St Louis Catholic Academy News

February 2022







Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back and we have been fortunate to have very low Covid cases to begin 2022. St Louis continues to be guided by Suffolk Education Covid Team and daily monitoring of absences related to Covid continue.

Year 5 signed up to Children's University in January as part of a pilot that is being evaluated externally. Thank you to families for enrolling your children on this and I hope that they enjoy all of the home based activities and interests on offer to them. Mrs. Hodson, our science subject leader is planning for our second celebration of British science in March. If your work is in science, technology or maths, please contact her on rowan@stlouisacademy.co.uk and let her know if you are willing to speak to children during British Science Week. Either side of half-term, Mrs. Cox is working with the Fairtrade Group to organise a celebration of Fairtrade and its importance. The children have many ideas about raising the profile of Fairtrade in school.

Thank you to all the families who support children in completing weekly homework. Our next croissant and Golden Time half termly treat for KS2 will take place at the end of this half term. Please support your children to return their homework on time.

The parent survey has given us many ideas for improving the school over the next 12 months. A summary of your feedback is included in the newsletter. Once Governors meet to agree the improvement plan, this will be published in the following newsletter. I shared your feedback with all staff and the many, lovely positive comments about them were very well received. Thank you. We asked you to vote on your preference for parent consultations and based upon 65% requesting face to face meetings, we'll be sending out invitations to attend school in person shortly.

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Bishop of East Anglia

26 January 2022

The Right Reverend Bishop Alan S Hopes B.D. A.K.C.

Applications for Reception places are in for this year and we'll be working with Governors to offer places in line with our Admissions Policy in February. If you would like a place at our excellent Acorns Nursery, please let admin know admin@stlouisacademy.co.uk. We are always happy to show prospective families around our wonderful school.

With best wishes

Sue Blakelev Headteacher

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ALAN TO ST LOUIS CHILDREN

Mrs Cox and KS1 children made a

Email: sueblakeley@stlonisacademy.co.ak Dear Mrs Blakeley. Thank you so much for sending the beautiful Christmas Message from the children of St Louis Academy. I am sorry that I have not responded before but I went down with Covid just after Christmas and am now eatching up! Please would you pass on this message to them from mes-Thank you. With my prayers and good wishes, + War. Har

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Staff Parking: Can you help?

Do you know anywhere nearby that we can access low –cost all day parking? We are trying to help our staff team park near to school during the day.

Our school supports the work of





Cafod https://cafod.org.uk/

Coming soon during Lent: Walk **Against Hunger**

wonderful video that was sent to Bishop Alan on behalf of St Louis. Bishop Alan has sent us this message:

We are here to help						
Acorns Nursery	Mrs Bryan	acorns@stlouisacademy.co.uk				
Cherry	Mrs Smith	cherry@stlouisacademy.co.uk				
Holly	Mrs Baldwin	holly@stlouisacademy.co.uk				
Rowan	Mrs Hodson	rowan@stlouisacademy.co.uk				
Oak	Mrs Cox & Mrs Lebbon	oak@stlouisacademy.co.uk				
Lime	Miss Coetzee	lime@stlouisacademy.co.uk				
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Maple	Mrs Feehan	maple@stlouisacademy.co.uk				
Headteacher	Mrs Blakeley	sueblakeley@stlouisacademy.co.uk				
Admin	Mrs Crawley and Mrs Jones	admin@stlouisacademy.co.uk				

FRIENDS OF ST LOUIS

You have been incredible in supporting the FOSL

Sadly, Wendy Patman—Smyth stood down from FOSL after years of brilliant work and Shelley needs help. If you have joined St Louis in recent years (or longer) and would like to help raise funds for the school, please contact admin@stlouisacademy.co.uk. We hope to meet with anyone interested in getting involved.

Catholic life

FEBRUARY FOOD

COLLECTION

Having a month-long collection in classes has proved a good way to get everyone helping with the food bank collection.

Therefore, in February, we ask for a tin of food as a food bank contribution.

Newmarket Open Door

Churches Together With People in Need



Thank You Mrs Joy-Staines! You applied to Tesco on school's behalf and you secured £1000 towards equipment for our

Community
Teaching
Kitchen.





Monday 31⁴ January 2022

Tesco Community Grants Reference Number: 87068

Dear Emma,

Tesco Community Grants - Friends of St Louis - St Louis Family Food Hub

Thank you for your application to the Tesoo Community Grants programme and I am pleased to tell you that Friends of St Louis have received an award of £1,000.00. We will pay 100% of your award, upon satisfactory completion of due diligence.

