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St Laurence Catholic Primary School



Summer 1 Newsletter - May 2025

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

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life and your goodness is our constant companion.
Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit, the peace of your presence and the compassion of Christ.
May he walk with you, in wisdom and humility, and lead us, together with all God's people, to embody your love for the world.
Amen.



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term! It has been such a joy to look through all the enclosed class pages and recall all the wonderful learning opportunities the children have enjoyed this half term. I was particularly pleased to share in the whole school celebration of the importance of remembering VE day.

Today has brought more celebration as we culminate our week of dedications to Our Lady with a coffee morning for families and a liturgy this afternoon. Thank you to those of you who came this morning and to all of you who have given up your time this term to help on school trips, in class activities and to join with us for other celebrations. We are a very special community and deeply value the relationship we have with our families as well as our parish.

This has been my first term as Head of School, I have enjoyed meeting and greeting you all in the mornings. Please do come and talk to me, we are always welcome to ideas, offers of help as well as wanting to support all our families with any issues that may arise throughout the school term.

I would like to say a very big well done to all our Year 6 children who were absolutely fantastic throughout the whole of SATS week, I know that they are now looking forward to a wealth of activities that they will share over their last term in school. They have all pitched their ideas to me about the clubs that they would like to run after half term as well as sharing their ideas with both KS1 and lower KS2 in assemblies this week. At the time we had some visitors in school from other local schools who were extremely impressed with our Year 6 children's ideas and excellent presentations.

Please make a note of the term dates for the rest of this year and in particular that school is CLOSED on Monday 2nd June. I wish you all a wonderful half term and hope that the weather forecast improves, especially as I'm camping for a few days in Yorkshire!

God bless and best wishes.

Mrs Chalklin and the St. Laurence Team

Committed to the words of Christ and the Gospel Values.



Executive Head

Mrs McGhee Wallace

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Mrs Chalklin

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Our Classes

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Skylarks Miss Gomez

Kingfishers Miss Tanvir

Swallows Miss Ward

Doves Mrs Groves

Magpies Mrs Prokop

Owls Miss Corcoran

Kestrels Mrs Khan Black-
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TERM DATES

PD Day Monday 2nd June

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 3rd June

Last day of term Wednesday 23rd July 2025

If you are visiting the school out of normal drop off and pick up times please remember to shut the front of school pedestrian gate behind you.

Our new boundary fence is an asset in keeping our pupils safe.



Administrative Officer

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Summer term in Wrens

Kings and Queens

We enjoyed our class trip to Kings College Chapel.

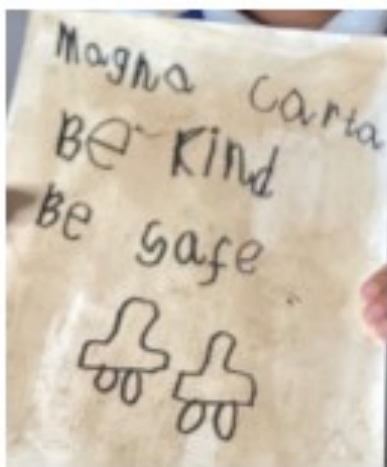
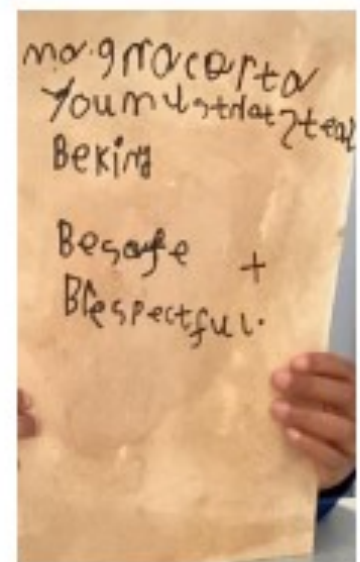
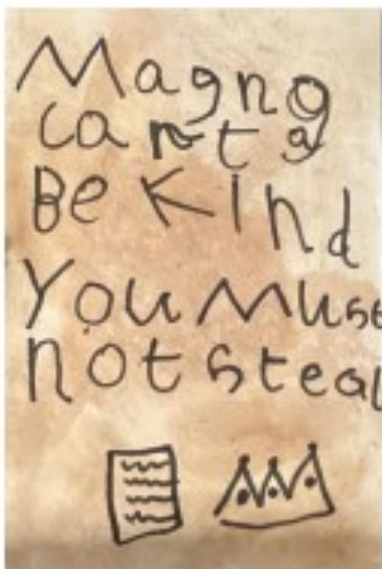


