

Headteacher's Update – 23.5.25

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the end of a short and sweet half term. It may not have been long, but it has been busy and I know children and staff are looking forward to a week's break.

Aktiva

Don't forget that our new wrap-around after school club will be up and running after the half term. If you would like to book a place for your child, then please follow the link:

<https://booking.aktivacamps.com/login>

As you will see from the information below, we have lots planned for the remaining half term so please take the time to read what we have coming up and how you can be involved.

Mini-Vinnies

This week, we were delighted to welcome Kath from the St Vincent de Paul Society, who led an assembly introducing our students to the Mini Vinnies!

Mini Vinnies are a group of young people who come together to make a difference in their school, parish, and local community through acts of kindness and service. From fundraising and collecting for those in need, to visiting the elderly or helping with school initiatives, Mini Vinnies live out the values of compassion and generosity.



We are excited to now be launching our very own Mini Vinnie group in KS2 at school. If your child is in KS2 and is interested in joining, application forms have been handed out at school and a copy is also attached to this update. **Forms should be returned to your child's class teacher by Friday 6th June.**

Those who are chosen will be welcomed during a special commissioning assembly, where they will be officially introduced as our school's first Mini Vinnies and we will invite the parents of those selected to join us on this special occasion (dates to follow in due course) We can't wait to see the positive impact our mini-Vinnies will have!

St Louis Day, St Louis School 80th Anniversary and Pilgrims of Hope Pledge Day – including dates for your diary

Picnic

This year marks a very special milestone for St Louis as we celebrate our 80th anniversary. We will again celebrate St Louis day with our much-loved school picnic, this year taking place on **Friday 20th June**. This is where families are invited to join their children on the field at lunchtime and we come together as a community. More details will follow closer to the time, but please note the date in your diary and we hope you will be able to join us at lunchtime for the picnic on the field.

Not only is it the school's 80th Anniversary, it is also the Jubilee Year, and schools across the country are being invited in June to sign a pledge to live out the theme '*Pilgrims of Hope*'. Therefore, we are excited to announce a range of extra special activities to mark this significant occasion.

Art Competition

In the spirit of celebration and reflection, we are launching a whole-school art competition.

Children are invited to create a piece of artwork inspired by one of the following:

- Jubilee Year and its logo
- The life of St Louis
- Our school's 80th birthday.

All entries are to be brought into school by Wednesday 11th June. All entries will be displayed in a special art gallery in school, and we warmly invite parents to come and view the gallery for a **£1 entry fee**. All proceeds will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society, supporting our commitment to care for the poor and vulnerable as we launch our new Mini Vinnies group. The Mini Vinnies will help run the event and even assist in choosing the winning artwork which will be announced at our St Louis picnic. Please see below the dates for parents to visit the art gallery.

Dates to visit the art gallery with your child after 3:10pm when you have picked them up:

- Nursery and Reception parents- Monday 16th June
- Year 1 and Year 2 parents- Tuesday 17th June
- Year 3 and Year 4 parents- Wednesday 18th June
- Year 5 and Year 6 parents- Thursday 19th June

Bunting charity fundraiser

In addition, as part of our celebrations, children will be invited to decorate bunting triangles to brighten our school fences. These will be available for a **10p donation each**, with all funds again supporting the St Vincent de Paul charity. **Bunting triangles will start to be on sale from Friday 13th June.**

We look forward to coming together as a school community to celebrate our history, faith, and commitment to helping others.

Car seat checks

We have been asked by Buckinghamshire Council to share the following information with you.

Wearing a seatbelt saves hundreds of lives every year. You should wear a seat belt in both the front and rear seats. Wearing a seatbelt in the back is just as important as wearing one in the front of the vehicle. Please follow the link to learn which child restraints you should have and that they are properly fitted every time. [Seat Belts and Child Restraints \(think.gov.uk\)](http://think.gov.uk)

*We will be holding **FREE car seat checks** at Asda Superstore, Cressex High Wycombe on the **3rd of June** and Broadfields Retail Park near Smyths Toys, Aylesbury on the **4th of June**. Tell them to pop along and see us if they would like their child's car seat checked or for any advice between 10-3.*

Please see the attached flyers with information on the free car seat checks.

Outside school achievements

The mini-Vinnies will be inspiring our pupils to seek out ways to support others both in and out of school.

Sophie in Y1 has shown how she is helping others in need by donating her hair to children with hair loss through cancer or other illnesses. I know we have had other pupils also donate to this charity and this is Sophie's second time. Perhaps even more of you will be inspired to do the same. Well done Sophie!

I was also delighted to hear of some wonderful news involving two of our pupils, Mia and Lucia, who recently achieved outstanding success in a national cheerleading competition.

Both girls are members of the Nova team at the Aylesbury Cheerleading Academy (ACA), and this past weekend they competed in the **Cheer City Summer Game**. Not only did their team place first in their category, but they also earned the prestigious title of **Grand Champion** in their division—an exceptional achievement made even more impressive by the fact that their performance was completely flawless, with zero deductions.

This result is a testament to their incredible commitment, hard work, and perseverance. We are extremely proud of them and delighted to celebrate their success with our school community.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break,

Mrs Machin



Congratulations, Mia and Lucia!





Learning at St Louis

Nursery

This week we have been observing our caterpillars. All five of them are out of their cocoons.

You can help at home by: by talking to your child about the cycle of a butterfly.

Reception

We have been learning: to read longer words, we know we can chunk the word to help us to read them.

You can help at home by: encouraging your child to read longer words e.g. shimmer, sunset.

Year 1

We have been learning: to aim with a ball and javelin.

You can help at home by: practising to throw and catch a ball.

Year 2

We have been learning: about the first moon landing in history.

You can help at home by: looking at videos of the first man in space and talking about the female mathematicians that helped to get them there.

Year 3

We have been learning: how to add and subtract money.

You can help at home by: asking your child to work out small totals or the change needed whenever you go shopping.

Year 4

We have been learning: about 'time in maths.

You can help at home by: using an analogue clock or watch to ask your child what the time is.

Year 5

We have been learning: about designing a building in an architectural style.

You can help at home by: asking your child about the purpose of their building and the materials they would use.

Year 6

We have been learning: about the physical features of Russia.

You can help at home by: asking your child what the main physical features are.