Sport and Staying Active at St Louis

Teacher Training this Term

St Louis teachers are learning some

new skills this term with the help of **Forest Heath Sports** Partnership.

They are attending: **Gymnastics** workshop. Introduction to **Arrows Archery and** an Athletics Workshop



Our Midday Supervisors are attending training to develop their outdoor play skills. This helps us all to improve our skills.





Sports Competitions

Yr 5/6 Swimming Gala Feb 15th **KS2 Sports hall Athletics** Pentathlon (Virtual - on site)

Spring



We take part in the Daily Mile

Staff CPD: PE Coaching

Teachers will be teaching alongside specialist coaches to improve their skills. We are provided with this support by Forest Heath Partnership. We have shared the development opportunities throughout the school.

Tennis (KS1) Multi Skills





After School Clubs Spring Term

Tennis UKS2 Multisports KS1 & UKS2 Gymnastics KS1 Basketball KS2 Football Reception Cheerleading Dance LKS2

We change the offer to each phase termly

Lunchtime Sport

We use our PE provider to support sports activities that include:

Games. Challenge Activities Skipping games, Music Personal Challenge Leaderboards. We encourage children to use the trails and climbing equipment during breaktimes.



As an Artsmark School, we gain many opportunities and priority spaces on writing experiences. We have secured spaces for all Year 6 to work in school with scriptwriters to develop Tiny Plays that will

then be performed by professional actors at Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds. We will take them to the theatre to see how their writing translates into live stage performance. The writing focuses on the theme of transmission as Year 6 prepare to move to secondary school. We have the opportunity to take part in this project for free, thanks to Arts Council England and Periscope (Local Cultural Education Partnership). Here is the short documentary from last year's programme to give you a flavour of what it's all about - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svz5M8P0t3Y This project will provide a memorable end to their primary school education. Students will have the opportunity to creatively express their thoughts and ideas, learn new skills and take part in an end of project celebration with their peers. Each child will get the opportunity to work with a high-quality,

professional playwright to teach them the of play writing. Children will learn about plot, character, storytelling, drafting and staging during two one-hour workshops, which take place in your school. By the end of these two workshops, each child will have crafted their own short play (under 5 minutes long).



Children's University (CU) for Year 5

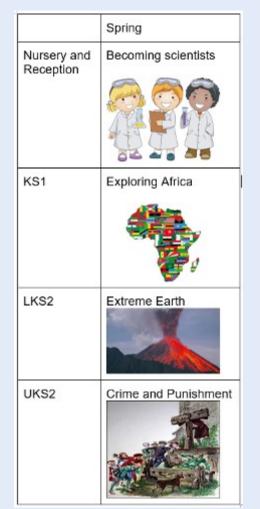


Debbie Bennet, our CU Co-Ordinator dropped off learning passports to Year 5 and talked them through the many home and community based learning offers open to them. We recognise that Covid has impacted upon all our children getting out and about and we believe Year 5 will gain many skills from taking part in more off-site fun learning. Each time a child completes a new activity, they gain a stamp on their passport. The value of Children's University is that the child organises their own activities that they find interesting but the programme also introduces them to experiences that they may not have thought to try out previously. Current challenges include Pop up Art, Birdwatch, Astronomy, Dance Moves and History. In school, we are using Skills Builder to help children to gain life skills. St Louis recognises that Children's University will help our year 5s become more creative, act as problem solvers and aim high. All of this helps

them grow to be confident and independent, ready to move on to Secondary School. We are excited that so many families agreed to sign up and we are expecting passports filled with stamps very soon!



Launching our Spring Learning Themes





KS 1 took part in African drumming and an animal experience





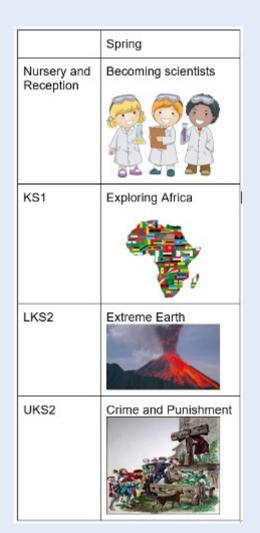








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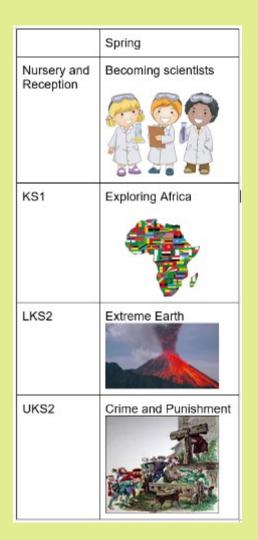


