



St Louis Catholic Primary School

"We work together, we pray together, we grow together"

Headteacher's Update – 27.2.26



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely half term break. Although the weather wasn't great, it does seem to be improving now we are back to school! A bit of blue sky and sunshine seems to be putting a spring in our steps, which is most welcome.

Lenten Prayers

This week in our Celebration of the Word assembly, the children listened to the Gospel where Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert. They reflected on how we can ask for God's strength during this time of Lent through prayer. Every child will be creating their own copy of the Lenten prayer, which they will share with their buddies and talk about how they can become closer to Jesus during this period. A card from each class will also be added to their prayer table and will be used throughout Lent.

Here is our school Lenten prayer, if you would like to say the prayer at home with your child:

Loving God,
During this time of Lent,
Help us to make space for you.
Teach us to pray,
To share
And to live simply.
Amen

Catholic Social Teaching – focus for half term

This half term we will be focussing on Looking Out for the Poor and Vulnerable, meaning we look out for those who struggle and help them first. Some ways that children can act this out in their daily lives include:

- Notice someone who is alone and invite them into a game.
- Share equipment without being asked.
- Let someone else go first.
- Speak kindly about others.
- Include everyone in group work.
- Looking out for younger pupils.
- Helping someone who falls over.
- Standing up (safely) if someone is unkind.
- Being patient with someone who may take longer to do something.
- Donate second hand uniform to school for the thrift shop.
- Recognising that we are all different, with different talents, but all special in the eyes of God.

We will also be taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. The children have had an assembly about the work that CAFOD does, and whilst raising funds is an important and practical action we can take, it is also about remembering people less fortunate than themselves in our prayers and daily actions. **If you wish to make a donation, you can do this by logging in to your school gateway account.**

World Book Day – Friday 6th March

We are looking forward to the annual celebration of books and the power of reading with World Book Day next Friday. Children can come to school dressed up as a character from their favourite book. There will be a parade and prizes as usual, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone's costumes (including staff!) Remember, if your child is not comfortable dressing up, then they can still bring in their favourite book to share with their buddy on the day.

The PTA will be holding a second hand book sale during the school day and all the children will have the opportunity to buy a book for a donation of £1. Next week, the children will bring home a small brown envelope which you can put your donation in. This should then be brought back to school by your child on Friday for them to buy their book. If you are unable to make this donation, please don't worry, your child will still receive a book.

The PTA would like you to know that they have a few costumes they can give (for free) to anyone who may otherwise struggle to provide or make a costume for their child. Please let the office know if you would like to take them up on this offer. Equally, if you have any costumes that your children have outgrown and you would like to pass on to the PTA, please bring them in to the school office. Thank you.

Parent's Evening – Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March 2026

Please look out for a letter that will be emailed next week regarding parent's evening. Bookings go live on Friday 6th March at 6pm.

Drop-Off and Driveway Safety

A reminder to please take care when using the school driveway, please do not overtake other cars when you get to the turning circle and also ensure you are super vigilant when approaching the zebra crossing, particularly at busy drop-off and pick-up times. We must ensure that everyone can arrive and leave school safely.

Out of School Achievements

Well done to Janela in Reception, Olivia in 3S and Luiza in 5L who all performed last Saturday at the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre in the show *The Stars of Tomorrow*. They performed in front of a full audience, and I'm sure their parents were incredibly proud of them. I am proud of them too!



Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

We have been learning: about doctors, nurses and paramedics.

You can help at home by: talking to your child about how these people help us.

Reception

We have been learning: that Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and this is a special time when we are preparing for Easter.

You can help at home by: talking to your child about how to become a better person and share Jesus' love with others.

Year 1

We have been learning: to count up to 50.

You can help at home by: counting from 0-50 with your child.

Year 2

We have been learning: our 2 times tables off by heart.

You can help at home by: practicing these at home with your child up to 2×12 and if they are confident, practicing the division facts $24 \div 2 = 12$.

Year 3

We have been learning: about fractions.

You can help at home by: asking your child what a numerator and denominator are.

Year 4

We have been learning: about the legacy of the Romans in Britain.

You can help at home by: asking what the Romans brought to Britain which didn't exist before in the same way.

Year 5

We have been learning: about the choices Jesus gives us.

You can help at home by: asking about the different paths we can follow in life.

Year 6

We have been learning: about fractions, decimals and percentages.

You can help at home by: asking your child to tell you as many fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents as they can.