

Headteacher's Update – 16.05.25

Dear parents

I hope you have had a lovely week. There is lots of information and dates in this update so please take the time to read it all.

Year 6 SATS

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATS this week and enjoyed a fun day in school today to celebrate and relax. They all worked incredibly hard not only this week but all year and should be very proud of themselves. Thank you also to all staff and parents for the support you have provided- it is greatly appreciated.



St Louis Day

On Friday 20th June, we will be celebrating our annual St Louis Day. In the morning, the children will be completing activities based around our Patron Saint and at lunchtime you are invited to join us for a picnic from 12pm-1pm.

On this day, families are invited to bring packed lunches (there will be **no hot dinners** on this day) and sit with friends. I recommend bringing blankets to sit on, or even fold up chairs if you prefer. If you are unable to make it on this date, then still send in a packed lunch for your child who will enjoy the picnic with their class teacher. If you would like your child to be picked up by another parent to sit with them for the picnic, then please inform your child's class teacher.



Please remember that no balls or games should be brought in from home. The picnic is an opportunity to eat and talk and spend time in each other's company. You are welcome to take your child home with you following the picnic.

Reception Cooking

Over the last few weeks, Reception have enjoyed making and cooking different food. They all know how to make bread and butter, and they also have learnt how to keep their body healthy. They have tried different vegetables and then used some of them to make healthy pizzas. Let's all try to make healthy food this weekend and have fun enjoying it with your family!



Walk to School Week

Next week is walk to school week, where we would like the children to walk as much as possible to school.

Children in Years 1 to 6 will take part in the Great Space Walk challenge, encouraging them to travel actively to school every day of the week. They will meet various colourful intergalactic friends along the way, and will learn about the important reasons to walk or wheel and its benefits for individuals, communities and the planet. Each day, every child who travels actively (walk, cycle, scooter, or park and stride) will receive a special Walk to School Week sticker.



The whole school will also take part in a scavenger hunt on their journey to school by marking off when they see different things e.g. post box. Every child who returns this on Friday next week, will receive a merit from their teacher. We all know the problems caused by parking near our school, so I hope as many people as possible will take part in Walk to School Week. Let's hope the weather is kind to us too.

Idling Awareness Day

Wednesday 21st May is Idling Awareness Day. The message behind Idling Awareness Day is that drivers taking the simple action of turning their engines off, until ready to move again, would help air quality, particularly at key times, such as when children are walking to or from school. On this day, please try to switch off your engine when your vehicle is parked for more than one minute.

Why does vehicle engine idling matter?	
Idling negatively impacts local people, schools and businesses:	
<p>It increases harmful emissions – idling for just 30 seconds produces twice as much pollution and wastes more fuel than switching off and restarting an engine.</p>	<p>It affects health – idling cars release pollutants that increase the risk of asthma in addition to other health effects especially in the lungs of children because their lungs are still developing.</p>
<p>It wastes fuel - a study by Transport Research Laboratory (TRL) in 2020, found that it can cost up to 3p for every minute spent idling.</p>	<p>It creates unnecessary noise.</p>

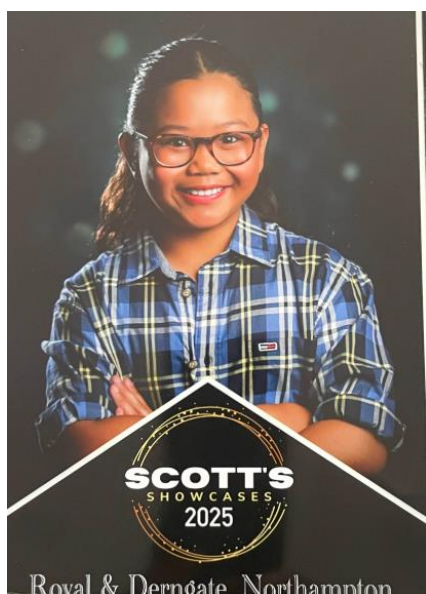
Lost Property

Next week, staff will be putting tables out on the playgrounds with all the items that are currently in the lost property bins. If you know you have lost an item of uniform, please browse through to see if it can be found. After next week, all items will be added to the school's thrift shop so that the lost property bins can become empty again, therefore making it easier for everyone to find lost items.

Please check this weekend that all your child's items and uniform are named. It is best to do first name **and** surname, so that if the item is found around the school, it can be returned to your child quickly. Fading names, unnamed items or just initials are very hard to read and so these often end up in the lost property bin, as no one is able figure out who it belongs to.

Out of School Achievements

Well done to Oliver in Year 5, he has worked very hard to complete his level 7 award in trampolining. He is proud of his achievement and wishes to share it with school. We are very proud of you too, Oliver!



Well done also to Janna Gabrielle from Year 6, together with her Musical Theatre class of the Aylesbury Performing Arts Centre, she performed in the Scott's Showcases 2025 last Sunday at the Royal & Derngate Theatre in Northampton. They performed the production of 'Whistle Down the Wind'.

And finally, congratulations to sisters Alzira (5L) and Averly (3S) who took part in a soloist musical competition. Both girls bravely performed solo pieces on their violins to an audience and received certificates for their participation. Well done on living out our Brave value, girls!



Have a lovely weekend. Best wishes, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

We have planted some flowers and tomato plants in our garden.

You can help at home by: by talking to your child about different seeds and plants and what they require in order to grow.

Reception

We have been learning: how to keep ourselves healthy.

You can help at home by: encouraging your child to exercise, eat lots of healthy food and drink plenty of water.

Year 1

We have been learning: about halves and quarters.

You can help at home by: splitting objects and amounts into halves and quarters.

Year 2

We have been learning: how to find three quarters of a number.

You can help at home by: giving numbers to your child that can be divided by 4 to find $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{4}{4}$.

Year 3

We have been learning: how to add and subtract fractions with a common denominator.

You can help at home by: asking your child to show you an example of adding or subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

Year 4

We have been learning: about money in maths.

You can help at home by: letting your child count up all your loose change.

Year 5

We have been learning: about Alfred the Great.

You can help at home by: asking your child if King Alfred really deserved the title 'Great'.

Year 6

We have been completing our KS2 SATs.

You can help at home by: congratulating your child for how hard they've worked and well they've done.