Reception enjoyed a day of science





Launching our Spring Learning Themes





LKS2 learned about earthquakes through drama and exploration



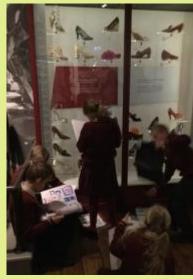




Nursery and Reception Becoming scientists Exploring Africa LKS2 Extreme Earth UKS2 Crime and Punishment

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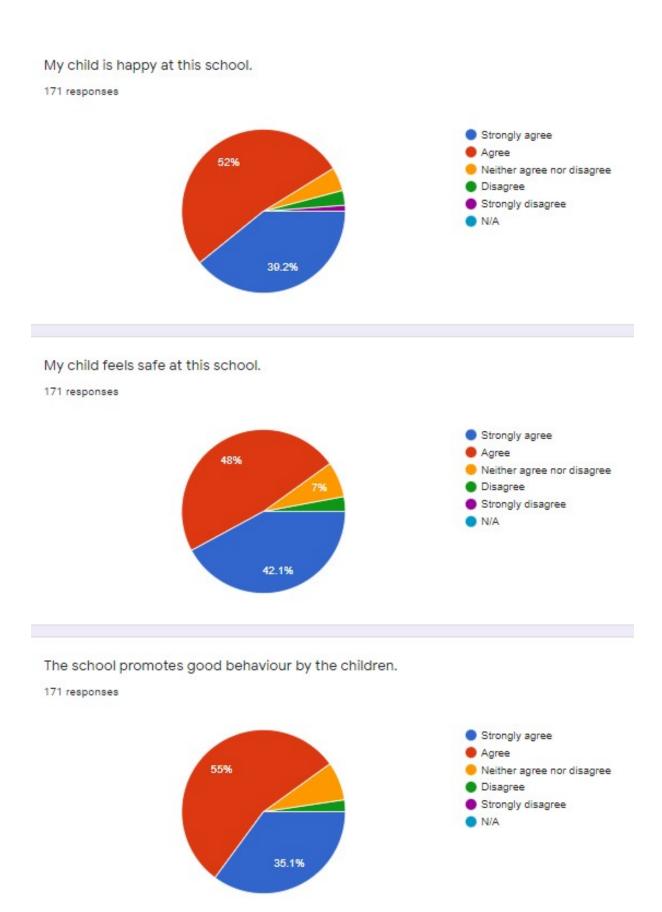


UKS2 learned about Crime and Punishment during their visit to Norwich Castle & Museum

