

Headteacher's Update – 10.10.25

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the beautiful autumn days. It has been another busy and joy-filled week here at St Louis, full of prayer, learning and special moments that remind us what a special school community we are.

The Month of the Rosary

During this month dedicated to the Rosary and Our Lady, it has been wonderful to see the children using our chapel sessions as a time for quiet reflection and prayer. Many classes have been praying the Hail Mary together and learning more about the life of Our Lady. We are also encouraging children to offer their own intentions for prayer. In each classroom, children can write a moment of joy or sorrow on a cardboard leaf from the prayer table. These leaves are being used as starting points for spontaneous prayers, helping the children to see that prayer is something they can do in any moment, for any reason. Some of these special intentions will also be shared in our whole school assemblies, so we can pray together as a community.

I must say how proud I am of our Year 1 children, who have made a wonderful start to joining us for whole school assemblies. It can be a big step moving from class worship to the hall with the whole school, but they have been excellent listeners and are already joining in beautifully with our prayer to St Louis. It's lovely to see their confidence growing week by week.

Bikeability Training

Our Year 5 pupils have been taking part in Bikeability training, learning how to ride safely on the roads and how to check their bikes are in good working order. The instructors were very impressed with their listening skills and positive attitude. I would highly recommend that any family with children old enough to take part in this training consider signing up when the opportunity arises—it's such a valuable skill for life and helps build independence and confidence.

Reception Welcoming Ceremony

It was a real joy to hold our Reception Welcoming Ceremony this week. It was wonderful to see so many of our Reception parents able to come and celebrate as our youngest pupils were officially welcomed into the St Louis family. Each child received their certificate and house badge. It also gave you the opportunity to meet their big buddies, who will be there to look after and guide them through their first years with us.

Schools' Mass in Dunstable

Miss Sitkowski and I were also delighted to attend the Schools' Mass in Dunstable today, along with ten of our newly appointed Faith Ambassadors. It was a special service bringing together schools from across the Diocese, and our pupils represented St Louis with great reverence and joy. They took part in the Mass with real enthusiasm and respect—we were both extremely proud of them.



Parents' Evening and Book Look

Finally, a little reminder that Parents' Evening bookings are now open for next week if you haven't yet secured your slot. Thank you to everyone who came along to our recent Book Look; it was lovely to see so many of you in school, celebrating your children's hard work and achievements. We know you must be as proud as we are of everything they have already accomplished this term.

Message from School Crossing Patrollers

We have been asked to share the following with you from Buckinghamshire Council:

Following two near miss incidents on one of our sites this week, please be reminded of the importance of stopping and waiting until told by your School Crossing Patroller that it is safe for you to cross the road. Please find attached our Stop Wait Walk Flyer.

*We are currently running a social media campaign and will also be adding warnings about low sun conditions which make it harder to see School Crossing Patrollers as well as cyclists and pedestrians: Please lower your sun visor and drive with caution. Remember to Respect our Patrollers. **Stop Means Stop.***

No Smoking/vaping

Please remember that smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited anywhere on school grounds, including car parks and entrances. This policy helps us maintain a healthy, safe, and respectful environment for everyone. Thank you for supporting our smoke-free school community.

Pupil News

Adeline in Year 5, she received her Cubs Silver Award last Friday which she worked really hard to achieve. Well done Adeline!



Have a great weekend, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

We have been learning: This week's book, 'Driving my tractor' . The children are really enjoying this story.

You can help at home by: reading or discussing the story with your child. Here is a link to the singalong of the story https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lj_odhwo81s

Reception

We have been learning: how to make and continue different repeating patterns.

You can help at home by: encouraging your child to make different patterns using objects e.g. pencil, car, pencil, car

Year 1

We have been learning: zig-zag letters in handwriting.

You can help at home by: practising letters v, w, x and z with your child.

Year 2

We have been learning: about the Great Fire of London.

You can help at home by: seeing if your child can remember why the fire spread so quickly.

Year 3

We have been learning: to make ten first when adding a number.

You can help at home by: encouraging your child to partition numbers when adding. For example $34+9= 34+6 =40$ and $40+3 =43$

Year 4

We have been learning: about rounding to estimate in maths.

You can help at home by: asking your child what they need to do in order to round $636+794$ to the nearest hundred to get an estimated answer.

Year 5

We have been learning: about factors and multiples.

You can help at home by: making sure your child is confident with their 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables.

Year 6

We have been learning: about long division.

You can help at home by: asking the steps they would use to divide by a 2-digit number.