We learnt about the amazing architecture and recognised many of the biblical stories illustrated on the beautiful stained-glass windows. Our trip took place on VE day. We waved our flags and had a celebration picnic at Lammas Land.





This week the children have been learning about the Magna Carta. The children created their own Magna Carta charters and thought about the rules they thought were important for everyone to follow, they then made their own seals!



We hope you all have a lovely half term, see you on Tuesday 3rd June

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SKYLARKS

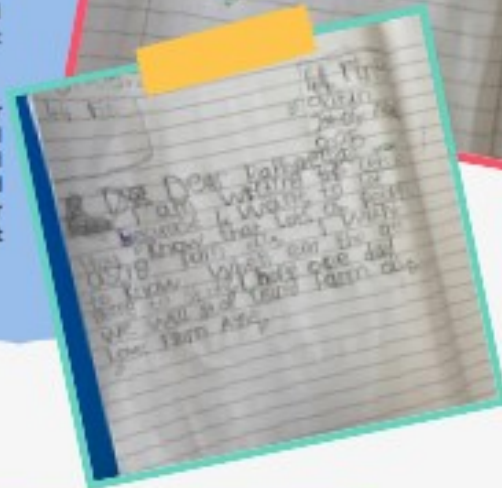
Newsletter



Writing to a friend to help the World – Our letters! 🌱❤️

As part of our reading and writing lessons, Year 1 has been exploring the powerful story of *There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom*, a book that encourages children to think about how our actions affect the planet. During our reading sessions, we focused on retrieving important information from the text and discovering new and exciting vocabulary.

Inspired by the story, the children then put their learning into action by writing heartfelt informal letters to their friends, sharing ways we can all help protect the Earth. Along the way, we learned about the structure and grammar needed for writing friendly letters—making our messages not only thoughtful but beautifully written too!



🕯️ Hearts Full of Love at our altar

Religious Education is a valued part of our curriculum, helping us grow spiritually and learn to work together with kindness and respect. This term, we explored the love of the Holy Spirit and used our fine motor skills to create beautiful flowers in celebration of May, a month dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We also learned about the diverse ways Pentecost is celebrated around the world, deepening our understanding of different cultures and traditions within our faith.

Artist at work! 🎨 🖼️

Art is helping us discover how paintings can teach us about the past and the hidden stories behind famous artworks. This term, the children explored new vocabulary related to artistic styles and learned how poses and expressions can tell a story. We approached this in a multisensory way—bringing art to life through role play and costumes! The children absolutely loved dressing up, which helped them express themselves creatively while having lots of fun.



We can't wait to see you next term for more exciting adventures, learning, and fun! ✨

Summer Term Learning in Kingfishers!



Kingfishers have had a fantastic start to the summer term! It has been a very busy time filled with learning and fun.

Our core reading texts have been 'Little People, Big Dreams: David Attenborough' and 'Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World'. The children have been fascinated by the impact these remarkable individuals have had on our world and it has been lovely to see the children be inspired and think about what they might like to do in the future.

