picked will receive a book token in recognition of their good attendance and their family will receive a voucher for a local supermarket.

*Good luck!*



# 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



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**Wednesday 29th March - Passion Play - 2 p.m.**

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

**(moved to a remote session)**