



St Louis Catholic Primary School

"We work together, we pray together, we grow together"

Headteacher's Update – 13.3.26



Dear Parents,

Reconciliation

On Tuesday morning, we held a special Reconciliation Liturgy in school to reflect on the importance of recognising when we have done wrong, saying sorry and showing forgiveness – a central focus of the Lenten season. The children listened beautifully, and our Faith Ambassadors delivered a powerful and thoughtful liturgy that helped everyone reflect on how we can grow and improve.

In the afternoon, our new parish priest, Fr Jais, joined us in the chapel for our KS2 children. Those who had already made their First Reconciliation were able to receive the sacrament, while others had the opportunity to speak with him about forgiveness and making good choices. There was a wonderful response from the children and a very large number wished to take part. Unfortunately, this meant not everyone who wanted to attend was able to do so, but Fr Jais has kindly offered to return so that more children will have the opportunity to take part.



Parental Engagement – Maths Workshops

Following the parental survey sent out by Mrs Woodward earlier this year, we are delighted to let you know that we will be offering workshops to support your knowledge and understanding of how we teach maths. To make this as meaningful as possible each year group will hold a session (you can join as many as you would like) and the focus will be on calculation i.e. how we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division across the school.

The workshops will take place after the Easter holidays, so please look out for more information coming soon. If your child is in Reception, then we hope you are able to join us for Stay and Play on 18th March at 2.15pm, as the focus is maths in the Early Years curriculum.

Big Lent Walk to St Clare's – Friday 20th March

The children are still diligently walking laps of the playground in their efforts to raise money for CAFOD and to remember those who can be considered the 'poor and vulnerable' around the world. If you wish to make a donation, you can do so by logging in to your school gateway account. So far we have raised **£160.50**.

In order to spread the word from the school into the local community, representatives from each class will walk from the school grounds to the grounds of St Clare's church on Friday 20th March where Fr Jais will meet and pray with us. We are also hoping pupils from the other Aylesbury Catholic schools will be able to join us.

International Women's Day

I was very interested to hear how one of our pupils in Y6, Gabriella, joined her mum and many other women in London for the One Million Rise March. This takes place on the Saturday closest to International Women's Day and is aimed at ending violence against women across the globe.

This made me think of the way we teach our children how to use their voices and peaceful actions to raise awareness of injustice in the world and how all of us can take actions to make a difference.



Nursery

Following this term's topic, People Who Help Us, firefighters visited the nursery on Thursday. They talked to the children about how they help people in emergencies and showed them the special protective clothing they wear.

The children were also given the opportunity to explore the firefighters' equipment and sit in the fire truck. They were very excited to learn about how everything works.

Everyone had an amazing time meeting the firefighters. By the end of the session, many of the children said they would love to become firefighters when they grow up!





World Book Day – PTA Book Sale

The PTA raised an impressive £345.10 at the second hand book sale on World Book Day. Many thanks to all of you for your donations.

Getting to know the Governors

The Governors of St Louis met in school on Monday to hold a strategy morning. This is a time they discuss how they can support our school to be the best place it can be in enabling our pupils to thrive and develop into well-rounded citizens.

One point of discussion was how well you know who are Governors are. In order to begin to increase their visibility, I will be including a short piece from each Governor in my headteacher's updates now and again. I have asked that they include a photo so that you will recognise them when you see them around.

I'm delighted to start with a piece this week:

Hello St Louis Family,

My name is Godfrey Kiarie, I am both a parent and a Foundation Governor at St Louis School. Like all school governors, my role is to provide strategic leadership by helping to set the school's vision and by holding senior leaders accountable, particularly in matters relating to Health and Safety. Through my visits to the school, I have been very impressed with the arrangements in place, and I would like to thank Mrs Machin, Ainsley, and the entire St Louis team for their continued efforts to ensure that our children learn in a safe and supportive environment.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Mr Wassell (PE Leader) and everyone else involved in organising the interschool football matches. It has been a joy to watch St Louis teams progress and improve each week. Mr Wassell has been a fantastic coach, and it is clear that the players thoroughly enjoy playing together under his guidance. Thank you, Mr Wassell, for dedicating so much of your time to coaching the children, even in challenging weather conditions—such as during the match at Oak Green School on 12/02/26. We appreciate your work and effort.



Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

We have been learning: about firefighters and how they help us. On Thursday we had a visit from our local fire fighters.

You can help at home by: talking to your child about firefighters and how they help us in our community.

Reception

We have been learning: about number bonds up to 10 e.g. $6+4=10$, $8+2=10$.

You can help at home by: practising adding 2 numbers to make 10.

Year 1

We have been learning: about the story of the widows mite from the bible.

You can help at home by: asking your child about how much the poor person gave compared to the rich.

Year 2

We have been learning: about the events of Holy Week by completing the stations of the cross.

You can help at home by: asking your child if they can remember the events of Holy Week and looking at images of the stations of the cross together.

Year 3

We have been learning: about how absorbent different materials are and which material would make the best handkerchief for British Science Week.

You can help at home by: investigating the absorbency of different materials around the home.

Year 4

We have been learning: about 'all things science' for British Science Week

You can help at home by: asking your child what worked best when making a boat/raft out of paper.

Year 5

We have been learning: about aerospace engineers as part of British Science Week.

You can help at home by: researching the latest NASA project.

Year 6

We have been learning: to plan a narrative prequel.

You can help at home by: asking your child what is going to happen in their prequel and how it links to 'Paradise Sands'.