

Headteacher's Update – 11.7.25

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final update of the academic year. As you know, **term finishes at 12pm (lunchtime) on Friday 18th July**. There is no on-site after school club on this day, so all children will need collecting at this time.

The first day of term after the summer break is Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Aktiva After-School Club

We emailed a letter to you on 9th July from Aktiva after-school club containing information on what they offer and how to book. If you are interested in booking places for September, please check your inbox for the information or follow this link to book:

<https://booking.aktivacamps.com/login>.

Summer Reading Challenge

We are delighted to promote the Summer Reading challenge which children can take part in at their local libraries. Please follow the link for more information.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

We really want children reading for pleasure and the summer holidays are a great time to get stuck into a good book.

When children have completed the challenge, if they bring their certificate into school then we will celebrate their achievement in a whole school assembly.



Year 5 DT - Cooking

This week in Year 5, the children had a fantastic time cooking their own versions of spaghetti Bolognese. They enjoyed adapting the recipe by choosing their own ingredients and worked really well together, sharing out the different cooking roles. Everyone was proud of their teamwork and, best of all, they thoroughly enjoyed tasting the delicious dishes they made at the end of the session!



Year 3 'Route 66' Day

On Thursday, year 3 celebrated the end of their 'Route 66' topic with an American themed day. In the morning, they played state bingo, created their own popcorn brand and made a box for their popcorn to go in. They also had fun dancing to some American themed music and taking part in a quiz. In the afternoon, the children enjoyed tasting their popcorn, with a glass of squash and a film!



SATs Results

We are thrilled with our Y6 SATs results this year- they are much higher than the national average. This is a testament to all the children's (and staffs') hard work and they should be rightly proud of themselves. Results will be shared with parents as part of the annual report which you will be receiving today.

Summer Production and Prize Giving

We are really excited about the upcoming Y6 production of The Wizard of Oz. The rehearsals are going really well and the costumes and staging look fantastic. The rest of the school will get to watch the dress rehearsal on Monday. Parents of Y6 pupils are invited to join us on Tuesday evening, so make sure you have your tickets. We will be taking photos of the show before performing to you, and will share these with you, so can you sit back and enjoy yourselves on the night (this also helps us to comply with parental permissions for

photos). On this evening the PTA will be holding a raffle. If you wish to buy tickets, please bring some money along.

Prize giving will follow the show.

School Trips

We think it is really important that all our year groups get to go on a school trip at least once in the year. We try to space them out throughout the year, and it has been the turn of the younger year groups now. Following the recent successful Reception trip to Tring Museum, this week has seen Year 1 visit Waddesdon Manor and Year 2 visit the Roald Dahl museum and follow the Roald Dahl trail around Great Missenden.

Thank you to all the parent helpers who are able to join us on these trips – you help enable us to provide these wonderful experiences.

Water bottles

It is really important in this heat that children bring a water bottle to school. Please remember that all water bottles should be no larger than 500ml and not be 'Air up' or filter bottles. We simply do not have the space to store larger bottles, but rest assured children can fill them up as many times as they need to and are given reminders just before the end of break and lunch times.

Play Equipment

It is very important that you do not allow your children, including younger pre-school age siblings, to play on the equipment in the playgrounds at the start or end of the school day. The equipment is designed for particular age children and for use during school time. Our pupils know this, so please help them to follow the rules. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

Ten:Ten Newsletter

Please follow the link to the July edition of the Ten:Ten newsletter for your information <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Staff News

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mr Leech, one of our Year 6 teachers, who will be moving on to new pastures at the end of term. We would like to thank him for all his hard work during his time at St Louis.

Thank you for all your support this year and for helping to make St Louis such a special place. I want to wish all our leavers, including Year 6, the very best for the future, and I'd like to wish everyone a brilliant summer.

Mrs Machin

End of Term Prayer

Loving God,
As we come to the end of this school term,
we thank You for all the learning, laughter, and love we have shared.
Thank You for our teachers, our friends, and our families
who help us to grow in faith and knowledge every day.

Forgive us for the times we have made mistakes,
and help us to learn from them with humble hearts.
Bless us with rest and joy in the holidays ahead.
Keep us safe, and help us to remember that You are always with us,
no matter where we go or what we do.

May we return refreshed, ready to serve You
with kindness, courage, and joy.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

We have been practicing our independence to help make us ready for starting school.

You can help at home by: helping your child to be independent by encouraging them to put their own coats and shoes on etc.

Reception

We have been learning: how to use the animal's net to make a 3D shape.

You can help at home by: using mathematical language to describe 3D shapes.

Year 1

We have been learning: days of the week and months of the year.

You can help at home by: practising these with your child at home.

Year 2

We have been learning: position and direction in maths.

You can help at home by: asking your child to move around the house and for them to describe each turn they need to take.

Year 3

We have been learning: the different methods of seed dispersal.

You can help at home by: asking your child about the different methods of seed dispersal.

Year 4

We have been learning: about how we can make sense of seemingly nonsense words reading Lewis Carroll's 'Jabberwocky'.

You can help at home by: asking what nonsense words your child remembers and what they thought they meant.

Year 5

We have been learning: how to create a healthy Spaghetti Bolognese.

You can help at home by: asking your child what steps they had to follow to make their meal.

Year 6

We have been learning: our lines, stage directions and final touches ahead of our performance.

You can help at home by: helping practice lines if needed and ensuring they have a restful weekend ahead of our big performance.