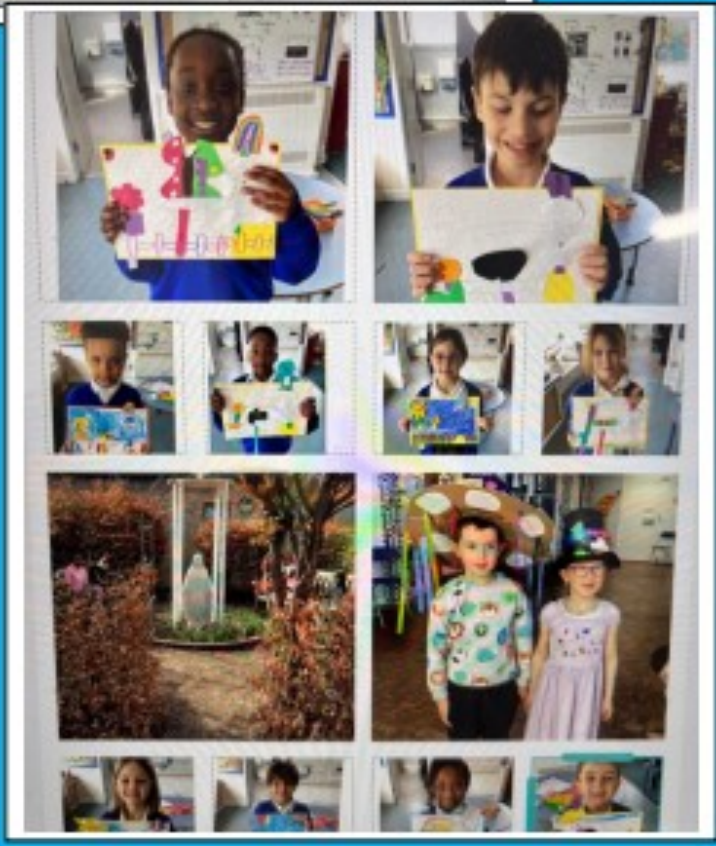
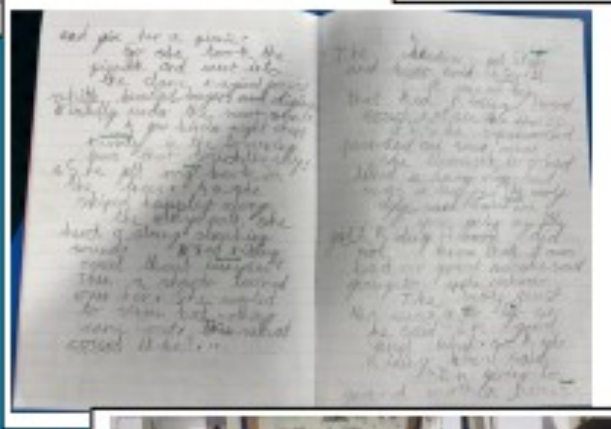
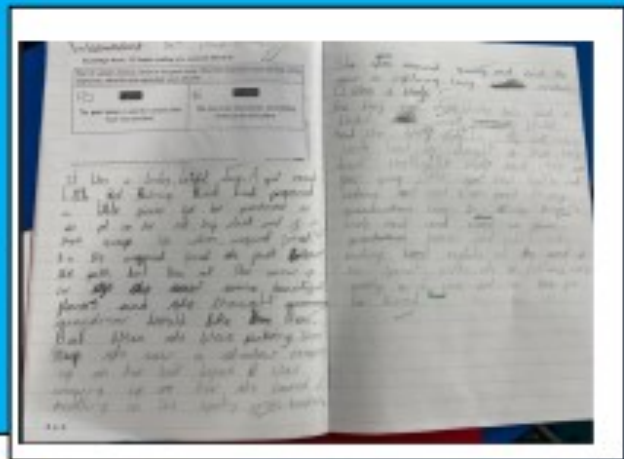
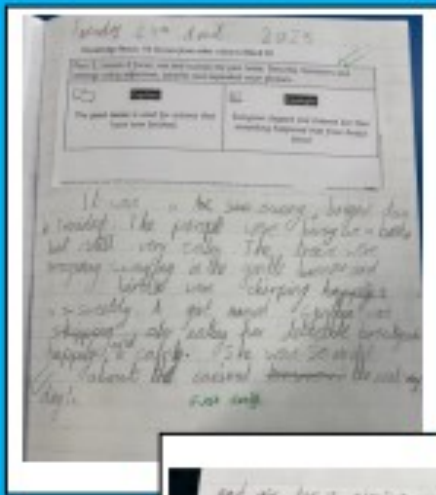
In our writing lessons, children have learnt about the features of story writing and have explore language in a deeper way. Some of our favourite phrases have been, "As quick as a flash", "In the blink of an eye" and "With all his might". They then wrote their own story based on the culture of Trinidad and learnt how to retell the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We have had such an improvement in our hand writing across Year 2 lately. Well done Kingfishers!

