

# St Laurence Catholic Primary School



Spring Term - Newsletter 30 - June 2023

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

**Attendance Goal - 96% Last week's attendance - ↓ 94.8%**



**Pope Francis** ✓  
@Pontifex

One of the things that draws art closer to faith is the fact that both tend to be troubling. Neither art nor faith can leave things simply as they are: they change, transform, move and convert them.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is Arts Week, at St. Laurence. Each class will create two different pieces of work on a chosen artist. As well as that, we have all of this:

On Monday and Tuesday, we will be hosting two different artists - the first artist specialises in felting and the second, silk painting. All classes will get to work with one of our visiting artists.

On Wednesday, Travel by Tuba (a musical duo) will be in school and hosting workshops for all of our children.

On Thursday, we have a day of cheerleading workshops and in the evening, from 3.45 p.m., we have a gallery event. Parents, carers and families can visit each classroom to see the work that our children have produced.

Have a fabulous 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** 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

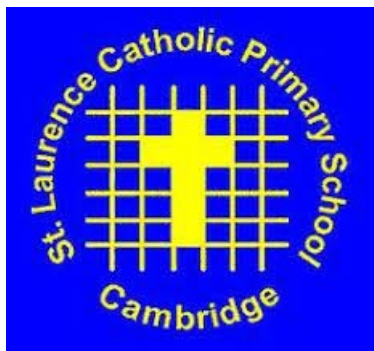
***School closes for the summer***  
***Wednesday 19th July***

**Administrative Officer**  
Mrs Rokitnicka

**Administrative Assistant**  
Miss Tu

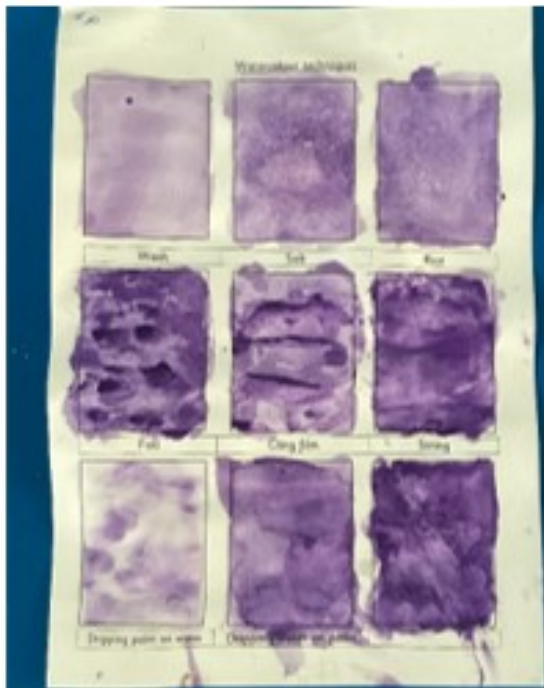
**Caretaker**  
Mr. Tapp

# **Spotlight on ... Art Club!**



## Art Club this week

In Art Club, this week, we investigated different techniques for using watercolour paint and looked at what we could use to produce different effects on the page. The children had a great time trying tin foil, salt, rice and other methods and were very impressed by their outcomes. After making our sample pages, we used our findings to create some very impressive "abstract" pictures and combined several techniques. Great job, everyone!



# 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**

Well done to our amazing attendee from Wrens class whose name was drawn from the attendance raffle!

They won a book token and their family received a voucher for a local supermarket.

***Keep up the good work, everyone, our persistent absence levels are falling.***



# Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

## What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

*Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?*

*That's when every minute counts the most!!*

**SCHOOL starts at 8.55 a.m.**

**Every MINUTE Counts**

*Every Child Matters, Everyday*

Ask us about help with getting your children to school everyday!!!

# **Spotlight on ... Owls!**



### Owls Newsletter June 2023

It has been a busy Summer 2 so far for Upper Key Stage 2! Owls class have been up to lots of exciting things in and out of the classroom.

First of all, we have started a new book in Guided Reading called 'Dare to be You', all about friendships and some of the pressures children might feel particularly in secondary school. This has really helped the Year 6s in particular to think about their transition to secondary school. For our English lessons, the whole class have been able to think about how to use formal language as they have been writing discursive speeches. In Maths, the Year 5s have been plotting coordinates and the Year 6s have been looking at pie charts! In the afternoons, we have been looking at Globalisation, Cold War and the Theory of Evolution. We're very proud of the work we have been able to produce!

Although Sport's Day was postponed, that hasn't stopped Owls from getting active! Lots of children have been walking, cycling or scooting to school this week for the Walk to School week organized by the JTAs and many Owls have earned their stickers every morning for doing so! The Year 6s have also been braving the waters at King's Hedges Learner Pool as they have been going for their swimming lessons.

Whilst the Year 6s have been swimming, Year 5s have been looking at their Growth Mindset and particularly looking at people who are 'Famous Failures', including Walt Disney, Steve Jobs and Serena Williams – these are all very successful people but their road to success was not always a smooth one! They have been very inspired by these people and have learned that anything is possible if they put their mind to it!

Another exciting event – the Year 6 end of year performance! Rehearsals are well underway for the Year 6 Show and they are singing with gusto and making good headway with learning their lines – well done Year 6s!

In Owls Class, we are excited for all the fun activities and events organized for the end of the school year and we are making the most of the nice weather whilst we can!





# 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



## Keeping under fives safe online

Online safety advice for parents and carers  
with young children

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





w/b 26<sup>th</sup> June – Arts Week

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

04/07/23 - Sports Day a.m.

05/07/23 - potential strike day

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 - potential strike day

11/07/23 - Planetarium visit to school

Y6 Play at 5.30 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

18/07/23 - Transition morning for YR - Y5

19/07/23 – End of Term/Y6 Leavers Mass at 2 p.m. in St. Laurence Church