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St Louis June 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all your ongoing support for school.

The Year 6 students worked so hard for their SATS and they are now preparing for their end of year performance. We are so proud of them. They have returned to school in their hoodies, a sign of their preparations for moving on to new schools. Before then, Mr. Mannell has a Netball trophy in his sights as we reach another County Final.

Our new Reception intake are arriving and we have children awaiting birthdays to move into nursery. They can now join once aged 3 years.

Thank you for taking part in the Parent Reading questionnaire. We are going to use your feedback to further develop reading across the school.

We have our outdoor book library as well as the indoor one. This month we have our bedtime read, a great opportunity to enjoy a bedtime read whilst enjoying home cooked pizza. Please try to come at 5.30pm on Thursday 20th June.

God Bless
Sue Blakeley

KEY DATES DURING THE SUMMER TERM

JUNE 2024

Wednesday 19th - Little Louis Drop in group (9.15am to 10.30am)

Thursday 20th - Big Bedtime Read and Pizza evening (5.30pm to 6.30pm)

Friday 21st - Reception children school trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park

Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th - Year 4's to Thorpe Woodlands

Thursday 27th - KS1 Mass in Church at 10am

Thursday 27th - Summer Art Exhibition in School at 3.30pm

Friday 28th Reception Cake Sale after school

JULY 2024

Wednesday 3rd - Year 6 Performance at 6pm

Thursday 4th - Year 6 Performance at 6pm

Friday 5th - St Louis Summer Fair 3.30pm

Tuesday 9th - Sports Day 9.30am Nursery to KS1 and 1.30pm KS2

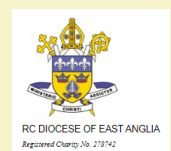
Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th - Year 6 Residential to Overstrand in Norfolk

Monday 15th - contingency day for Sports Day and School Reports sent out

Tuesday 16th - Leavers Mass in Church at 9.30am

Wednesday 17th - Transition Day (children spend day in their new classes)

Friday 19th - End of Year Service in Church at 9.30am

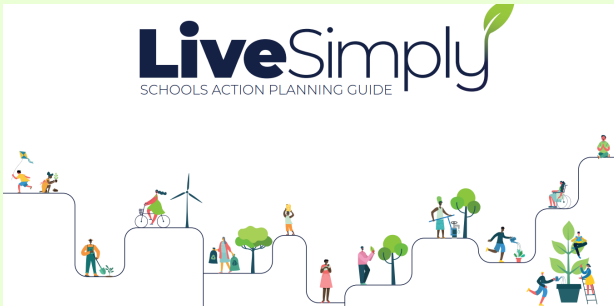


Catholic life

Masses in School and in Church this Term

Reception Year families joined us for a lovely service led by Deacon John. The children sang and read beautifully. They are so confident now and ready to join Year 1 in September 2024.

Deacon John joined the children at their level. During his visit, he explained that he will soon be ordained as a priest. We look forward to him celebrating a Mass for school early in the next school year.



Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies are the junior group that represent the St Vincent De Paull Society (SVP) in our school. They meet weekly, supported by parent volunteer, Mrs Das.

They are children in Years 4 to 6 . This term, they have rewoven the willow cross to the front of school and it looks beautiful.

They have also been baking cakes to sell at Mass, with proceeds going towards the SVP work in the Parish. In one weekend, the parish raised £420 and our Mini Vinnies helped towards this.

Mini Vinnies help around school, preparing displays, joining Cafod Fundraisers, preparing art work, including the refurbished cross.

Mrs Blakeley has asked them to work on a mosaic of Our Lady too. Miss Barlow sketched the image for us before she left to go on her travels.



Thursday 27th - KS1 Mass in Church at 10am

If your child is in KS1, please try to join us in church for Mass. The children will be singing and reading.

Art Exhibition

ST LOUIS ART EXHIBITION ON THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2024 AT 3.30PM

St Louis Annual Art Exhibition takes place on Thursday 27th June 2024 at 3.30pm. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to have a wander around each classroom to view every child's artwork and to see the progression in skills and techniques learnt across the school. Every child has produced a piece of art which has been framed. You will have the opportunity to reserve and pay on the day to purchase your child's artwork for £2.50. This is a not for profit sale and the £2.50 will cover the cost of school purchasing the frames. The artwork will be sent home the following day.