In science, our topic had been Materials and Matter. It has been particularly interesting learning about materials under the microscope and experimenting to see which solids can turn into liquids (especially eating the melted chocolate).

Kingfishers have also enjoyed learning about Northern Europe in geography. They can locate the five Nordic countries on a map and enjoyed learning about the Sami people and the climate they need to adapt to. Keep a look out for the Northern Lights- sometimes you can see them from Cambridge! We have also learnt about the Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen- the first captain to sail through the North West Passage. I have been so impressed by the level of interest and engagement from all children!

Our D.T day at the end of last term was also a hit! The children made the most beautiful moving pictures.

Finally, the children have enjoyed exploring the forest, especially now that the weather is improving! They have been showing real maturity and kindness and we are very proud. Well done Kingfishers!



SWALLOWS

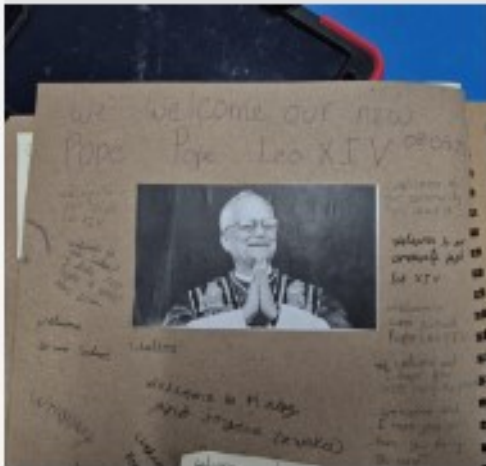


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15TH MAY 2025

POPE FRANCIS

Whilst Pope Francis was ill in hospital, The pupils wrote lovely prayers for his health.



POPE LEO XIV

last week, 8th May 2025, we welcomed a new pope, Pope. We have put welcome messages into our class alter book

ART

This half term we have completed a unit of art and are currently in the middle of our Roman art unit. We have looked at the style of the Pantheon. We have written our instructions. Today we have used lollysticks to create the circular part of the building. Next week, we get to build the front of the Pantheon.



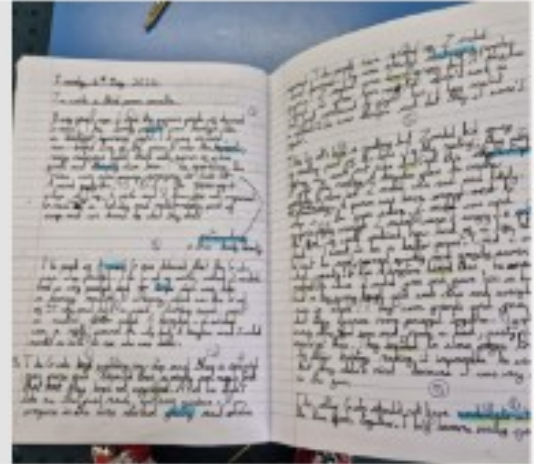
SWALLOWS

CURRICULUM NEWS

15TH MAY 2025

ENGLISH

This half-term, we have been writing a 3rd Person narrative, set in another culture. As a class we studied Greece in Autumn term and used this knowledge to write about Greek Gods



HISTORY

For the whole of the summer term, we are studying the Stuarts. In summer 2 we are going on our phase trip to see some of the artefacts and sites of the Stuarts and Oliver Cromwell. The pupils have also really enjoyed learning about the Gunpowder Plot.

