



# St Laurence Catholic Primary School



Spring Term - Newsletter 24 - April 2023

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

**Attendance Goal - 96% Last week's attendance - ↓ 90.9%**



**Pope Francis** ✓  
@Pontifex

Faith was passed down from generation to generation through life, through witnesses who brought the flame of the Gospel, the joy of the saving love of Jesus, and the hope of his promise. Faith grows through witness.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term at St. Laurence!

The term is under way and already, we are exceptionally busy. Last week, we had a visit from Daniel Zeichner, our local MP. He joined us for assembly and one child, from each class, asked him an exceptionally probing question. He was asked about the congestion charge, the cost of food and climate change amongst other things. He was impressed!

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** Mrs Groves/Mrs Harvey

**Quails** Miss Ward

**Swallows** Miss Corcoran

**Magpies** Mr Fitt

**Owls** Miss Beringer

**Kestrels** Mr Jiggins



***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

### May Half-term

**Monday 29th May -  
Friday 2nd June**

**PD Day Monday 5th June**

**School closes for the  
summer**

**Wednesday 19th July**

**Administrative Officer**

Mrs Rokitnicka

**Administrative Assistant**

Miss Tu

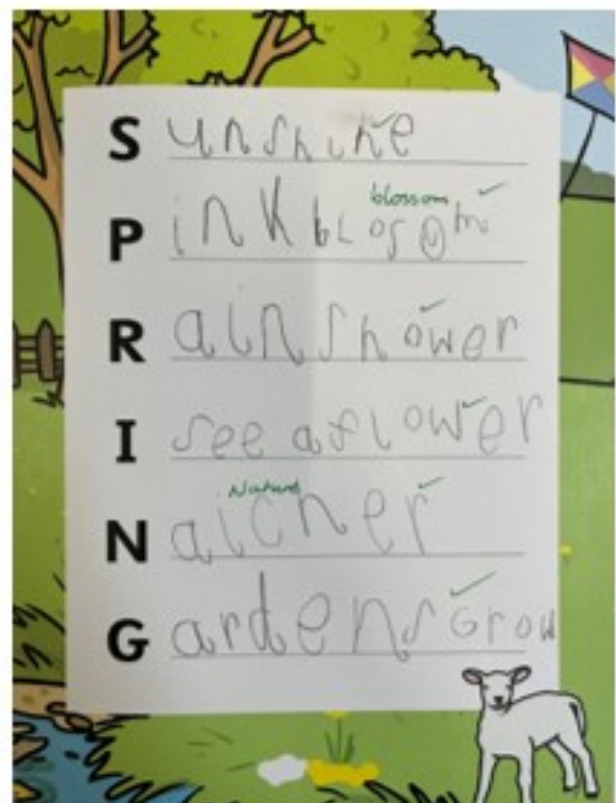
**Caretaker**

Mr. Tapp

# Spotlight on ... Wrens!

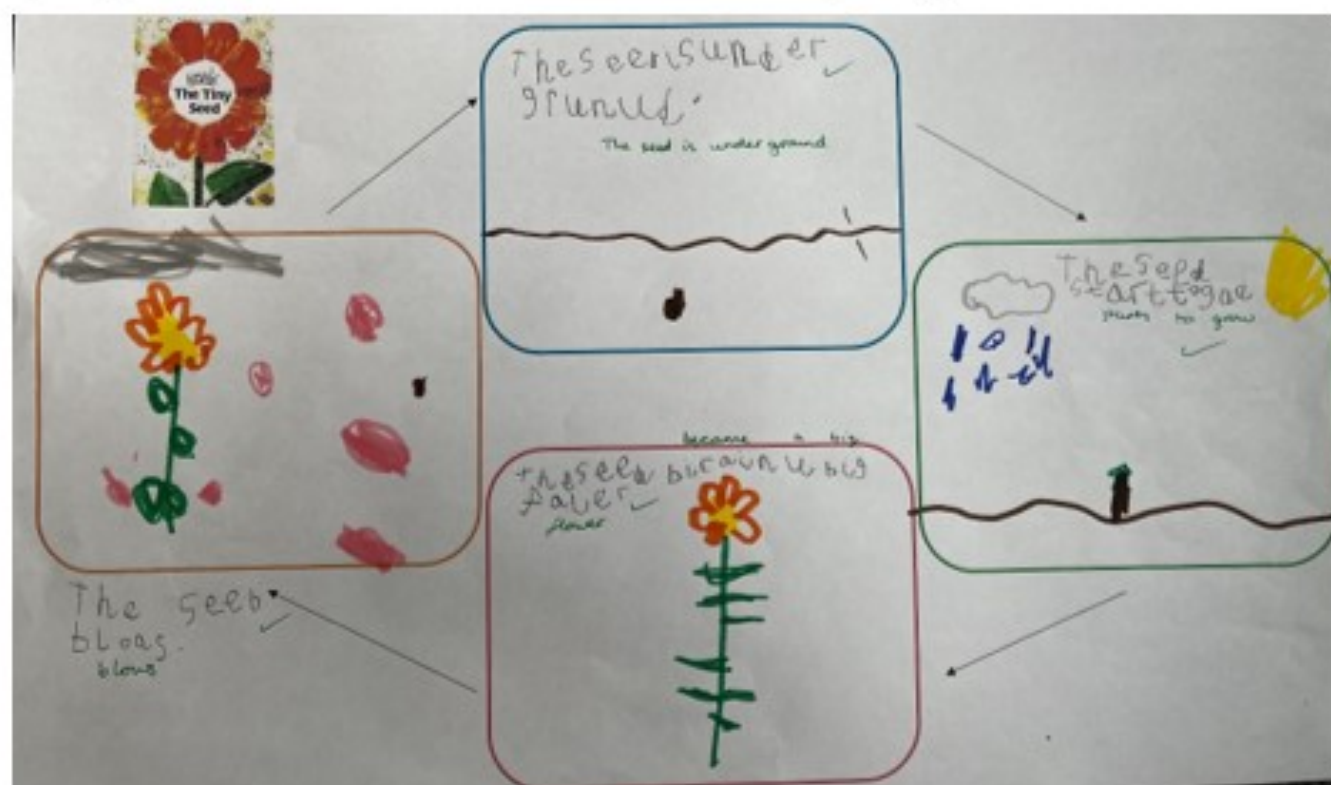
## Growing and Changing in Wrens Class!