We need to retain the art in school on the day to allow all families to enjoy everyone's wonderful talents.

As we are a cashless school, please bring the correct money with you as we will not have the capacity to give change. So that everyone attending the art exhibition can see the wonderful pieces of art, if you choose to purchase your child's artwork, we will put a red sticker on it and they will bring it home on Friday. Like all great art exhibitions, the red sticker is a sign of a talented artist!

Kindly note that Acorns artwork will be displayed in Cherry and Holly classes.

As well as viewing your child's work, it is an opportunity to take a walk around all of our classrooms whilst seeing how much children progress in their drawing as they move up through the school.

Recently, our Year 5 students have been studying Cezanne



PTA News

We hope you are all well and enjoying preparations for Summer Events.

We are very excited to be pulling together another **PTA SUMMER FAIR ON 5TH JULY 2024 - 3.30-5.30pm**. Information so far...

1. We will hold an own clothes day on **Friday 28th June 2024** in exchange for any bottles you can donate towards the tombola.

Sweetie cups will also be sent home on this day so please fill these with wrapped sweets and decorate the cups for the children to add to the popular stall at the Summer Fair.

2. We have some new games and activities planned for this year for both children and adults which we hope you will enjoy.

3. Grand Draw Prizes - if you or anyone you know is able to donate a prize, please let us know.

4. Grand Draw tickets - pupils will be allocated a book each. We would be grateful if you could please sell these to friends and family and return the money and stubs in an envelope to the school office on or before 5th July. Please return any unsold tickets as we will be selling them on the day.

5. We need face painter volunteers - please let us know if you are able to help.

6. We need chefs who might enjoy an hour on the BBQ - again, please let us know if you are able to help.

7. We will be asking for 4 helpers per class and rotating people every half hour to ensure everyone can lend a hand but also enjoy this special event with their children.

All profits raised will go towards the trim trail purchase.

Very best wishes

St Louis PTA (pta@stlouisacademy.co.uk)

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PTA Summer Fair: Please help organise this fantastic event.

See you on 5th July



Sporting Success



Leo is a member of the Newmarket Swim Club. He swims with them 4 times a week for an hour. He is the youngest swimmer in the club and as only under 9 years old he wasn't allowed to compete for a long time after joining the club.

Leo turned 9 in April and just as the half term started (26th of May), he took part in his first swimming competition at the Fenland Open Meet (Whittlesey). He swam 50m of butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle and also 100m Individual Medley. In total, he swam 5 races and won 5 medals! (4 silvers and 1 bronze).

Leo also received a trophy as a Top Male in his 9 years group category! This is Leo taken after the competition. His times were great, so also gained three county times. The County competition is very important and happens only once year in February. A swimmer has to have a specific time to enter this meet, so this is an amazing achievement.
WELL DONE LEO!



Our cricketers brought back a well-earned trophy recently when we competed with schools within the Forest Heath Sports Partnership.

Well done girls!

It has been a brilliant year of prizes for us this year.

Ian Jackson from the partnership has made a special visit to school to award the Boys Cricket Team in recognition of their respect and integrity because at their matches Umpires made errors that put St Louis out of the competition, when we should have gone through.

The special award is made because our boys reacted so well with all of the issues and always displayed great sportsmanship.

Reading Survey 2024

Thank you for all your responses that will be used to improve access to reading in school and at home.

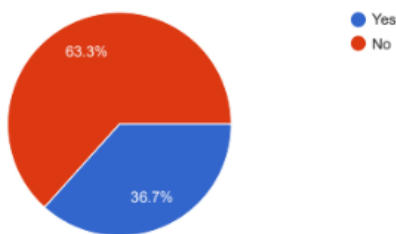
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Come for your bedtime read and stay for a free pizza supper.