VE DAY

Last week, 8th May 2025 was the 80th anniversary, of VE day. In class we learnt about the sacrifice of the soldiers. In the playground, we created the VE day phrase. Later, in the afternoon, we had a small picnic, with cakes and biscuits, as they did 80 years ago. It was lovely to see everyone eating, chatting and playing together.



Have a lovely break and remember we come back on the Tuesday
3rd June 2025

DOVES NEWS

Summer 1 2025

Enjoying Forest School

Students work



DOVES NEWS

Summer 1 2025

Highlights

Byzantine Art

This term we studied Byzantine Art, which is from the Eastern Roman Empire. We then created our own mosaics in response to the patterns found in the famous church in Istanbul (Hagia Sophia).

To the Ends of the Earth

This was an encouraging term in RE, looking at how the story of Jesus' resurrection spread from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. We also looked at the Apostle's Creed, which the fantastic children in Doves managed to memorise!

Swimming

Doves Class have enjoyed swimming this term. Some of us have been learning to swim, some have been improving their techniques and some have been perfecting their stroke and increasing their fitness.

Students' Art



Students' Science: The water cycle





MAGPIES CLASS'

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 1



What We Learned

It's been a short but incredibly busy summer term!

We began the term with a whole-school Summer Term Mass. In RE, under the theme Ends of the Earth, we focused on the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, and Confirmation. The children also expressed their understanding through art, designing and creating relief prints of symbols of the Holy Spirit during their printmaking lessons.

In English, the children wrote play scripts inspired by A Midsummer Night's Dream by Shakespeare. They can't wait to act out the scenes, having written them with great enthusiasm. They also enjoyed crafting narratives based on myths and legends.

In Maths, the children mastered measuring and drawing angles and explored the properties of polygons.

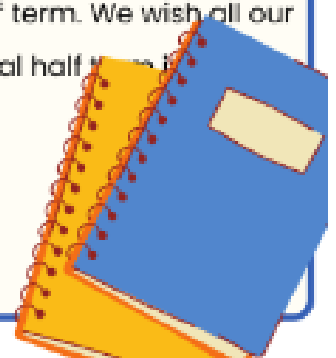
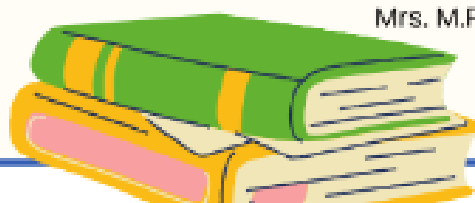
In Science, we explored the Solar System, sparking plenty of curiosity and fascinating questions.

The kind weather allowed us to take learning outdoors. In Geography, our local area study included a field trip where pupils drew maps, explored the surroundings, identified local issues, and even conducted a traffic survey.

Finally, we proudly marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a special assembly and a picnic – a memorable way to reflect and celebrate together.

Thank you to all Parents and Carers for your continued support this half term. We wish all our families a restful and joyful half-term break and look forward to the final half term!

Best wishes,
Mrs. M.Prokop





Highlights of the Summer Term



Exploring our local area during Geography fieldwork



Creating relief prints to represent symbols of the Holy Spirit as part of our RE and art learning.



