

Headteacher's Update – 5.12.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every time I pass the hall this week, I have heard children practising their shows for Christmas. It really does warm my heart and remind me why I love working in a primary school when I hear their beautiful singing and their loud voices when saying their lines. Hopefully, they won't get too shy when it is time to perform in front of you!

I really hope you are able to join us to celebrate this time of Advent and Christmas. Each year group will be taking part in a performance of some sort, so please check you know the times for your child and that you have ordered tickets if needed. All information has been sent out and is available on our website.

I look forward to seeing as many as you as possible over the next couple of weeks.

PTA Fete – 12th December

Please come along and support our wonderful PTA at the fete on Friday 12th December. This will take place on the front playground. Please bring **cash** and help raise funds for our school.

I have been asked to draw your attention to the Santa's Grotto in particular. We are very lucky that Santa comes along to meet children in his grotto for a chat. He has a gift for all the children too.

Tickets are £2.50 per child and the grotto will be in the KS2 corridor and will be accessed through the main doors into KS2 from the front playground.



School Uniform – Reminder about ties and no boots

Thank you to everyone who has made such a great effort to follow our uniform policy. Children are generally looking really smart and it helps to foster a sense of belonging for all our families.

Just a couple of reminders:

- all children should be wearing their winter uniform and **ties are compulsory** for all children. PL Schoolwear do sell ties on elastic for any children who find tying one tricky.
- **Boots are not part of the school uniform**, which includes ankle boots. If children walk to school in boots they need to bring their school shoes with them to change into when they get here

Year 2 Visit to St Michael's

Year 2 enjoyed a visit to St Michael's School on Wednesday to watch a special carol service featuring scripture, prayers, and traditional Christmas carols. The children represented our school beautifully as they listened respectfully and took in the meaning of the Christmas story. It was a lovely opportunity for them to experience events at a secondary school and we were all very impressed with the amazing singing voices!

Visiting Author

This week, KS2 were lucky enough to have a visit from the author, Mark Creasy, talking about his new book '*Simon Smith, Schoolboy Spy*'. We were treated to an exciting assembly that included a sneak peak at his new book! We were also able to ask questions about being an author and why he decided to write about Simon Smith!

Year 5 also took part in a spy workshop with Mark, and took part in cracking codes and figuring out the difference between codes and ciphers. Year 5 were able to take this opportunity to truly step into the role of a spy and see how cracking codes could lead to them figuring out a mystery!

We hope that Mark's visit will have inspired the future authors and will have reminded children the excitement and thrills that come with reading (and writing!)

If you missed the chance to buy a signed copy of Mark's book at school, he will be at Aqua Vale this Saturday, 12.30-13.30, signing and selling copies.



Outside school achievement



Congratulations to Alexia Maria of 3S. She is a member of Aylesbury Town Corinthians U9 football team and was chosen as the Player of the Match. It was lovely to hear that one of the things she was so proud of is that her hard work was greatly appreciated by the team.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Machin

A Prayer at Advent

Heavenly Father,

As we begin this season of Advent, we open our hearts to Your presence.

Prepare us to welcome Your Son, Jesus Christ, with joy and hope.

Help us to slow down in the midst of our busy lives,

to reflect on Your love and the promise of salvation.

Bless our families, especially our children,
that they may feel the wonder of this holy time
and learn to wait with patience and faith.

Fill our homes with peace, kindness, and light,
so that we may share Your love with the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen .





Learning at St Louis

Nursery

We have been learning: about Mary and Joseph and how baby Jesus was born on Christmas day.

You can help at home by: talking with your child about special celebrations at this time of the year.

Reception

We have been learning: different songs and poems for our Christmas show.

You can help at home by: encouraging your child to perform these to you.

Year 1

We have been learning: to write sentences with joining words.

You can help at home by: write a sentence with your child with and, but, so or because.

Year 2

We have been learning: about the seasons of the year.

You can help at home by: asking your child which is their favourite season and why.

Year 3

We have been learning: the 4 times tables.

You can help at home by: helping your child to practise the 4 times tables.

Year 4

We have been learning: the other times tables we were yet to learn. We now know all tables up to 12x12!

You can help at home by: asking random times tables questions and encouraging Times Tables Rock stars.

Year 5

We have been learning: about the American Civil War in English.

You can help at home by: coming up with questions to ask those involved e.g. Abraham Lincoln.

Year 6

We have been learning: how the voltage in a circuit affects the loudness of a buzzer.

You can help at home by: asking your child how we designed our experiment and what we discovered.