



St Laurence Catholic Primary School



Spring Term - Newsletter 31 - July 2023

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

Attendance Goal - 96% Attendance for the year - 94.8%



Pope Francis ✓
@Pontifex

Let us imagine a seed: it is tiny, barely visible, but it makes plants grow that bear fruit. The Word of God is thus: think of the Gospel, a small book, simple and within reach of all, that produces new life in those who receive it. [#GospelOfToday](#) (Mt 13:1-23).

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Amazingly, here we are, at the end of another school year. It only seems like yesterday that I stepped through the front doors, for my first day at St. Laurence.

A huge thank you goes out to the pupils and families who have made me feel so welcome and who have continued to show our school their support. I have, thoroughly, enjoyed my first year as Head of School.

A big well done to all of our pupils for their hard work and efforts, throughout the year. We're very proud of your achievements.

Have the most amazing summer!

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

School reopens,
for pupils,
on Tuesday
5th September
2023

Administrative Officer

Mrs Rokitnicka

Administrative Assistant

Miss Tu

Caretaker

Mr. Tapp

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Spotlight

on ...

**Miss Peck, Mr. Fitt,
Miss Beringer and
Mr. Jiggins**

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**THANK
YOU**

A pink speech bubble with a white outline and a tail pointing towards the bottom right.

GOODBYE

Miss Peck

Miss Peck has been at St. Laurence since 2020. In that time, she has worked across various classes in KS1 and KS2.

Miss Peck has been the PSHE Lead, in St. Laurence, and has worked with staff to help children develop their understanding of themselves and the world.

She is off on a new teaching adventure and we wish her the very best of luck.

Mr. Fitt

Mr. Fitt has been with us for 6 years. In that time, he has taught classes across KS2.

As P.E. and Raising Standards Lead, he has done a marvellous job in supporting our children, here at St. Laurence. Mr. Fitt has ensured that the children have had access to lots of extra curricular activities at lunchtimes too.

Mr. Fitt is embarking on a very exciting journey to teach abroad and we wish him well.

Miss Beringer

Miss Beringer has been at St. Laurence for the last two years. In her first year, she was a trainee teacher and this year, she has been an Early Career Teacher, in Y5/6 Owls class.

Miss Beringer has led the JTA (Junior Travel Ambassadors) group, this year, and they have led some tremendous campaigns.

Miss Beringer is moving to a different part of the country, to be with her family, and we wish her well.

Mr Jiggins

Mr Jiggins has been at St. Laurence since 2018. He has worked across a range of classes in KS2.

Mr Jiggins has also been excellent in his role as Humanities Lead, developing the Geography and History curriculums for our children.

He is off on a new teaching adventure and we wish him the very best of luck in his new role.

Mrs Hamaia

Mrs Hamaia has been at St. Laurence, as a Teaching Assistant, since 2018. She has worked across a range of classes in KS2.

Mrs Hamaia has also been instrumental in supporting our children, in their learning, particularly towards their SATs.

She is off, now, for a new challenge in education and we wish her the very best of luck in her new role.

Bon chance!



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!!!

Changes for next year...

P.E.

- ♦ YR should bring their P.E. kit into school, at the start of each half-term. It will remain in school and be sent home, for washing, at the end of each half-term.
- ♦ Y1 - Y6 should come to school in their P.E. uniform, on P.E. days.

Reminders

Bags, bottles and beyond!

- ♦ YR - Y2 should only bring a book bag to transport their reading books in.
- ♦ Y3 - Y6 should not bring a bag into school. We provide pencil cases full of the resources they require. There is nothing else that they need.
- ♦ Water bottles should only contain plain water - anything else will be kept until home time. We will provide an alternative.
- ♦ YR - Y2 have a healthy snack provided for them.
- ♦ Y3 - Y6 should only bring fruit or vegetables for their morning snack. We are a healthy school.

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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