



St Louis Catholic Academy Newsletter July 2024



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Reception Intake

2024 2025

We have spaces in September 2024. Please let your family and friends know. Our Reception children make great progress and we have an experience Early Years Team ready to welcome your child.

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all your support for the school throughout the past year. The children have worked hard and we look forward to seeing them in September after a good rest. They always seem to grow so much in six weeks.

Sadly, we say goodbye to our brilliant Year 6 children and wish them great times in their new school. They have been consistently good role models across the school and have risen to many challenges since September. We hope that they come back and see us to let us know how they are getting on.

I would like to thank Mr Mannell and Mrs Hodson for all their hard work as they move to their new schools in September. They have worked tirelessly for St Louis and will be greatly missed.

For families leaving school to move to other parts of the UK or abroad, we wish you all well settling into your new homes.

Once again, our fantastic PTA have been giving their time to make the 2023-2024 an incredible fundraising year. The PTA set themselves an ambitious target to fund a new trim trail for the edge of the Astroturf and they are so nearly there. Emma Joy-Staines has been an inspirational Chair of the PTA but is moving on now that her daughter leaves us. Emma promises to support Katie Abbs as she takes on the Chair role. Thank you for your tenacity in revitalizing the PTA Emma and to all the families who now help at the many events throughout the year.

As Emma has frequently reminded us, every penny spent goes towards supporting St Louis children and every parent in school is enrolled as a PTA member.

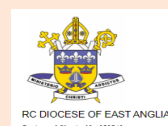
I would also like to thank Kathleen Das for her work with Mini-Vinnies this year. This group of volunteer children have carried out so much work to help others and I know that many more children are eager to join this group next school year.

I wish Mrs Conway a restful maternity leave and we will be queuing up to cuddle the new little Conway as soon as she arrives.

Finally, to the incredible staff who give everything to teaching and caring for your children, I say a huge thank you. From the time away from their families on residential to showing every child such care on every school day, our staff team is inspirational in their capacity to take on yet more challenges and to keep energy levels up.

All the St Louis staff team wish you a fantastic Summer break and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4th September 2024. We say thank you for all your support.

God Bless
Sue Blakeley
Headteacher



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY TOWARDS
THE PTA SCHOOL FAIR

National Horseracing
Museum
West Suffolk Anglo
Saxon Village/Moyses
Hall Museum
South Angle Farm Park
JumpinJacks
Scudamores Punting
Jackson - Stops
Mangiare
El Guaca
The Jockey Club
Cambridge
Shakespeare Festival
Spikes & Ponies
Red Lodge Karting
Corney & Barrow
Rocking Rabbit
M&L School of
Performing Arts
The Graze Kitchen
Pizza Express
Mountain Warehouse
Newmarket Sports
Rose & Mango
Tesco
Hair Studio 22
Edmondson Hall
Melissa Party Malarkey

Goodbye Year 6

Year 6 Leavers Mass

Parents and family gathered to celebrate the many gifts and talents of our year 6. Mrs White and Mr Mannell gave children a certificate setting out the Gospel values that they have shown us this year. The children love to hear what their teachers say to them and many tears were shed.



A huge thankyou to Mrs White, Mr Mannell, Ms Challis and Mrs Ashen for taking so many children to Norfolk for an adventure. It is a huge confidence boost for Year 6 to spend time challenging themselves and stepping outside of their comfort zones. We returned the children safe but tired to their families.

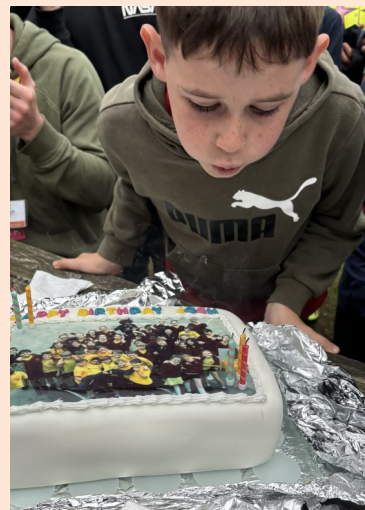
The children celebrated a birthday whilst away and Mrs Weston-Mann packed the group off with a legendary cake ready for the celebrations.

In the final week of school, children enjoyed a picnic, time with friends and opportunities to reminisce about their years in school.

Some families leave us for the final time and they were presented with a rose to mark their youngest children leaving us.

Dream On

Year 6 astonished us with their fantastic performance of Dream On based on Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream. The singing and acting was fantastic and we filled the school hall on two nights. Thank you to all the parents for helping with props and costumes and the staff team for hours of rehearsals.



Goodbye to
our Year 6

READING QUEST

WHERE WILL READING TAKE YOU THIS SUMMER?

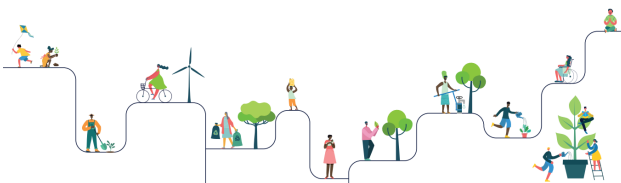
Get involved in our new summer reading programme for children

Every week during the summer holidays, library staff and volunteers will be on hand to chat to children about the activities completed each week and the exciting books they've read. While visiting the library, children can collect a weekly reward and a new stack of books to enjoy at home.