OWL CLASS NEWS

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CORE LEARNING

In our core subjects, we have embarked on an exciting journey through the solar system in Science, exploring the wonders of planets and celestial bodies. In English, inspired by Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the children demonstrated their creativity by writing their own play scripts. Our Maths lessons focused on measuring and drawing angles, as well as investigating the properties of polygons. In Religious Education, we delved into the significance of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, and Confirmation.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

In music, Owls have been having fun learning to play the ukulele. In Art, they engaged in printmaking, creating beautiful relief prints featuring symbols of the Holy Spirit. Our Geography studies included a field trip to our local area, where students drew maps, explored their surroundings, identified local issues, and conducted a traffic survey.

EVENTS

We also celebrated some memorable events, including our whole school summer term mass and a special assembly and picnic in honour of the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

HAPPY HALF-TERM BREAK

Thank you for your all your continued support, and I wish you and your family a restful and happy half-term break.

Warm regards, Miss Corcoran



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS





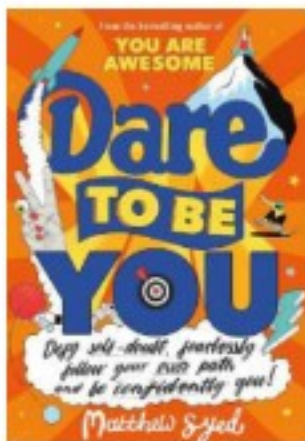
Kestrels Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we approach the end of another busy term, I would like to share some highlights from our Year 6 classroom and provide important information for the coming weeks.

Our pupils have been thoroughly engaged with our core text, 'Dare to Be You' by Matthew Syed. This inspiring book has sparked meaningful discussions and encouraged our young learners to embrace their unique qualities.



In writing, we have been focusing on speeches. It has been a delight to see the pupils draw upon their experiences from the Year 4 residential trip, infusing their work with personal anecdotes and reflections. Their enthusiasm and creativity have truly shone through in these compositions.

Mathematics has seen our class working diligently on improving their fluency and speed. We have also delved into the intricacies of calculating the area of triangles, a skill that will serve them well in their future mathematical endeavours.



As we reflect on our recent activities, I am delighted to share that our school community came together to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. This significant historical milestone provided an excellent opportunity for our pupils to deepen their understanding of World War II and its impact on our nation. Through various engaging activities, we honoured the sacrifices made by previous generations and celebrated the peace that followed. It was heartening to see our pupils' enthusiasm and respect as they participated in this important remembrance event.





Music lessons have been particularly lively this term, with the introduction of ukuleles. These instruments have been a massive hit, and it's been wonderful to see the pupils' musical skills develop.



I would like to take a moment to celebrate the outstanding effort, commitment, and determination displayed by our Year 6 pupils before and during the SATs. Their hard work and positive attitudes have been truly commendable, and they should be incredibly proud of themselves.



We are delighted to share a heartwarming gesture from our Reception pupils towards their Year 6 counterparts. Following the completion of SATs, our youngest learners took it upon themselves to congratulate the Year 6 pupils on their hard work and dedication. In a show of support and celebration, the Reception children decorated biscuits for their older peers. This thoughtful act not only brightened the day for our Year 6 pupils but also exemplified the strong sense of community and camaraderie we foster at St Laurence Catholic Primary School.



SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION DATE!

Looking ahead, I kindly request that you **inform your child of their secondary school transition date and share this information with me.** This will greatly assist in organising our Year 6 rehearsals and ensuring a smooth transition process for all pupils.

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable time. Your continued support and engagement with your child's learning are invaluable, and we appreciate your partnership in their educational journey.



Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to a productive final half-term with our wonderful Year 6 pupils.

Warm regards,
Mrs Khan-Blacker



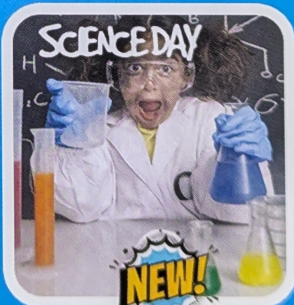
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