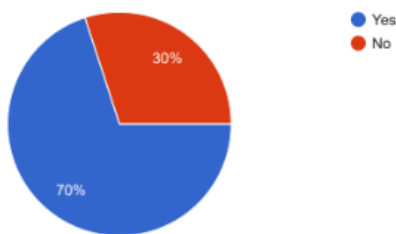
I attended the Bedtime Read and free Pizza Supper event last Summer

90 responses



I would like to attend a similar Bedtime Read event each year

90 responses

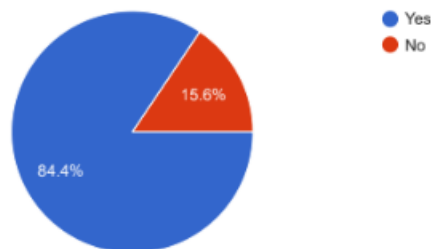


This year we invested more than £4,000 in new reading books using a book subsidy scheme. We have a diverse range of class readers for all years.

We are keen to recruit to open the library for families before or after school. Sadly, our volunteer moved back to USA.

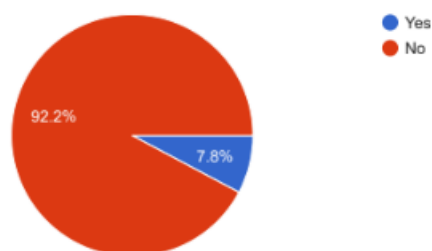
My child has a Suffolk Library Card

90 responses



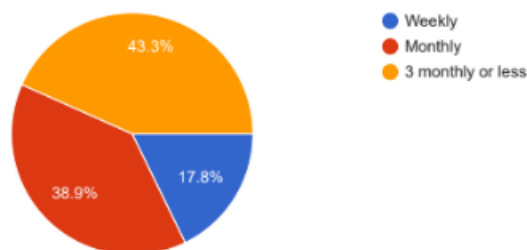
I'd like school to help me to apply for a Suffolk Library Card

90 responses



My child attends Newmarket Library

90 responses



You told us that you would like:

- More reading for pleasure in the school day
 - 'Trending' books on offer
 - Greater access to the school library
 - More stay and read sessions in Reception
 - Newmarket Library visits (we take Reception Class termly)
 - Recommended reading lists for families
 - Authors in school more often
 - Improved selection of books in outdoor library
 - Allow class book corner books to come home
 - Reading at wraparound club
 - Survey children to inform book purchases
 - Invite pre-school children to use the school library
 - Lunchtime reading club
 - Book club
 - Host a special reading week
 - Allow older children to bring their own books to read in school
- MRS WHITE IS USING ALL THIS FEEDBACK TO DRAW UP AN ACTION PLAN

Community News

BEAVERS

TIME FOR FUN

1st Newmarket Beaver Group has space available. Please contact us if you would like to try Beavers.

Contact
gsl@1stnewmarketscouts.org.uk

Meeting times & Location
<https://bit.ly/3xK5mZX>

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/information-for-parents/what-do-scouts-do/>

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Volunteer in a way that's good for you.

We're currently looking for Beaver Leaders and Trustee Board members, to make an impact on and behind the scenes.

Tell us what you're interested in and the time you have available, and we'll help you find something that matches your skills.

We'd love to give you the chance to try out different things, meet the team, and see what support's on offer before you decide whether to be involved.

You'll learn career-friendly skills, boost your wellbeing, and make new friends. Because volunteering at Scouts is a two-way street – good for young people, and good for you too.

Contact us today. We'd love to chat about what's good for you.

scouts.org.uk/volunteer

<https://bit.ly/3xK5mZX>



PTA Class Cake Sales

Proceeds from cake sales go back to the class for items that the teacher requests from the PTA

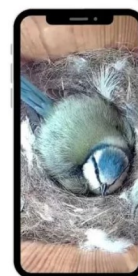
Next cake sale :

Reception Class after school on Friday 28th June 2024

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Cake Sale update

Year 1 teachers chose a wifi birdbox and camera to watch in class.



Newmarket Foodbank: The Racing Centre, Fred Archer Way, Newmarket, CB8 8NT. To contact The Foodbank call (01638) 561711 during opening hours or leave a message on the voicemail. Alternatively, email: foodbank@newmarketopendoor.org.uk
Mon – Closed
Tue – 10:30 am – 2:30 pm
Wed – Closed
Thu – 10:30 am – 2:30 pm
Fri – 10:30 am – 2:30 pm
Sat – Closed
Sun – Closed

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