



St Louis Catholic Academy

Autumn 1 Newsletter 1 – Monday 6th October 2025

Christ at the centre: Children at the heart



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a lovely start to the Autumn term and we have been really impressed with the children's focus and enthusiasm in class.

I recently took a group of Year 5 and 6 children to the Diocesan School's Mass where they represented St Louis wonderfully. It was a joyful occasion with Bishop Peter focusing on the Year of Hope.

We also celebrated our Harvest Festival last Friday, thank you to all of you for your donations of food to support our Church's Food bank. It was lovely to have so many parents with us to join the celebration.

We hope you found the 'Meet the teacher' meetings useful and again, it was great to see so many of you in attendance.

Don't forget it is individual and sibling photographs this Friday, so we advise full winter uniform for these.

Warmest regards

Lucille Martin - Headteacher

Headteacher

Mrs Lucille Martin

Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Christina White

SENDCo

Mrs Kerri Conway

Our Classes

Acorns -	Mrs Katherine Carrick Mrs Jocelyn Banks
Holly - Cherry -	Mrs Lisa Baldwin Mrs Tanara Smith Mrs Kay Fasulo Miss Anna Mil
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 Lebbon Ms Emma Woodhall
Sycamore -	Mrs Phoebe Muscionico Mrs Katie Mitchell
Hazel -	Mrs Zoe Burgess Mrs Katherine Ashen
Larch -	Mrs Sarah Fitch Mrs Alice Lebbon Mrs Monteith
Maple -	Mrs Christina White Mrs Jessica Masters Mrs Amanda Challis

Autumn Term 2025

Term Commences –
Wednesday 3rd September

Half Term – Monday 27th
October to Friday 31st
October

Term Ends - Friday 19th
December

Upcoming Dates

Friday 10th October – Individual
and sibling (in school) photographs

**Monday 13th – Thursday 16th
October** – Year 5's Bikeability
Training

**Tuesday 21st October and
Wednesday 22nd October** – Parent
consultation sessions

Thursday 23rd October –
Newmarket Rotary Club assembly
on Polio for UKS2

Friday 24th October – All Saint's
Day dress up

Diocesan School's Mass



Harvest Festival



Headteacher Awards



Stars of the week



Holly Cherry	Molly Hugo	Oliver Pippa
Rowan Lime Oak	Evelyn David Otis	Oliver Joshua Gaby
Elm Beech Sycamore Hazel Larch Maple	Arlo Edie Nicholas Isaac Benjamin Emily	Laura Phoebe Coralie Tobias Izzy Wiktor

Holly Cherry	Isaac Iona	Rosalie Moira
Rowan Lime Oak	Alice Quint Moira	Jaisvikaa Nadom Diana
Elm Beech Sycamore Hazel Larch Maple	Jacob Ceadaoin Eleanor Adam Oscar Lucie	Iyla-Rose Olaf Lily-Beth Clara Harry Shakur

Winner of the Golden Boot:

Emilia (Beech class)

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Sign up 2026

Parents seeking to enrol their children for First Holy Communion in 2026 (children in year 3 or above) will be able to collect forms from the Parish Office from Monday 1st September. Please return the completed forms by 1st December. Classes will begin in January 2026.

Young Parishioners (14 and above, who have been Baptised and received their First Holy Communion) who would like to be confirmed in 2026, please collect a Confirmation enrolment form from the Parish Office from Monday 1st September, and please return it by 1st December.

Completed forms for both First Holy Communion and Confirmation should be returned to the Parish Office.

Governors

Message from the Co-Chairs of Governors

At the first Local Governing Body meeting of the year last week both myself, Bethan Byrne and Marc Walker were voted in as Co-Chairs of Governors for the 25/26 school year and we'd like to explain a little about what school governors do.

Firstly, we'd like to thank new parents for choosing St Louis. You and your children have an exciting journey ahead of you and so from the Local Governing Body we wish you all a very warm welcome in your first step in joining the St Louis school community and it is also wonderful to welcome back existing families and children after the summer break.

The aim of Governors is to both support and challenge the school to be the best it can be - this means working collaboratively - especially with Mrs Martin and the Senior Leadership Team to provide a safe and happy learning environment where all pupils can flourish to fulfil their own individual potential and develop skills and knowledge so by Y6 they are prepared and ready to transition to senior school.

As governors our three key areas of responsibility are to:

1. set the vision and strategic direction of school;
2. hold the headteacher to account for the school's educational performance; and
3. ensure the school's financial resources are well spent.

So how do we do that?

We attend meetings, take part in governor monitoring visits and some governors also have particular areas of responsibility.

Meetings - As a Local Governing Body we meet twice every term, so six times in total during the school year with meetings divided into either TLS (Teaching, Learning & Standards) focus which is more curriculum orientated and Resources which concentrates on finances.

Governor Monitoring - usually every half term a pair of governors focus on a specific school subject to learn what is going well and identify any areas for further development.

Some areas of particular responsibility - these require regular termly visits:

Emily Burbridge is our safeguarding, filtering and monitoring and attendance governor. As the name suggests focus is to keep pupils safe and ensure they know there is a trusted adult they can talk to if necessary.

Ann Sugrue RE governor ensures that the Catholic ethos of the school underpins all aspects of school life.

Jenny Balmer SEND governor (special educational needs and disabilities) ensures all pupils can access the curriculum and the specific needs of each pupil is met.

St Louis prides itself on being a diverse and inclusive school where each pupil is celebrated as an individual and has the opportunity to grow and develop and as governors, we are proud to play a part in that journey.

So hopefully that has given you a flavour of what we do. There are more details on the school website and our emails are also there if you have any questions and would like to consider joining the governor team and be involved in the future.