



St Laurence Catholic Primary School



Spring Term - Newsletter 25 - May 2023

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

Attendance Goal - 96% Last week's attendance - \uparrow 94.9%



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

The Risen Christ is our future. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the starting point and the ultimate goal of the history of humanity. As much as it is marked by fragility, our life has been solidly placed in His hands. [#GeneralAudience](#)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our Y6 pupils have been working particularly hard, in preparation for their SATs, next week. They will be undertaking tests in Reading, Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar and Maths.

Because they will be using the school hall as their test place, the other class timetables may change slightly. Break may be a little later and the children may have to walk around the outside of the building instead of through the hall but they will always be supervised by an adult.

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

A vibrant illustration of Italian cuisine. It features a whole pizza with olives and mushrooms, a slice of pizza with mushrooms, a bowl of spaghetti with meat sauce, a bowl of bread crumbs, a slice of cheese, and a slice of bread. A rainbow-colored ice cream cone is also present. The background is green with the word 'Dinner' written in large, stylized letters.

Choose from

(G) (W) (E) (MK) (SO) (SU)

(G) (W) (MK)

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Fruit Iced Lolly

Allergen key: (E) Egg, (G) Gluten, (MK) Milk, (SE) Sesame, (SO) Soya, (SU) Sulphites, (W) Wheat

Allergen Information

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Spotlight on ... Skylarks!

This week in Skylarks

We have had a busy but lovely week in Skylarks! In English, we have carried on looking at “There’s a Rang-Tan in my bedroom” by James Sellick, which the children have connected brilliantly to our previous topic about looking after our planet. We have also begun planning our informal letters to tell our friends and family about the issues with palm oil.



In maths, the children made an excellent start to our new topic on multiplication. They worked very hard on making equal groups and finding related facts.



In our R.E, this week we have focused on the resurrection. I was very impressed by their acting skills when they role-played as the women and the disciples in the garden.



It has been another fantastic week! The Skylarks loved the our visitors who taught us about percussion music this week, and sang beautifully in assembly.

Our visit to the forest school was great fun, especially when we were lucky enough to have Mrs Quail and her gardeners show us some newts from the school pond. The Skylarks have shown that they are ready, respectful and safe consistently, as well as being thoughtful and helpful.



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SCHOOLS

May 2023

Welcome to May's newsletter. We hope you all had a very happy and safe Easter break and that you have some fun and exciting plans ahead for the Coronation.

As usual this newsletter has been designed to support and advise Parents and Carers of **both** Primary and Secondary school children, and therefore trust your personal judgement to share what you feel will be **relevant** information with your child/s.

Operation Sceptre: Knife Crime awareness week of action



Operation Sceptre (#operationsceptre) is a National Campaign to target knife related crime by raising awareness amongst communities and to encourage *everyone* to understand the risks and how you can help to reduce these offences and keep people safe.

During the Week of Action, which starts **w/c Monday 15th to Sunday 21st May 2023** or over coming weeks, your child may receive a presentation in school which highlights the risks and consequences and how they can keep themselves and others safe by reporting any concerns. There will also be advice, updates and key messages posted via the Cambridgeshire Constabulary Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. A key message that Cambridgeshire Constabulary will focus upon is to raise awareness on **Joint Enterprise**.

Joint Enterprise is a UK LAW that allows more than one person to be charged and convicted of a crime, irrespective of who committed it. What this means is that an individual will be considered as a guilty party of a crime that another person committed where there is sufficient evidence to prove that they were working together or that they had awareness that a crime was intended to occur.

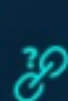
Examples of how you could be found guilty of a violent criminal offence under Joint Enterprise are as follows:

- If you were part of a group and someone in that group harms someone with a knife or other weapon.
- If you were supporting the attacker's actions by verbal and/or physical encouragement.
- If you knew that the person who made the attack was going to start violence but you did nothing to prevent it (such as inform the police/school staff/other authorities).

Further guidance for parents and carers in relation to knife harm can be found by downloading this link from The Ben Kinsella Trust benkinsella.org.uk/resources-for-parents/

If you know someone is carrying a knife you can report this anonymously by following this link: [how-to-report-a-crime/](#)

Top Tips for Being Cyber Resilient



Do not click any suspicious links – this includes any from accounts you may know or recognise.



Remember to back up and update your device often.



Don't enter or give your personal information, account details or card details on login sites you are sent to via links.



Always ignore accounts representing companies, organisations or public figures who are not verified.



Report scams to the appropriate authorities.



Regularly scan your devices for viruses or malware.



Pay attention to misspellings or grammatical errors in official messages/emails – this is usually an indicator.



Never send money to anyone in order to 'receive a gift, prize or winnings'.



Create a strong password and review it regularly.



If you aren't sure or don't know the sender, don't reply.



Call: 101
Telephone: 18001 101
Visit: cambs.police.uk
Follow: CambsCops
Subscribe: eCops.org.uk

#SaferCambs



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Nitrous Oxide Canisters: Parent and Carers awareness

We have recently covered this subject in a previous newsletter, however, sadly there is a need to highlight this issue again.

Nationally, Police forces are receiving increasing reports of the harmful effects caused from Nitrous Oxide misuse. In addition to the widely reported risks of accidents while under the influence of this gas, there are increasing hospital reports of young people with serious nerve damage that may be lasting.

Other risks include: Slowing of body and brain response, headaches and dizziness.

Nitrous Oxide is a colourless gas that is commonly found in pressurised metal cannisters and is usually inhaled using a balloon. It is often referred to as laughing gas, balloons, smart whips or NOS.

It is more dangerous inhaling directly from the canister as too much NOS can make you feel faint, lose consciousness or suffocate. It can cause spasm of the throat muscle and stop a person from breathing.

