

Headteacher's Update 21.11.25

Dear Parents,

It has certainly turned a lot colder this week and it is starting to feel like the run up to Christmas. Choir are practicing the Christmas songs and all the classes are preparing for the Nativity plays, carol services and other events that will take place in December.

The Key Stage 2 classes will be sharing their festive assemblies with you in the last week of term – please check the calendar on our website for dates and times. It is important to note, that although these events are not ticketed, **only two adults per child** will be able to attend due to the fire regulations in regard to the size of the hall. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

We look forward to welcoming you all to help us prepare for and celebrate Christmas.

Phonics Workshops and Stay and Play

We recently held some workshops for parents to help your understanding of phonics. The first Reception Stay and Play of the year was also focussed on phonics. We know this can be a new area for parents who want to know how to support your child at home and we'd love your feedback to help inform our plans for other areas of the curriculum.

If you attended the recent phonics workshop and/or Reception stay and play, please take a moment to complete the survey by following the link below. It will only take a minute or two, but will really help us plan our next sessions. Thank you.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12L4ByPNOYyr4BUcBJfHPOLaFqUuQIfNpD6g_oTkVlqo/edit

If the link does not work directly, please copy and paste into your web browser.

Bedtime Story Sessions

In keeping with our theme of promoting early reading this term, we were delighted so many families were able to join us for the Bedtime Story sessions in Reception and KS1 this week. It is always so much fun to see the children coming back in their pyjamas and enjoying a cosy story time with you and their teachers. Our aim is to promote bedtime story time as a cosy fun time which encourages a love of books and a passion for reading for pleasure which we hope will last a life time.





Road Safety Week

This week the children have been taking part in Road Safety Week. In class and from assemblies, they have been learning about the importance of crossing a road using 'The Green Cross Code' to keep them safe and have been practising crossing pretend roads on our playground. Below is The Green Cross Code for you to talk to your child about.

Green Cross Code

Stop
Look and listen
Wait
Look and listen again
Arrive alive



Reception - Superheroes

This week, Real-life superheroes visited Reception children to help them explore the topic “*We Are Superheroes.*” A police officer, a doctor, and our lollipop men came to talk about the amazing work they do every day to help keep people safe, healthy, and happy. The children loved hearing their stories, asking questions, and learning how these community heroes use their special skills to look after others. It was an inspiring visit that helped the children see that superheroes really do exist all around us!



Faith Ambassador Day

On Wednesday, twelve of our Faith Ambassadors visited St Michael's for a special day. Together, we joined in prayer, took part in engaging Catholic Social Teaching activities, and explored the upcoming Gospel readings through drama. The day was expertly led by Sixth Form students from St Michael's in Aylesbury and High Wycombe.

This visit provided a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to meet Faith Ambassadors from other schools across the St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust. It was an enriching and enjoyable experience for all involved.



Pupil Success

Well done to Mia in 2L achievement who won player of the week with her football team last week and got to take the trophy home! She worked very hard to achieve this and should be proud of herself.



Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

We have been learning: the story 'We are going on a bear hunt'.

You can help at home by: talking to your child about the story and asking them to recall what happens next.

Reception

We have been learning: about real life superheroes. We had visitors coming and telling us about the jobs they do.

You can help at home by: discussing with your child which real life superhero they would like to be when they are older.

Year 1

We have been learning: about rocks in science.

You can help at home by: going on a rock hunt with your child to find things made of rock.

Year 2

We have been learning: about the visitation in RE lessons.

You can help at home by: asking your child who Mary went to visit.

Year 3

We have been learning: about different types of diet e.g. vegan and vegetarian.

You can help at home by: showing your child different foods and asking them which group of people might eat it.

Year 4

We have been learning: about Judaism in RE.

You can help at home by: asking your child two facts about Judaism.

Year 5

We have been learning: about items you may find in a French market.

You can help at home by: asking your child the French words for 'tomatoes, strawberries, mushrooms, punnet and bag.'

Year 6

We have been learning: about Maya Gods.

You can help at home by: asking which Maya Gods your child has learnt about and why they were important.

