

Headteacher's Update – 20.6.25

Dear Parents,

St Louis Day and 80th Birthday celebrations

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us at the art gallery throughout the week. The children were incredibly proud to showcase their creative talents, and it was wonderful to see so many parents, carers, and family members engaging with their work. It has proved to be a wonderful way to celebrate our school's 80th birthday, reflect on our journey as pilgrims of hope and share our knowledge about the life and values of St Louis.

Thank you for supporting the mini-Vinnie fundraising efforts through your payment of the £1 entrance fee. The mini-Vinnies will be counting all the funds raised this week, and the treasurer will be feeding back in the newsletter next week. Everyone also did a great job decorating the bunting, and the money raised will be added to the total we can send to the SVP.

We appreciate that the weather was a touch too warm for everyone to join as usual at our St Louis day picnic, but for those who did, we hope you enjoyed the community feel that this occasion provides.

Thank you for your support —we really appreciate your enthusiasm for our efforts this week.

Miss Woodward's Tug Of War competition

Yesterday, the whole school took part throughout the day in Miss Woodward's tug of war competition. Each class was split into two teams and competed against each other. In the afternoon, the winning teams from each class in the year group then faced each other in the year group final. It was a pleasure to see all the teams participate with excellent sportsmanship and embody our school values. A special mention to Nursery and Reception who also took part admirably.





National Clean Air Day

National Clean Air Day is a dedicated occasion to raise awareness about the impact of air pollution on both our health and the environment.

Air pollution is linked to between 29,000 and 43,000 deaths each year in the UK. Both the World Health Organization and the UK Government recognise air pollution as the greatest environmental threat to our health.

Children are especially vulnerable, as their lungs, immune systems, and brains are still developing. Exposure to polluted air can affect their physical health, impair their ability to learn, and in severe cases, even result in death.

As yesterday was National Clean Air Day, we are encouraging everyone to take action next week. Please try to walk or cycle to school. If you need to drive, consider parking further away and walking the last 5 to 10 minutes.

Together, we can make a difference for cleaner air and healthier futures.

Parking

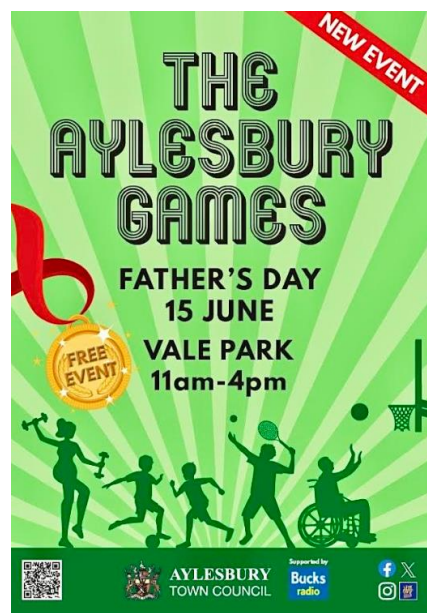
We kindly ask (again) all parents and carers to park considerately and avoid blocking driveways or restricting access for local residents. Sadly, some of our staff have been confronted by upset neighbours due to inconsiderate parking, which is both unfair and avoidable. Please take responsibility for how and where you park—consider how you would feel if someone parked the same way outside your own home. We recommend that residents or anyone concerned by dangerous or inconsiderate parking contact the police, who have the authority to take appropriate action.

Outside school achievements

I was delighted to hear about Valerie and her SDSD dance performance with the song “This One’s For You” at the very first Aylesbury Games event held on Father’s Day at the Aqua Vale Park. This dance performance was performed in the opening of the event and dedicated for all the fathers.



I think we have some really amazing children at St Louis, and I love hearing how they develop and share their special talents outside of school.



Walsingham Pilgrimage

A family of Aarna-Zoe and Jayden recently made a special pilgrimage to the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham during the Jubilee Year of Hope. The children were deeply engaged, recalling key messages from their RE lessons and assemblies. The family has kindly shared a leaflet for pupils to learn more about this sacred site, known as the "Nazareth of England." They have also offered a small bottle of holy water for our school chapel, which we would be glad to receive.

Before school behaviour

Please note that unless children are in breakfast club, they are your responsibility before the school gates open at 8.40am. You must ensure they can wait by the gates sensibly or you will have to wait with them until the gates open, if you do not already do so. Children should also not be waiting by the gates too early. If you need to drop them off much before 8.40am, then please book them into breakfast club. Thank you.

Please stay safe in the sun and heat this weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis
Nursery



We have been learning: about spiders, we are currently reading 'Aaaarrgghh Spider'.
You can help at home by: discussing spiders and their natural habitats with your child.

Reception

We have been learning: how to make repeating patterns.
You can help at home by: helping your child to create different repeating patterns.

Year 1

We have been learning: about special religious objects.
You can help at home by: talking about any religious objects you have at home.

Year 2

We have been learning: our 2 x tables off by heart.
You can help at home by: singing x table songs and testing your child to ensure they know them without having to count.

Year 3

We have been learning: to identify rhyming words in couplets in our English lessons.
You can help at home by: asking your child to give you some examples.

Year 4

We have been learning: about the Olympics. We compared Ancient Greek Olympics to modern day Olympics.
You can help at home by: asking your child the similarities and differences.

Year 5

We have been learning: about how life is transformed through the Holy Spirit.
You can help at home by: asking how gifts of the Holy Spirit can be transformed to bring fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Year 6

We have been learning: our lines and parts for the Wizard of Oz.
You can help at home by: helping your child to learn their lines.