

## Headteacher's Update – 7.11.25

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half-term break! I hope you all enjoyed some rest, time with family, and perhaps a few autumn adventures. It's been lovely to see the children return full of energy and enthusiasm for the busy half term ahead. There's so much to look forward to as we move towards the end of the year, and of course, Christmas!

### Year 2 – The Great Fire of London Workshop

Year 2 had a great time this week as they took part in their Great Fire of London workshop. The children were captivated by our wonderfully entertaining visitor, who brought 1666 to life with stories, drama, and plenty of laughter. The children then rolled up their sleeves and baked delicious buns — just like those from the bakery on Pudding Lane where it all began (thankfully, with a much happier ending this time!).



### Consultation on Admissions Policy

Our Admissions Policy consultation is now open. The consultation runs from **3 November to 15 December 2025**, and we warmly invite parents, carers, and members of our community to share their views. All the details, including how to respond, can be found on our school website.

Website link: [Consultation -](#)

### Phonics Meeting for Parents

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for the recent Phonics Meeting. It was wonderful to see so many of you and to have the chance to talk about how we teach early reading in school. We hope you found it helpful and came away with some practical ideas for supporting your child's reading journey at home.

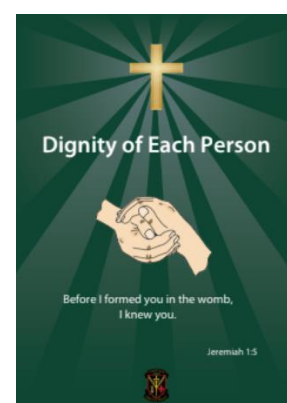
I can never emphasise enough how important reading is to your child's education, so thank you for your efforts in this area. We want all children to foster a love of reading, so please keep taking the time in your busy day to hear your child read and to read to them.

### **Anti-Bullying Week 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November including Odd Sock Day on 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Next week is National Anti-Bullying week. Although there is a difference between bullying and one-off incidents of unkindness, we do not tolerate either which is why we want children to understand our differences but that everyone deserves respect. To draw attention to the week and start the conversations that are so important, we will be joining in with Odd Sock Day on **Monday 10th November**. On this day, children wear their usual school uniform but with a pair of odd socks (these can be any colour). The idea is to celebrate what makes us all unique, and all deserving of respect.

### **Catholic Social Teaching Focus: The Dignity of Each Person**

This half term, our Catholic Social Teaching focus is on The Dignity of Each Person. We are reminding the children that every person is made in the image and likeness of God and deserves to be treated with kindness, respect, and fairness. Throughout the coming weeks, we'll be encouraging pupils to look out for one another — whether that's by including someone who seems left out, speaking kindly, listening carefully when others are talking, or showing patience and understanding when someone makes a mistake. We'll also be reflecting on how our words and actions can make others feel valued and loved, both in school and in the wider community.



### **TenTen Parent Newsletter for November**

Please use the link below to see the parent newsletter for TenTen to see the types of things children will be looking at and listening to in collective worship this term. Being in November, there is a big focus on remembrance and preparing for Advent.



<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

### **Admissions - September 2026**

All parents wanting a school place for your child in September 2026 must make an application **by 15 January 2026**.

You can apply online at [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk) from **5th November 2025**.

It is important that you apply even if your child already attends our nursery, or if you already have other children attending our school. A late application can **seriously jeopardise** your chances of your child being offered a place at your preferred school.

### **Football success**

The boys team started their campaign this week with back to back games in the league and cup. On Wednesday they won 3-2 against Weston Turville, thanks to a last minute wonder goal from Aaron. They then continued this success on Thursday in the cup. After a nail biting contest against Kingsbrook, the match finished 0-0. So the St Louis boys had to do it the

hard way and win on penalties. Thankfully 2 penalty saves by Raphael in goal meant that St Louis have progressed through to the next round.

Well done to all the boys that have played this week and a massive thank you to all the parents who have helped to transport to and support the children at these matches.

We're looking forward to a joyful and productive half term together — full of learning, creativity, and community spirit. Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Machin**



Learning at St Louis  
Nursery



**We have been learning:** about the Autumn nature materials that the children brought in this week, we talked about the different colours and textures.

**You can help at home by:** continuing to talk to your child about the different Autumn changes and colours we see when we are out and about.

**Reception**

**We have been learning:** how to find one more and one less than a number.

**You can help at home by:** helping your child to find one more and one less than a number.

**Year 1**

**We have been learning:** to write questions.

**You can help at home by:** writing some questions with your child, using a question mark.

**Year 2**

**We have been learning:** about the seasons in geography.

**You can help at home by:** looking around the local environment to see what signs there are that it is Autumn.

**Year 3**

**We have been learning:** about balanced diets.

**You can help at home by:** talking to your child about the different food groups and how much of each you should eat.

**Year 4**

**We have been learning:** about states of matter in science.

**You can help at home by:** asking what are the three states of matter.

**Year 5**

**We have been learning:** about the different passes in netball.

**You can help at home by:** asking your child to demonstrate the passes.

**Year 6**

**We have been learning:** about the women featured in the Old Testament.

**You can help at home by:** asking your child to tell you about one of these women and why they may be considered a protagonist.