

Headteacher's Update – 14.11.25

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the end of another busy week in school. Here are a few highlights from the week as well as a reminder about Bedtime Story sessions next week.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week, beginning with a wonderful display of odd socks on Monday! It was fantastic to see so many bright and cheerful socks around school, reminding us that we're all unique and special. The theme for this year is "Power for Good," which encourages everyone—children and adults alike—to use their influence to make positive choices and to stand up for kindness.



We've also been talking with the children about the important difference between bullying and unkind behaviour. While unkind actions can still hurt, bullying is when someone is deliberately targeted, repeatedly, and there's an imbalance of power. Understanding this distinction helps us to support children effectively, promoting empathy and encouraging everyone to make positive choices.

Remembrance Day

Our school community joined together in a thoughtful and moving Remembrance assembly. The children showed great respect as we reflected on the sacrifices made by others in the pursuit of peace. It was lovely to see so many children wearing poppies with pride, and our collective silence on Tuesday was a powerful moment of remembrance.



Open Day

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Open Day this week. We were incredibly proud of how our pupils, particularly our House and Vice-Captain guides who spoke so confidently about their learning and warmly welcomed our visitors. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the vibrant life of our school and the sense of pride our children take in their work and community.

Reception Stay and Play

On Thursday, in Reception, we held a **Stay and Play session** focused on **phonics**, giving parents the opportunity to see how we teach early reading skills in the classroom. The session began with a short **teaching time**, where the teacher demonstrated how children learn phonics at school — modelling the strategies and activities used to teach new sounds and blending skills. Afterwards, parents joined their children in a range of fun, hands-on phonics games and activities, exploring how learning takes place through play.



Bedtime Stories

We're really looking forward to our Bedtime Story Sessions next week!

- **Year 1** – Tuesday 18th November
- **Year 2** – Wednesday 19th November
- **Reception** – Thursday 20th November

If you plan to attend, please ensure you complete the google form that has been sent as a link previously. All sessions will run from **4:15–5:00pm**, and children **must be accompanied by an adult**. We'd love to see everyone arrive in their pyjamas, bringing along a favourite book to share. These evenings are always such a special way to celebrate the joy of reading together and the magic of bedtime stories.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

<p>We have been learning: about basic shapes this week and exploring the shapes around us.</p> <p>You can help at home by: asking your child to find shapes around them in their home or in the surrounding environment.</p>
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Reception

<p>We have been learning: how to blend sounds to read a word e.g. m-a-t mat.</p> <p>You can help at home by: encouraging your child to blend sounds together to read cvc words e.g. red, vet, jam, log.</p>

Year 1

<p>We have been learning: about our grandparent's childhood.</p> <p>You can help at home by: having a chat with grandparents about how their childhood was different.</p>

Year 2

<p>We have been learning: about the weather.</p> <p>You can help at home by: letting your child watch a local forecast.</p>

Year 3

<p>We have been learning: to join more of our letters.</p> <p>You can help at home by: helping your child to practice their joined up handwriting.</p>
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Year 4

<p>We have been learning: about the Tudor monarchs in history.</p> <p>You can help at home by: asking your child the names and any facts about any six of the Tudor monarchs.</p>

Year 5

<p>We have been learning: about converting mixed numbers to improper fractions.</p> <p>You can help at home by: asking your child to explain the method used when converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions.</p>
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Year 6

<p>We have been learning: about the importance of being kind as it is anti-bullying week.</p> <p>You can help at home by: asking your child to tell you about something extra special they are going to do over the next week to show kindness.</p>