We're delighted to have the support of local company Advantage Angels who are sponsoring the Reading Quest in 2024 and 2025, allowing us to create some beautiful new resources which bring to life our lovely new reading quest map.



LiveSimply
SCHOOLS ACTION PLANNING GUIDE



GLOBAL IMPACT	Engage with CAFOD Lent fundraiser on global food poverty.	Set up fairtrade stall or group for school.	Engage with CAFOD's latest campaign.
LOCAL IMPACT	Set up links and create a school action with the local foodbank.	Joint parish and school reduce, reuse and recycle scheme.	Create a family led eco-promise activity, where parents take action.
SCHOOL IMPACT	Create a live simply pledge wall and actions.	Set up eco-club, and target sustainable actions.	Create a prayer garden to pray and reflect on living simply.

We are here to help 2024 2025

Name/Year Group	Teacher	Leadership responsibility	Teaching Assistant(s)
Acorns Nursery	Mrs Carrick	Teacher Music Lead	Mrs Humphries Mrs Banks Mrs Mitchell
Holly	Mrs Baldwin	Phase Leader Nursery and Reception Phonics & Early Reading Leader SLT	Mrs Mitchell HLTA Mrs Fasulo TA Mrs Parker TA
Cherry	Mrs Smith	Chair of Early Years Trust Working Group Alternate DSL Art Leader including Artsmark	
KS1 Rowan	Miss Allen	Teacher D&T Leader	KS1 Miss Baxter HLTA Mrs Burns HLTA Mrs Turner TA Mrs Banks TA Mrs Weston Mann TA
Lime	Mrs Brankin	Fairtrade Cafod Live Simply Award PSHCE/RSE School Council	
Oak	Mrs Muscionico	RE Leader Phase Leader	
KS2 Elm	Mrs Vickrage	Teacher PE Leader	LKS2 (Elm, Beech, Sycamore) Mrs Burns HLTA Mrs Sheridan TA Miss Woodhall TA Mrs Bosley TA and Catering Assistant UKS2 (Hazel, Larch, Maple) Mrs Ashen TA Miss Challis TA Mrs Gilroy TA
Beech	Mrs Harris Miss Wyatt	Maths Leader SENCo, Computing Lead	
Sycamore	Miss Midgley	History Leader	
Hazel	Mrs Lebbon Mrs Burgess	Apprentice Teacher	
Larch	Mrs Fitch	Geography Leader	
Maple	Mrs White Mrs Masters	Reading and Writing Assistant Headteacher Science	

Rayes Lane Horse Crossing

Over the holidays, we are advised that work will take place to create the long-awaited crossing for horses at the intersection with Fordham Road.

When we return to school, we will be reminding children of the importance of staying safe around horses.

- ♦ Keep your child close to you
- ♦ Do not allow them to shout out and startle the horses
- ♦ Cross the road calmly
- ♦ Avoid stopping to chat in areas where horses are frequently passing



Sports Day

We delayed Sport's Day because of forecast rain. On Monday, we enjoyed sunshine



An Amazing Year of Sport

Mrs Vickerage and Mr Mannell have led some incredible team wins this year and we have a shelf full of trophies. Mr Mannell has given lots of his after school time to prepare teams throughout the year and both teachers have attended many competitions with children. We won a lot of competitions this year. Even when we did not win, there were so many competitions where we did well too!



Sports Achievements: this year

2nd place - Cross Country Competition

3rd place - Girl's Football Competition

1st place - Sportshall Athletics Competition

1st place - Girl's Cricket Competition

2nd place - Hockey Competition

Nominated winners - Netball competition

Special recognition award for integrity - Boy's Cricket Competition

County Final Achievements:

4th place - Girl's Cricket County Final

2nd place - Netball County Final

1st place - Sportshall Athletics County Final (The big one! :D)

Well done children who achieved this!

PTA News

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very grateful to all our helpers and every penny donated at the Summer Fair even the sun shone for us. We hope you had as much fun as we did and it is always incredible to unite the school community. From Mr Mannell's and Miss Weston Mann's unforgettable amazing sponge the teacher stand, Brians invaluable help, Mrs Vickrage's legendary talent show to all the BBQ chefs, basketball talent and every helping hand.

There's some snaps from the event and behind the scenes with our INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS who made the magic happen on the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stlouisacademypta>

We are thrilled to have raised £3320 WELL DONE ALL AND A BIG THANK YOU to you and our business supporters for helping us make that fundraising possible:

Wishing you all a wonderful final week of this academic year and have a fantastic Summer Break.

