



St Louis Catholic Academy

Autumn 1 Newsletter 2 – Friday 9th September 2026

Learning to Love, Loving to Learn



Dear Parents and Carers

The past few weeks have blessed us with some unusually warm Autumn weather, and it has been wonderful to see the children making the most of the sunshine during their learning and playtimes. Their enthusiasm, energy and enjoyment of the outdoors have been a joy to witness.

I am also incredibly proud of all the Year 6 children who represented our school at the Diocesan Schools' Mass at Norwich Cathedral. They sang beautifully as part of a large choir made up of pupils from schools across our Trust and were excellent ambassadors for our school community throughout the day.

Thank you, too, for your generosity in supporting our Harvest Festival celebrations. The donations and proceeds raised for the church food bank will make a real difference to families in our local community. It was also a pleasure to welcome so many parents and family members to our Harvest liturgy. Your support helps make these occasions so special for the children.

As we move through the term, I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Parents' Evenings and sharing the progress your children have made since the start of the academic year. It is hard to believe that we are now only two weeks away from half term. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

God bless and warmest regards,

Lucille Martin

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026
Term Commences -
Thursday 3rd September

Half Term - Monday 26th
October to Friday 30th
October

Term Ends – Friday 18th
December

Spring Term 2027
Staff Professional Day –
Monday 4th January

Term Commences –
Tuesday 5th January

Online Safety

Please see that attached online safety poster about the risks of Roblox.



Headteacher

Mrs Lucille Martin

Senior Leadership Team

Miss Kiri Wyatt

Mrs Kerri Conway

Mrs Phoebe Muscicono

Mrs Lisa Baldwin

Mrs Amy Du Preez

SENDCo

Mrs Kerri Conway

Our Classes

Acorns – Mrs Sharon Parnell
Mrs Jocelyn Banks

Fig - Mrs Lisa Baldwin
Miss Katie Mitchell

Olive - Mrs Martina Marino
Mrs Kay Fasulo

Cedar - Miss Aysha Allen

Pine – Mrs Antoinette Brankin

Oak - Mrs Dawn Vickrage

KS1 TAs - Mrs Vikki Weston-Mann
Mrs Sharon Turner

Almond - Mrs Stephanie Foster
Mrs Alice Lebbon

Palm - Mrs Phoebe Muscicono

Sycamore – Mrs Zoe Burgess

LKS2 TAs - Mrs Shelley Bosley
Mrs Mary Sheridan
Mrs Catherine Humphries
Miss Jade Baxter

Juniper - Mrs Amy DuPreez

Myrtle - Mrs Sarah Fitch

Cypress - Miss Kiri Wyatt

UKS2 TAs - Mrs Amanda Challis
Mrs Katherine Ashen
Mrs Claire Gilroy
Miss Emma Woodhall

First Holy Communion Enrolment Now Open

Enrolment for First Holy Communion has now commenced. Application forms are available from the Parish Centre Office or on the parish website <https://www.olise.co.uk/read-me>

If your child is eligible to enrol, please complete the form in full and provide a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.

All documentation should be submitted to the Parish Centre Office no later than **1st December 2026**.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kasia



Diocesan School's Mass at Norwich Cathedral



Harvest Festival



Fr John with our school chaplains and one shopping trolley's worth of donations for the Food bank from our Harvest Festival.

Cross Country winners!

On Tuesday 29th September, our cross-country runners took part in a fantastic event at The Links Golf Club, Newmarket. Competing against 53 teams, our children demonstrated tremendous determination, resilience and sporting spirit as they tackled the challenging 1.5-mile course.

We are incredibly proud to announce that our A Team finished in 1st place, an outstanding achievement. Our B Team also performed brilliantly, securing 10th place overall. Thank you to the staff and parents who supported this event.



Message from the Co-Chairs of Governors

At the first Local Governing Body meeting of the year both myself, Bethan Byrne and Marc Walker were voted in as Co-Chairs of Governors for the 26/27 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 our goals for the school and its pupils, and how we are going to achieve those goals;
2. hold the headteacher to account for the school's educational performance;
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:

Marc Walker 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.

Dates for the diary

20th and 21st October – Parent consultation sessions

23rd October - Dress as a Saint

4th November - Flu immunisations

27th November – PTA Advent Fair

30th November to 1st December - Year 4 Burwell House residential

10th December - EYFS Nativity (times TBC)

11th December – School choir performing at Tattersalls

14th and 15th December - KS1 Nativity (times TBC)

16th December - Christmas Dinner and Party

18th December - Carol Service in Church 2pm

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

PEGI RATING
7+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODer. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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Newmarket
Hockey Club

Juniors hockey

Age 4-16

All abilities welcome



Sundays

Newmarket Leisure Centre
Astro

10-11am ages 4-10 year

11-12pm year 6 +

Aspiring goalkeeper?