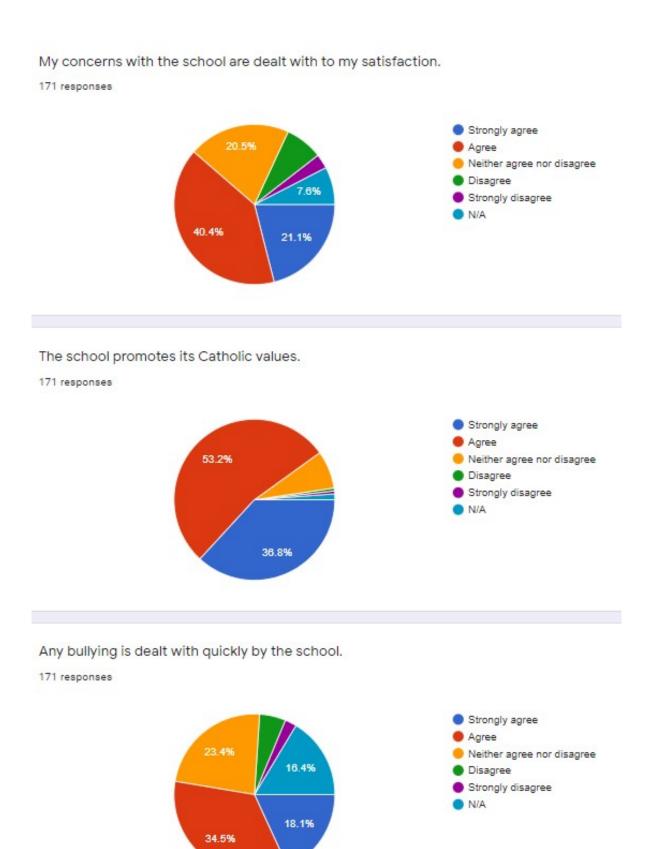




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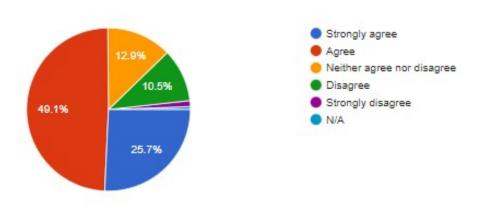
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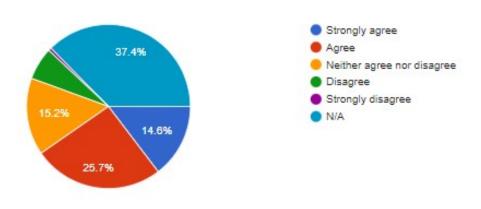
I am kept well informed about what my child will learn during the year.

171 responses



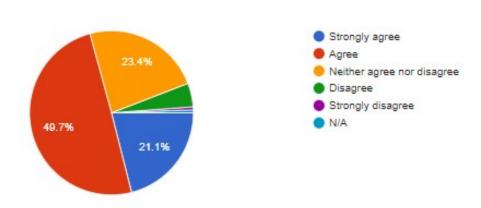
My child is well supported with their special needs.

171 responses



The school has high expectations for my child.

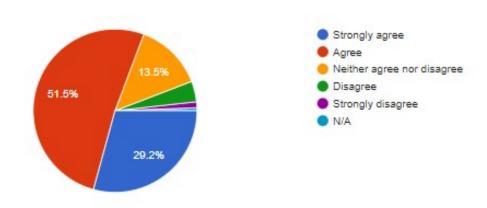
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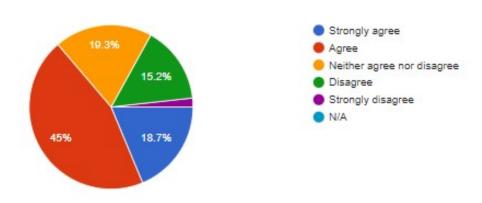
My child progresses well at this school.

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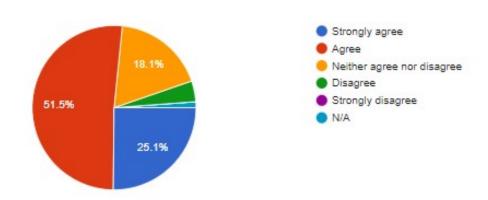
I am kept well informed about the progress of my child

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My child has the opportunity to learn from a rich and varied curriculum.

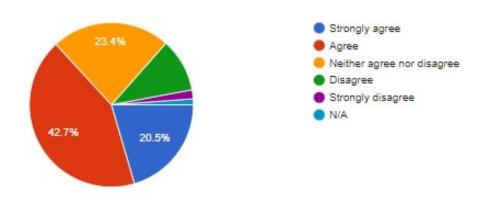
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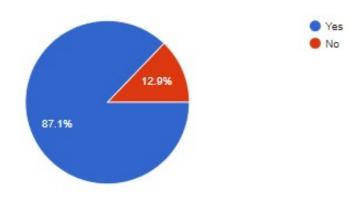
The school supports my child's wider personal development.

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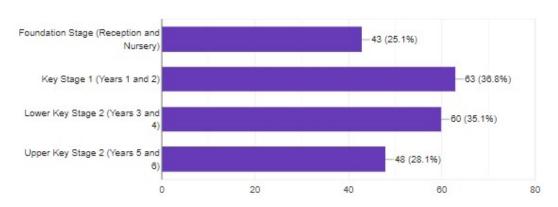
I would recommend this school to another parent:

171 responses



I have a child / children in the following Key Stage(s):

171 responses



This shows the key themes in feedback when you were asked about one thing that is good and to list your things that you want to see change. This will be discussed with school Governors to develop an improvement plan.