There is more information for young people and their families and carers at www.talktofrank.com.

The link below provides more information and advice: [N20-briefing-for-professionals-v1.0-DrugWatch-version.pdf](https://www.michaellinnell.org.uk/N20-briefing-for-professionals-v1.0-DrugWatch-version.pdf) (michaellinnell.org.uk)

For local advice, information and support around Nitrous oxide misuse please contact the local commissioned treatment services:-

Cambridgeshire Young People's Drug/alcohol Service- CASUS 01480 445316 [Service detail](#) | [CPFT NHS Trust](#)

Cambridgeshire Adult Drug and Alcohol Service- Change Grow Live (CGL) 0300 5550101

www.changegrowlive.org/drug-alcohol-service-cambridgeshire

Peterborough Drug and Alcohol Service (All Age)- Change Grow Live (CGL ASPIRE) 01733 895624

www.changegrowlive.org/aspire-recovery-peterborough

If you have concerns that someone may have inhaled these, please contact **111 for medical advice or 999 in an emergency**



ECOPS –Local Policing Neighbourhood Alerts

This year, Cambridgeshire Constabulary are celebrating the 20-year anniversary of eCops.

eCops began back in 2003 when an East Chesterton Sergeant wanted a way to keep local residents informed and up to date with what police were doing in their area. It started as a simple email to all East Chesterton residents and has developed and grown over the past 20 years to an advanced system used by around 19,000 people across the county.

It is free and easy to sign up, and subscribers can register according to their location and interests, reducing information overload and ensuring that they receive targeted alerts that are focused and relevant to them. Messages can include crime news, information about crime happening locally, crime prevention advice, details about local incidents and appeals for help in reducing crime in the county. Members can also reply to alerts, providing a quick and easy two-way communication between yourself and your local officers. You can tell us about your concerns to help us police your neighbourhoods effectively.

As a parent / carer to a young person in Cambridgeshire, we recommend that everyone subscribes to eCops to be more aware of crime happening in your area, therefore being in a better position to protect yourself and your family against crime.

Sign up in seconds at www.ecops.org.uk



Kids Safety Net Workshop : Free online workshop for Parents and Carers

We have recently introduced our readers to the NSPCC KIDS SAFETY NET campaign which is a multi-agency campaign for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough supporting parents and carers to help keep children safe in their online world.

Partners have come together for a six-month campaign with the aim of supporting parents and carers to enable you to feel confident in talking about online safety to your children and young people.

Here is a reminder of further dates that are available:

Wednesday 03rd May 7pm to 8pm

Thursday 11th May 4pm to 5pm



For further information or to book your place on this event please follow this link: [Kids Safety Net Workshop Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Call: 101
Telephone: 18001 101
Visit: cambs.police.uk
Follow: CambsCops
Subscribe: ecops.org.uk

We would love to hear your feedback & comments.

You can contact the team via our email

SchooolsandCYP@cambs.police.uk

#SaferCambs



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Attendance Matters



Late Arrivals to School

It is extremely important that students arrive on time each day so as not to miss organisation for the day and vital literacy/numeracy learning. We have a number of students consistently late each day and this is impacting on not only their learning but that of others. It would also be appreciated if any appointments for children could be made outside of school times where possible. We value learning time and want to make the most of all the time we have. A table outlining the impact of missed learning has been included below for your information.

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

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

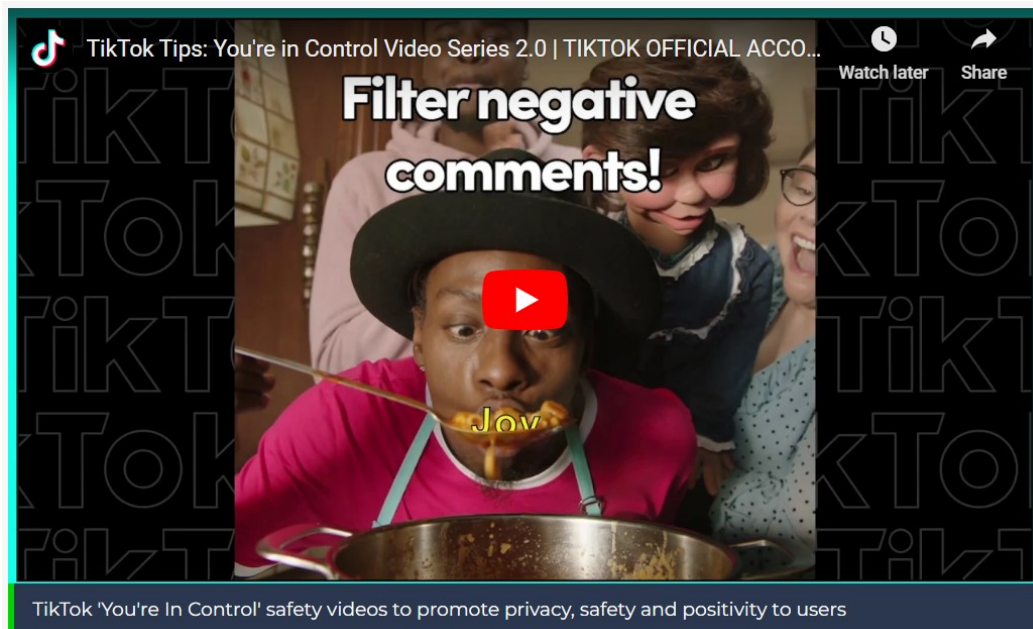


**For more information contact Maria
07966 839 635 or maria@redhenproject.org**

ONLINE SAFETY



TikTok app safety – What parents need to know



To learn more, click [here](#)





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

08/05/23 – Bank Holiday

9th – 12th 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 29th 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 26th 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.

12th – 14th 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.