

Headteacher's Update – 17.10.25

Dear Parents.

Parents' Evening

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening this week and taking the time to talk with your child's teacher. We hope you came away feeling proud of how your child has settled in, and with a good understanding of both their strengths and the areas we'll be focusing on to help them continue to grow.

Bling Your Bike Day

We are very proud to say that over 80 children took part in the 'Bling your Bike day' where children could decorate their bikes or scooters. The competition was very hard to judge, but with the help of the JRSOs the two winners were chosen. Congratulations to Krishvi, from Key Stage 1, for her cycling saves the planet scooter and Alexander, from Key Stage 2, for his autumn decorated bike, and a big congratulations to everyone who took part.



Girl's Football

This week the girl's team kicked off their campaign with a 2-0 win, in the Cup, against Weston Turville. It was a hard-fought game from start to finish which was decided by two late goals from Iyenoma to take the girls through to the next round. Everyone played their part extremely well and they fully deserved the win. Well done!



Black History Month – Show Racism the Red Card

The month of October is Black History Month and today saw the children here at St Louis celebrate the lives of significant black people under the theme of 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'. KS1 looked at Ade Adepitan and artist Lubaina Himid whilst KS2 looked at author Malorie Blackman and Dr Paul Stephenson amongst others.

Children were also encouraged to wear something red alongside their school uniforms promoting 'Show Racism the Red Card'. We had some great embellishments to uniforms from the children.

Winter Uniform

After half term, all children should be wearing their full winter uniform. A complete list of items can be found on the school website under the "Uniform" section if you'd like to double-check what's required.

As the weather starts to turn colder, please make sure children come to school in warm, dark-coloured coats after half term. Journeys to and from school can be dark at this time of year, so children are very welcome (and encouraged!) to wear hi-vis accessories such as armbands or reflective strips for safety.

We'd also like to remind families that our school thrift shop has a good selection of pre-loved uniform items available at very low cost. It's a great way to save money, support sustainability, and make sure every child has what they need. If you have any good-quality uniform that your child has outgrown and you'd like to donate, please bring it to the school office — your contributions are always gratefully received and help other families in our community.

Scout Leader Volunteers Needed

We are very lucky to have such an active scouting community right here on our doorstep! Every week, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts meet locally — offering children the chance to try new activities, make friends, and build important life skills in a fun, supportive environment.

However, the group urgently needs more adult volunteers to help lead and support sessions across Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and the new Squirrel section. If you think you might be able to help, or know someone who could, please take a look at the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Half Term Break

We hope you all enjoy a well-earned two-week half term break — time to rest, recharge, and enjoy some cosy autumn days together. School will reopen on **Monday 3rd November**, and we look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term of learning and fun.

Phonics Workshop for Parents

Finally, a quick reminder about our **Phonics Workshop** on **Thursday 6th November**, with sessions at **9am** and **5pm** (you only need to attend one). This friendly and practical session will help you understand how phonics works in school and give you simple, fun ideas for supporting your child with reading at home. It's aimed mainly at **Reception and Year 1 parents**, but everyone is very welcome — we'd love to see you there!

Have a great half term,

Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

We have been learning: about the seasons of the year and the nature around us.

You can help at home by: to talk about Autumn and to collect any objects relating to this to bring into the Nursery on Monday 3rd November. This is for our Autumn display for the children to explore and discuss with each other.

Reception

We have been learning: to represent numbers in different ways e.g. fingers, objects, numerals.

You can help at home by: encouraging your child to represent numbers in different ways e.g. 3- 3fingers.

Year 1

We have been learning: to solve addition problems in maths.

You can help at home by: reading problems and looking for key numbers.

Year 2

We have been learning: about the symbols during a Baptism.

You can help at home by: asking your child about the meaning of the candle, Holy water, white garments and oil.

Year 3

We have been learning: about seasonal food and how to prepare it.

You can help at home by: looking at food packaging with your child to find out where different foods come from.

Year 4

We have been learning: about collecting data in science and using this to create bar charts and pictograms.

You can help at home by: asking your child what data they collected.

Year 5

We have been learning: about square and prime numbers and how important our times tables knowledge is with them.

You can help at home by: asking your child about the 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables.

Year 6

We have been learning: about BODMAS in maths.

You can help at home by: asking your child for the rules of BODMAS and what it means.

