

## Headteacher's Update – 6.3.26

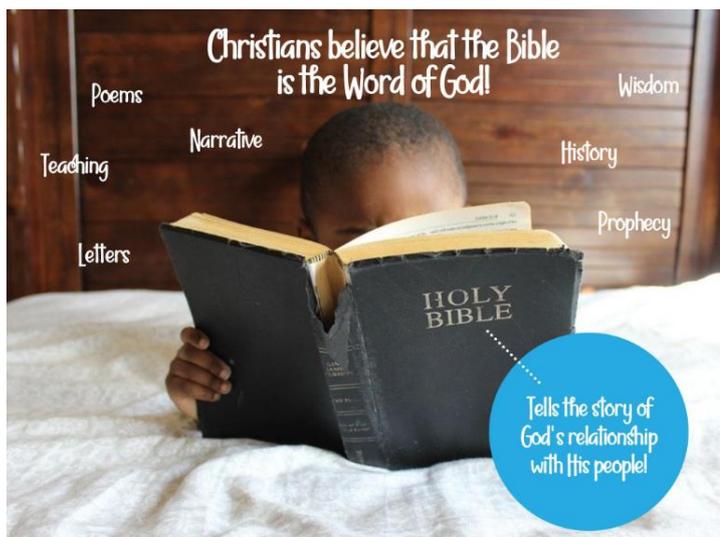
Dear Parents,

I hope you are enjoying the brighter weather. I have seen several signs of spring this week including my first butterfly sighting (a brimstone) and a bumblebee. I can see buds on trees meaning blossom is imminent, and I think we all appreciate the longer hours of daylight. It is important that we continue to look for moments of joy and wonder at a time when there are so many upsetting events in the world.

### Big Lent Walk

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk so far. We are delighted to share that we have raised **£111** already! I am delighted to see the children have been enthusiastically taking part by walking and completing laps of the playground throughout the week, helping us build towards our special Big Lent Walk day on Friday 20th March, when children will be out walking even more to support the cause. Their desire to look out for the poor and vulnerable is obvious. We still have three weeks to go, so please keep the donations coming if you are able to. Every contribution helps us support those in need and stand in solidarity with our global neighbours.

### World Book Day



As we celebrate World Book Day and the transformative power of reading, we also remember how special the Bible is to us as Christians.

Perhaps you already share Bible stories with your child at home. It would be interesting to ask them which stories they know and talk about the message behind them.

We share scripture with the children from age appropriate Bibles at the start of each RE lesson, as well as in Celebration of the Word assemblies, and the quality of their thoughts and reflections always impress me.



It was such a difficult job judging the amazing World Book Day costumes, as everyone looked brilliant. However, we did choose winners from each class who were presented with their book prize in assembly.



All children took part in book related activities throughout the day, and I enjoyed sharing my book, *The Day the Crayons Quit*, with Reception whilst dressed as a crayon!



## Buckinghamshire Communication Week

Communication Week at St. Louis EYFS was a lovely celebration of speaking, listening, and sharing stories. We welcomed special visitors who read stories to the children, making story time extra exciting. Nursery also visited Reception for some shared activities, and our buddies spent time reading and interacting with the children. It was a wonderful week that helped build confidence and encouraged communication across the school.





## British Science Week

Today marks the beginning of British Science Week 2026, a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. This year's theme is 'Curiosity: what's your question?' Next week at school, every class will be completing different activities, which link to this year's theme. We will also have a scientist come into school to talk about their job within STEM as well as exciting assemblies with scientific experiments!

At home children can get creative and enter the British Science Association's annual poster competition with the chance to win an array of prizes. This year the British Science Week poster competition is linked to a real scientific research question.

**Nursery and Reception children** will be thinking about the question 'What makes children's lives good?'

**Children in Year 1 to 6** will be considering the questions 'What makes children's lives positive? What will a positive childhood look like in the future for children your age?'

More information and inspiration from the winning posters from last year can be found from the link below: <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/> **Closing date for entries to be returned to school is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026** and 5 winning entries will be selected to be entered into the competition. Please can all entries be handed into your child's class teacher or the school office.

## Girl's Football

This week has been a busy week for the girl's football team. On Wednesday, the girls competed in a 7 a side tournament, against 6 schools in the local area. They did fantastically well and managed to finish 3rd overall.

On Thursday, they had their quarter final match against Buckingham Park. It was a tough game and the girls were 3-0 down during the second half. However, the girls showed great perseverance and determination and got the score back to 3-2 creating a nail-biting finish for the opposition. Unfortunately, St Louis were unable to find that equaliser and were sadly knocked out of the cup. Mr Wassell is super proud of all the players for not giving up at 3-0 and for all their success this season in the cup (the furthest any St Louis Girls team has reached).

## School Crossing Patrols

We have been made aware of another 'near miss' incident involving a crossing patroller (lolly pop men and women). Please can I remind everyone that it is the law to stop when the patrollers are in the road and that we should all show them the respect and consideration they deserve.

Here is a reminder from the council of what you should do at a crossing point and how to report any incidents of concern:

Drivers are reminded to:

- Slow down when you see a patrol warning sign or flashing lights and be prepared to stop.
- Stop when the patroller displays the STOP sign.
- Be patient and do not move forward until instructed.
- Avoid parking on zigzag lines, bus stops or anywhere that obstructs the patroller's view or movements.

Reporting incidents:

To report any incidents involving School Crossing Patrollers, please contact:  
Aylesbury Vale and Wycombe (West): Corinne Randall – 01296 383 432

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

**We have been learning: the story of goldilocks and the three bears and engaging in role play activities around the story.**

**You can help at home by: talking about the story and comparing different sizes, small, medium and large.**

Reception

**We have been learning: how to celebrate little moments when we chat, play games and have stories together.**

**You can help at home by: spending time with your child chatting, playing games and reading.**

Year 1

**We have been learning: about omnivores in science.**

**You can help at home by: asking your child what different animals eat.**

Year 2

**We have been learning: about how plants grow and what they need.**

**You can help at home by: looking around you for signs of new plants growing.**

Year 3

**We have been learning: about addresses.**

**You can help at home by: asking your child what each line in their address means.**

Year 4

**We have been reading the parable of the sheep and the goats (Judgement of Nations).**

**You can help at home by: asking your child what the parable teaches us.**

Year 5

**We have been learning: about why the Vikings decided to leave Scandinavia and settle elsewhere.**

**You can help at home by: asking your child why people may move countries or towns nowadays and how this relates to Vikings.**

Year 6

**We have been learning: about Jesus washing His disciples' feet.**

**You can help at home by: asking your child what Jesus' actions teach us about His love for us.**