	No. of comments from an individual about what was liked	Themes	No. of comments from an individual about what could be better	Themes (bracketed when several from one person)
Reception	20	Happy/ friendly/ supportive staff Happy children	17	Communication Better menu More fun activities drama/clubs /holiday club More interaction with parents Better playground Traffic We had secondary school Too much religious teaching
KS1	36	Behaviour/discipline Great teachers Ethos/ Catholic Values Communication Friendly Christian Rich & varied curriculum / varied teaching approaches Forest school Happy children Variety of after school clubs Fresh fruit Organised Happy children	35	More communication Send homework via teams Maths/English Video and photo evidence of child's learning shared All drop off at Rayes Lane Make aware of Covid cases Too many/ too few emails Poor video conferencing Accident reports not sent home Why no football shirts? Improve car park Extra homework for catch up Access to classrooms again Traffic More info on Covid cases Bigger school

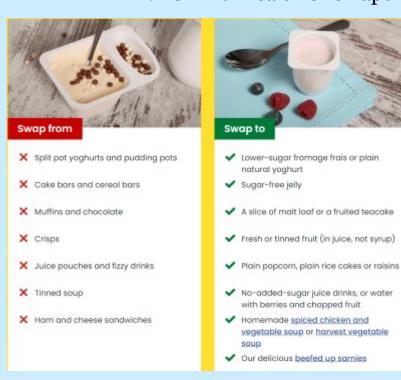
LKS2	40	Amazing/dedicated teachers	31	School diners need improving
		Catholic teaching		Insufficient catch up homework
		Behaviour		(one response: Traffic
		Lovely atmosphere		Staff turnover, Theatre,
		Family feel		Headteacher, access to staff,
		Care and updates from staff		favouritism towards families,
		Supportive & professional		No sense of family)
		Welcoming		More sport
		Creative – writing festival/		SENDCo support
		forest school		Free after school clubs
		Build confidence		Follow up on rude children with
		Support me as parent		their families
		Respectful		Too much homework
		Curriculum		Set homework individually to
				meet need
				Headteacher does not respond to
				emails
				Mixed class
				More communication/ less
				communication
				Covid cases reporting
				Feedback on progress
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One thing good

What needs to change

UKS2	30	Behaviour	23	(Xr 6 forgotten., No fun ,Too much homework
	10000	Teachers		Need mental health positive, time out at weekends)
		Catholic Values		Dismal sport offer, Don't have accreditations
		Dedicated/approachable staff		Have competition
		Christian		Favouritism towards children whose families work in school
		SENCe		Less able children need as much support as others
		After school clubs/facilities		Diversity of staff and Governors
		Caring		More support for core subject catch up
		Variety of homework		More extra curricular activities
		Strong values		Mixed classes
		Admin exceptional in		Allow skipping and football on Astroturf
		communicating		Have competitive sports day
		Community and church		School lost its heart
		Importance of education		(Reintroduce golden table
		Respectful children		Communication
		Theatre		Lunch menu
		Nurturing		More diversity of teachers
		Art lessons		Allow football shirts
		Family		Have mixed classes
		TAs		Know what my child is being helped with
		Feel safe		Staff race and gender equality
		Small and friendly		(Can't go to toilet, get wrong snack, wear wrong uniform/clothing.)#more
				male staff
				Listen more to parents
				Change Headteacher
				(music/French dull
				Too many requests for money
				Too much going on
				No homework <u>club</u>
				No Masses and visits to church
				Lack of community, No yr 6 roles

NHS Find Healthier Swaps for the whole family



We have been sent some NHS leaflets to send out but we are awaiting further supplies before we distribute. This is part of an NHS Healthier Families promotion.

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-food-swaps/

Everyone is welcome to join our healthier school food panel who receive menu suggestions and provide comments. We regularly make changes in response to the panel's feedback. Contact admin@stlouisacademy.co.uk if you'd like to join.

ST LOUIS FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 21ST TO 6TH MARCH 2022



St Louis has been passionate about Fairtrade for many years and is pleased to have held the Fair Achiever Award for several years. Part of our commitment is to hold

fundraisers and events to raise awareness about the importance of paying a fair price for products we buy. Our Fairtrade Committee, run by Upper Key Stage Two children, is busy preparing for Fairtrade Fortnight 2022. "For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and

underpaid."(www.fairtrade.org.uk) This year our St. Louis Fairtrade Committee is making activity packs for everyone to buy. They are busy creating, drawing, compiling so that there is something for everyone to enjoy, whichever year group you are in. When you come back after half term, your packs will be ready for collection. Look out for posters going up

around the school! Who will buy the first ever St Louis Fairtrade activity pack?



This is the overview of Catholic teaching in our school during Spring Term.







Welcome back to a new term and 2022! We hope that you had blessed and holy Christmases filled with the peace of Christ! Having just started a **new Liturgical Year** at the beginning of Advent, we are not far into the new Church year either.

