

Headteacher's Update – 28.11.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the end of November and the beginning of Advent. Our Advent journey is a journey of hope. We are hope-filled as we ask the Holy Spirit to help us to get ready to welcome Jesus at Christmas, and look forward in hope for when He comes again. The saints are great examples of hope in Jesus, and next week we will focus on a saint that is often linked with giving and receiving at Christmas time - St Nicholas. The children will be finding out that St Nicholas lived in the 4th century and was the Bishop of Myra, a city in modern day Turkey. He was well-known for his gentleness, kindness and generosity. He's the Patron Saint of Children and he's sometimes called 'the Wonderworker'.

For ideas about how to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, please see the Ten;Ten newsletter for parents

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Love Christmas Appeal

I am always overwhelmed by your generosity and the support you give to our chosen charities. This has certainly been the case for the Diocesan 'Love Christmas' appeal over the last few years. We are once again asking for donations of (new please) toys and goodies which will then be distributed to those less fortunate than ourselves. The mini-Vinnies have sent out a letter explaining the details.

Please note that all donations need to be in school by **Friday 12th December** for collection by the Diocese.

Football News

The boy's team finished the first half of the season with a 1-1 draw against Kingsbrook Primary School, meaning that they are unbeaten in the league so far this season. They had already beaten Kingsbrook in the cup but couldn't find the winning goal this week. The boys have given themselves a great chance to win the league in their remaining fixtures after Christmas.

The gir'ls team have also started this season brightly after winning their second round match against Bierton primary school 4-1. Hopefully the girls will be able to continue this excellent winning form in the league after the Christmas break.

Sports Workshops

This week we welcomed back Sporting Dreams to St Louis to deliver some workshops to the children.

On Tuesday, Darren was teaching fencing to the children in Year 2,4 and 6. They were able to practise various moves as well as learning some new fencing phrases. They were able to compete in duals with each other and have a go at wearing some of the fencing attire.



On Wednesday, Danielle was delivered a super energetic Zumba class for the Year 1, 3 and 5's. She even had the teachers up moving and dancing. It is always great having Sporting Dreams in to our school as it offers opportunities for the children to try new sports that they won't have access to in our PE curriculum.



Year 4 Tudor Walk

As part of the History curriculum, the children have been learning 'Were Tudors ever in Aylesbury?' This week, Year 4 visited Aylesbury Town Centre as 'Historians' looking for clues which potentially prove or disprove that Tudors were once in Aylesbury. The children spotted Tudor houses, the inns that are now pubs, the market square with various stalls and we had a discussion in St Mary's church.



Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

We have been learning: our songs for our Christmas show.

You can help at home by: practising the songs with your child from the list we sent you last week. The children are very excited to be performing on the stage soon.

Reception

We have been learning: about the Christmas Story.

You can help at home by: reading or retelling the Christmas Story with your child.

Year 1

We have been learning: about the birth of Jesus in RE.

You can help at home by: recapping the nativity story with your child.

Year 2

We have been learning: about the importance of hygiene.

You can help at home by: showing your child how to wash their hands thoroughly to remove germs.

Year 3

We have been learning: about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

You can help at home by: finding out what different animals eat and discussing whether they are carnivore, herbivore or omnivore.

Year 4

We have been learning: about Tudor houses and buildings and even spotting examples on our Tudor walk.

You can help at home by: asking what features of a Tudor building there are?

Year 5

We have been learning: about mixed numbers and adding fractions with different denominations.

You can help at home by: practising times tables to help with the ease of fractions and simplifying.

Year 6

We have been learning: about Georges Méliès and writing his biography.

You can help at home by: asking your child for some interesting facts they found out about him.