



St Louis Catholic Academy

Autumn 2 Newsletter 2 – Thursday 11th December 2025



Christ at the centre: Children at the heart

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an incredibly busy but very enjoyable couple of weeks. All the children had a wonderful time at the Theatre Royal for the pantomime 'Rapunzel'. It was full of songs they knew and could sing along to and there was plenty of shouting out of our favourite panto phrases.

We had a special assembly to celebrate the Jubilee Year coming towards its end and the children were introduced to our new Jubilee icon.

The EYFS nativity also happened last week and this was a delightful performance of the Innkeeper's Breakfast. The children did so well and thank you to the EYFS staff who put a lot of hard work into getting the children ready for this.

We also had the KS1 Paddington-theme Afternoon tea which is featured further down in the newsletter.

A huge thank you to our PTA for the hard work and effort they put into the Advent Fair, which was a great success and there is an update from the PTA below.

Warmest regards

Lucille Martin

Spring Term 2026

Staff Professional Day - Monday 5th January

Term commences - Tuesday 6th January

Half Term -
Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

Term Ends - Friday 27th March

Upcoming Dates

Friday 12th December – School choir performing at Newmarket Rotary Club Carol concert.

Tuesday 16th December – 0930 and 1400 performances of KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner Day (wear your Christmas clothes)

Friday 19th December – 13:30 KS2 Carol Service in Church and End of term

Headteacher
Mrs Lucille Martin

Assistant Headteacher
Mrs Christina White

SENDCo
Mrs Kerri Conway

Our Classes	
Acorns -	Mrs Katherine Carrick Mrs Sharon Parnell Mrs Jocelyn Banks
Holly -	Mrs Lisa Baldwin Miss Anna Mil
Cherry -	Mrs Tanara Banister Mrs Kay Fasulo
Rowan -	Miss Aysha Allen Mrs Mary Sheridan
Lime -	Mrs Antoinette Brankin Mrs Sharon Turner
Oak -	Mrs Dawn Vickerage Mrs Vikki Weston-Mann
Elm -	Mrs Amy Du Preez Mrs Shelley Bosley
Beech -	Ms Kiri Wyatt & Mrs Alice Lebon Ms Emma Woodhall
Sycamore -	Mrs Phoebe Muscionico Mrs Katie Mitchell
Hazel -	Mrs Zoe Burgess Mrs Katherine Ashen
Larch -	Mrs Sarah Fitch Mrs Alice Lebon Mrs Monteith
Maple -	Mrs Christina White Mrs Jessica Masters Mrs Amanda Challis

News from the St Louis PTA

We have very proudly raised £2,203.30 at the Advent fair!

We have also recently purchased the new basket balls, footballs and tennis balls for the playground which was requested by the school council via Mrs Brankin. She has informed us that the children are very happy with them.

Advent Fair - Raffle Thank You

The raffle was a great success at the recent St Louis Advent Fair on Friday 28 November and so thanks to everyone who bought tickets and sold them to family and friends as just over £1,000 was raised which is an incredible amount!

Thanks also to the generosity of many local companies and individuals who kindly donated raffle prizes; Mr Cricket/Hockey, Cambridge Ice Arena, LemonTree Properties, Newmarket Leisure Centre, Powter's, M&L School of Performing Arts, NHRM, The Apex, Cambridge Swimming Pools, Xtreme 360 Trampoline Park, David Burr, HairKandi, Back On Track Injury Clinic, Cook, Rocking Rabbit, Eighty-Six Friends, Montaz, CurveMotion, Bury St Edmunds, Justyna Burzec, Mr Brankin, Tesco, Boots and The Bedford Lodge Hotel.

New Best Start in Life campaign communications toolkit

We have been asked by Suffolk Education to share the communications toolkit for the Best Start in Life campaign, which aims to increase awareness of the importance of early years in a child's development and the role of early years education.

The [Best Start in Life website](#) brings together trusted advice, support and guidance for parents.

A Paddington-themed Afternoon Tea to remember!

Key Stage 1 children and staff rounded off their English unit in the most delightful way last Friday, hosting a wonderfully heart-warming Paddington Afternoon Tea for families. The event was very well attended, with parents and carers joining the children to celebrate their hard work and bring their recent learning to life.

In true Paddington style, the children proudly shared an array of treats they had helped to prepare, including homemade jam tarts and, of course, plenty of marmalade sandwiches—a favourite of everyone's favourite bear! The hall was filled with smiles and chatter and the effort put in by everyone was a marvel to behold!

Following the tea, families were invited back to the classrooms for a selection of Paddington-inspired craft activities. Children and adults enjoyed creating together, adding a creative flourish to an already special afternoon.





School Chaplains with our new Jubilee Icon



Headteacher Awards

Holly	Florence	Liliana
Cherry	Eylana	Alisa
Rowan	Cillian	Jiaan
Lime	Willow	Cece
Oak	Violet	Oliwia
Elm	Maggie	Emily
Beech	Mirielle	
Sycamore	Marianna	Keith
Hazel	Simon	Laura
Larch	Joanna	Orla
Maple	Jessie	Eden

Stars of the week

Holly	Molly	Kordian
Cherry	Adam	Arthur
Rowan	Ivy	Adam
Lime	Hugo	Novae
Oak	Nemie	Ivo
Elm	Ashton	Amor
Beech	Lavinia	
Sycamore	Summer-May	Monty
Hazel	Chloe	Winston
Larch	Valentino	Ernie
Maple	Nella	Pippa

Winner of the Golden Boot:

Leo B

Message from the Diocese Schools Service Volunteers Sought to Support School Admission Appeals

The Diocese of East Anglia Schools' Service is seeking volunteers to serve as school admission appeals panel members, helping ensure parents' rights are upheld when a child is not offered a place at their preferred Catholic school.

Panel members play a vital role in considering cases where parents wish to challenge a refusal of admission. Each hearing typically lasts between 20 and 30 minutes, although some may take longer depending on their complexity. During the busy summer term, multiple appeals may be scheduled on the same day, and volunteers may occasionally be asked to sit for two or even three consecutive days. Importantly, panel members are always able to decide their own availability, making this a flexible opportunity suited to those available during school hours.

Appeals may be heard in person or via video conferencing, and volunteers can express a preference for the type of hearings they are comfortable with. All panel members will receive training from the Diocese.

To ensure a balanced and fair process, each panel is made up of both lay members, people without professional involvement in education, and education members, people with experience working in or understanding schools. Individuals cannot sit on panels for schools with which they have a personal connection, for example being a parent, governor or staff member.

Anyone interested in volunteering or finding out more is invited to contact Helen Bates, Assistant Director (Schools' Service), at the Diocese of East Anglia, 21 Upgate, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7SH, by email at ssc@rcdea.org.uk or by telephone on 01508 495509.



**If your child was born between
1 September 2021 and
31 August 2022,
you must apply for a full-time
Reception Year school place by
15 January 2026**



You **must** make an application even if your child already has a place in
a nursery class, pre-school or family hub

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Information is also available from:

- The Admissions Team on **0345 600 0981**
- Your local school