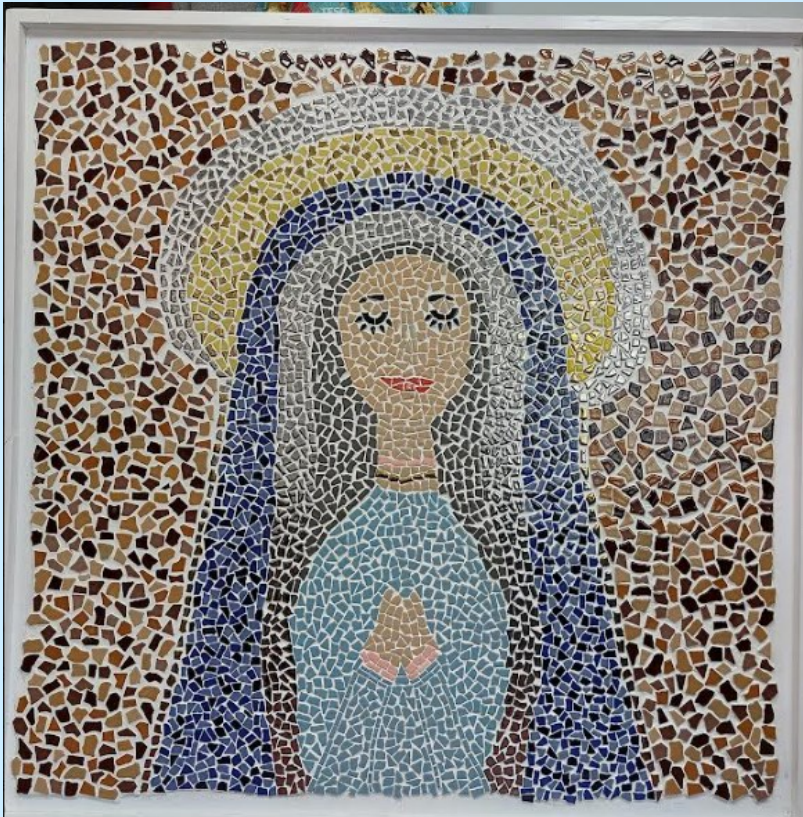
**ALONE WE CAN DO
SO LITTLE**



**TOGETHER WE CAN
DO SO MUCH**

Mini Vinnie Mosaic

Mrs Das and Mini Vinnies have worked to create this amazing mosaic. This is incredibly beautiful. Thank you.



Lost Clothing Around School

Every week, we collect twenty or more items of unlabelled clothing, wash them and give them to Mrs Das to add to the Facebook Nearly New Shop Uniform page. Some of you may be rebuying your own clothes! Please label clothes with a laundry pen (full name please) or use sew on/stick on labels.

When we find a name label, we work to unite your child with their lost property.

Stikins Uniform Name Labels

These Stikins name labels for clothes and shoes are a great way to avoid your child losing their school uniform and also generates **30%** in commission for school! Here is a link with more information and how to place your order—our fundraising number is **20400** <https://www.stikins.co.uk/name-labels/>



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2024 2025 Calendar

More dates will be added over Autumn Term

Nursery and Reception Stay and Read at 2.45pm:

16th October 2024, 20th November 2024, 22nd January 2025, 12th March 2025, 7th May, 2025 4th June 2025, 2nd July 2025

9th-22nd September 2024 - Fairtrade Fortnight

19th September 2024: wear Fairtrade colours and donate to the Fairtrade shop
3.30pm Fairtrade Shop

Meet the Teachers Whole school event - Wednesday 11th September at 3.30pm in the school hall. This is an opportunity to pick up information about your child's curriculum and say hello to your teachers. From homework advice to books to read, we'll be there to help.

Reception & Years 1

Monday 16th September 2024 2.45pm

Little Wandle Phonics Parent Meeting in school hall with Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Smith and Mrs Musciconico. This is an important meeting for Reception and Year 1 families. Please try to attend.

20th September Clare Priory Day for Year 6 (Voluntary contribution of £5 towards cost invited please)

26th September 2024 Macmillan coffee morning

30th September 2024 9am Norwich Cathedral Year 6

4th October 2024 Young Minds mental health awareness

10th October 2024 9.15am Harvest Festival in school hall with Food Bank donations invited

22nd & 23rd October 2024 Parent consultation meetings

18th October 2024 Show Racism Red Card! Wear Red

21st October to 8th 2024 November Writing Festival

26th November 2024 Pantomime - whole school visit to Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds

1st December 2024 Start of Advent

16th December 2024 EYFS Songs for Christmas

14th December 2024 KS1 Nativity in church

18th December 2024 Christmas Dinner and Party

20th December 2024 Christmas Carole Service in church

24th January 2025 Jubilee Launch Day Pilgrims of Hope

6th March 2025 World Book Day— celebrating reading at bedtime by wearing pyjamas

21st March World Down Syndrome Day

12th May to 15th May 2025 KS2 SATS

25th to 27th June 2025 Year 4 Thorpe Woodlands Residential

9th to 11th July 2025 Year 6 Residential Norfolk

Free School Meals

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support, Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit but **no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work fewer hours per week
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month), as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

To check if your child is eligible, apply online for an immediate response or call 0345 606 6067 for advice.