We also offer goalkeeper training

Full junior
membership
£71.50
Under 6s
£20 per term
£40 whole season

2026/27 season

Sun 13 September - Sun 13 Dec

Sun 10 Jan - Sun 21 March

For more information:

www.newmarkethockeyclub.co.uk/juniors

newmarkethcjuniors@gmail.com



Happy Hooves



Costs

- 20 minute lead rein walk - £25
- 20 minute grooming session - £15
- Combined 40 minute session - £35



Come and enjoy a relaxed, informal plod on a pony, or spend some time grooming and cuddling!

For children aged 2-5 yrs.
Must be able to sit unaided & hold on.



To book email:
beckyjacksonhorseriding@gmail.com

BE YOUNG BE FREE, BE YOU!

AT TEEN CHILL

Find out more



Are you in Years 10–16?

Our Teen Chill sessions are designed to give you the chance to get together with friends in a safe environment. Whether you want to play games, have a kick-about, or do nothing at all – you choose!

Wi-fi Available

Newmarket Leisure Centre, CB8 0EA

Thursdays 19:00–21:00

abbeycroft.org.uk

Turn up & pay

£1

a session



**Newmarket
Town Council**



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Let's Love Life



CELEBRATE



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FAMILY-FRIENDLY CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
INSPIRED BY AFRICAN ARTS

NATIONAL HORSERACING MUSEUM

SATURDAY

10 OCTOBER 2026

11AM - 1PM

ACTIVITIES



Creative
activities



Storytelling with
Olufemi Abayomi



Drumming
workshop



Children's
book corner



Explore the
museum

FREE WITH AN ANNUAL PASS OR ADMISSION ON THE DAY.

ADMISSION £15 ADULT | £7.50 CHILD | UNDER 5s FREE

Scan the QR code to visit the website and find out more.



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COMPETITIONS FOR THE WINTER SEASON 2026/27

SUFFOLK COMPETITIONS:

IPSWICH SPORTSHALL COMPETITION

Date: **Saturday 24th October 2026** Time: 13:00 to 17:00
Venue: **Northgate Sports Centre**, Sidegate Lane, Ipswich IP4 3DL
Entry fee: £7 per athlete. Closing date for entries: Tuesday 20th October 2026



NEWMARKET SPORTSHALL COMPETITION

Date: **Saturday 7th November 2026** Time: 13:00 to 17:00
Venue: **Newmarket Leisure Centre**, Exning Road, Newmarket, CB8 0EA
Entry fee: £7 per athlete. Closing date for entries: Tuesday 3rd November 2026

2026/27 SUFFOLK CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LOWESTOFT

Date: **Saturday 14th November 2026** Time: 13:00 to 17:00
Venue: **Waterlane Leisure Centre**, Water Lane, Lowestoft, NR32 2NH
Entry fee: £7 per athlete. Closing date for entries: Tuesday 10th November 2026

EAST REGION SPORTSHALL FINALS:

Date: **Saturday 27th February 2027** Time: TBA
Venue: **University of East Anglia**, Norwich
Based on results from the Suffolk competitions, athletes will be invited to represent Suffolk

AGE GROUPS

Girls and Boys ages are as at 31st August/1st September 2026:

U10 (school years 3/4), U12 (school years 5/6),
U14 (school years 7/8), U16 (school years 9/10)

FOR ENTRY FORMS / PAYMENT DETAILS / MORE INFORMATION

Visit website: <https://suffolkathletics.org.uk/sportshall/>

General queries - email: sportshall@suffolkathletics.org.uk



2026/2027 Suffolk Sportshall Athletics Competitions - ENTRY FORM

(All Enquiries: sportshall@suffolkathletics.org.uk)

Athlete details

Name:	School/Club:
Gender:	
Date of birth:	School year:

Parent / Guardian contact details

Name:	
Phone number:	Email address:

Please use checkboxes to select which competition(s) you wish to apply for:

☐	IPSWICH SPORTSHALL Sat 24 th Oct 2026 13:00 – 17:00 (Note: Deadline for entry: 20 th Oct) Northgate Sports Centre, Sidegate Lane, Ipswich IP4 3DL
☐	NEWMARKET SPORTSHALL Sat 7 th Nov 2026 13:00 – 17:00 (Note: Deadline for entry: 3 rd Nov) Newmarket Leisure Centre, Exning Road, Newmarket, CB8 0EA
☐	2026/27 SUFFOLK CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LOWESTOFT Sat 14 th Nov 2026 13:00 to 17.00 (Note: Deadline for entry: 10 th Nov) Waterlane Leisure Centre, Water Lane, Lowestoft, NR32 2NH

Send completed Entry Form to sportshall@suffolkathletics.org.uk

Entry fee: £7.00 per competition

BACS payment -

Bank details: Sort Code 20 44 51; Account no: 30866687

Name of account: Suffolk County Athletics Association

Use athlete's name as reference

If paying by cheque (payable to Suffolk County Athletics Association) - please contact sportshall@suffolkathletics.org.uk for address to which the cheque should be sent