What's going on in the Catholic Church-

Changes of Season:

As we return to school, we will have our prayer cloths white as we will still be in the season of Christmas! White symbolises innocence, purity, victory and joy and is used for joyful and glorious occasions including Jesus, Mary the angels and the saints!

Monday 20th January 2022: We move back into the season of **Ordinary Time**. Our prayer cloths will be green to reflect our growth, hope and life in the Lord.

Wednesday 2nd March 2022: We will enter into Lent where our cloths will be purple to reflect this season of preparation and penance.

(When we return to school after Easter on 12/4/21, we will be back to white again as we will be in the season of Eastertide.)

Key Dates (holy days of obligation in addition to Sundays are in **bold***):

6/1/22 - Solemnity of the Epiphany

9/1/22 - Feast of the Baptism of our Lord

2/2/22 - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

2/3/22 - Ash Wednesday

19/3/22 - Solemnity of St Joseph

25/3/22 - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

10/4/22 - Palm Sunday

w/c 11/4 - Holy Week

15/4/22 - Good Friday

17/4/22 - Easter Sunday 24/4/22 - Divine Mercy Sunday

*If the holy day of obligation falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it is transferred to the nearest Sunday. RE in school: Our Gospel values this term are Truthfulness and Compassion for Spring 1 and Forgiveness and Friendship for Spring 2.

This term in our classes, we will be exploring:

EYFS: Getting to Know Jesus, Sorrow and Joy, and Growing and Giving –

KS1: The Chosen People, The Good News and Giving.

LKS2: Being a Christian, Called to Change and Prayer (prayers of the Mass)
UKS2: God's Covenant, Reconciliation, and Prayer (prayers of the Mass).

Inspired by Pope Francis's words in his encyclical 'Laudato Si' and following on from our live discussion and Q&A experiences from COP26, we have decided to embark on our 'Live Simply' award journey. This CAFOD-led award guides organisations towards living a life that is gentler on our planet and kinder towards others. Over the next few weeks, we will start our planning discussions with both staff and children on how we can walk together as a school along this new journey. Watch this space!











Let us pray... Lord, thank you for who you are: the mighty and strong God who became so humble that he entered the world as a little baby just so that we could become closer to you. Please forgive us for those times when we have not followed this beautiful example of humility with others in our lives and instead fallen into the trap of false pride. Help us to acknowledge that all the good we have comes from you; we thank you for this. Please help us to be living examples of your love this term. Amen.

(This uses the ACTS prayer model that we will be exploring more this term as a school. It suggests a prayer structure of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication.)

St Louis Community News





One of our teachers got engaged!!



Our project manager is appointed and has started organising the installation of our new teaching kitchen. We are on our way!



We are inviting application for 2022-2023 nursery places.



One of the many benefits of working collaboratively in a Trust is that we get support from schools. St Albans High School has helped us develop a new nursery website page and will be help us in social marketing of our nursery in the Newmarket area. Mrs

Muscionico took fabulous photos of our children learning through play for the website. Nursery children have been especially busy learning to count to ten this term. This skill will support them in their move to Reception.



Welcome Little Friends of St Louis Stay and Play 4th March

We are launching a stay and play session for pre-nursery families. If you would like to be invited, contact acorns@stlouisacademy.co.uk

Mrs Bryan and Mrs Das are establishing this group to welcome families of younger children into school for a chat and play with coffee and biscuits and the opportunity for children to mix and make new friends.

Dates for your diary

February 2022

Big School Birdwatch.

https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/



7th—13th February Children's Mental Health Week



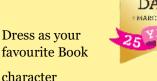
Fairtrade Fortnight 21st February - 6th March 2022



Season of Lent 2nd March 2022 - 16th April 2022.Ash Wednesday Mass in church



World Book Day 3rd March





PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March 2022
Face to Face



British Science Week

Mad Science Day Dress up

18th March

Scientist Talks

Live Science Show

Food Bank Collection
Throughout February in class

Tinned foods please



Little Louis drop- in 4th March

This is a stay and play session for pre nursery children. Contact admin@stlouisacademy.co.uk for



Our Lady Immaculate and St. Etheldreda Catholic Church, Newmarket Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February – Half Term

Friday 8th April – Term Ends

Summer Term 2022

Staff Professional Day – Monday 25th April

Tuesday 26th April – Term Commences

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June – Half Term

Wednesday 20th July – Term Ends

Staff Professional Day -Thursday 21st July