The children in Wrens Class have been learning about things that grow and change. They have particularly enjoyed learning about seasonal change as we enter spring. We have been able to spend more time outside, playing in the forest as well as our outside classroom and spotting the signs of spring. The children completed tree paintings of the four seasons and wrote spring acrostic poems.





The children also took on the challenge of planting and growing their own sunflower seed. Each day, they were excited to see the little shoots emerge and they understand that plants need water and light to grow. We will continue to observe our sunflowers and hopefully plant them outside soon.



The children enjoyed learning that we can grow food to eat! We spent time looking at different fruits and vegetables and then we made our own fruit salad using fruits that the children had brought in from home. It was lovely having something special for our healthy snack at break time!





**We are learning that we can grow food to eat.**



**Growing and Changing**



**We made a fruit salad. We cut up the fruits and mixed them together in the bowl.**



**PIC•COLLAGE**

Finally, Wrens Class were very excited to receive a visit from the Easter Bunny on the last day of term. They had carefully made Easter baskets which were soon filled up with eggs. After being so fantastic all term, they had definitely earned a treat.







You may have seen a new face around school. If you have, then I'm delighted to introduce Mr. Nickson.

Mr. Nickson is a music graduate who is on a journey to becoming a primary school teacher. He has joined us as an HLTA and will be working across the school but mainly in Kingfishers and Swallows in this term.

I'm sure you'll give him a warm welcome if you see him around.

# 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**

Congratulations to our lucky prize winner for winning the first Attendance Prize!

We hope that you enjoy your book token and that your family enjoy their Tesco voucher.

# 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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# ONLINE SAFETY



Is my child safe online?  
Parents' questions answered



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





201/05/23 – Bank Holiday

05/05/23 – Coronation Picnic on the Grass (children only) at 1.30 p.m.

08/05/23 – Bank Holiday

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs

18/05/23 – Ascension Thursday Mass at 2.30 p.m.

15/06/23 – Mass for First Communicants (Y3/4) at 2 p.m.

w/b 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term

06/06/23 – Y6 Pilgrimage to Walsingham

19/06/23 – Class Photos

20/06/23 – Sports Day at 9.30 a.m.

21/06/23 – New YR intake Story Time at 3.45 p.m.

w/b 26<sup>th</sup> June – Arts Week

29/06/23 – Whole School Art Show at 3.45 p.m. (2 hours)

29/06/23 – Feast of Peter and Paul at 2.30 p.m.

05/07/23 – Dress Rehearsal at 10 a.m.

- Y6 play performance at 2 p.m.

06/07/23 – Y6 to Safety Zone at Orchard Park a.m.

06/07/23 – Stay and Play plus New Parent Meeting at 1.30 p.m.

07/07/23 – Y6 Leavers' Mass at 2.30 p.m.

12/07/23 – YR and KS1 Liturgy at 2.30 p.m.

12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Residential at Hautbois

14/07/23 – Reports out to Parents

17/07/23 – Meet the Teacher at 3.30 p.m., 3.45 p.m. and 4 p.m., in classrooms

19/07/23 – End of Term Mass at 1 p.m.